

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, October 9, 2020 - Virtual

Chair: Lucy Lee, Dean

Present: Ian Affleck, Carolyn Atkins, Nathan Bialas, Margret Bollerup, Linus Chiang, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Kseniya Garaschuk, Golfam Ghafourifar, Sandra Gillespie, Jen Hetherington, Longlong Huang, Alida Janmaat, Anna Kuczynska, Hongfei Li, Olav Lian, Cynthia Loten, Stan Manu, Janice Nagtegaal, Kathy Peet, Jordan Penner, Stefania Pizzirani, Kabeer Poonia, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Greg Schlitt, Greg Schmaltz, Jason Thomas, Frank Zhang

Regrets: Jonathan Hughes, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Norm Taylor

Recorder: Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1. Claire Hay, Teaching and Learning Specialist presented on services that TLC offers and tools available to faculty. She gave a brief overview of new tools available to integrate into course packages to help student learning including Blackboard Ally. More details on these tools can be found here <https://www.ufv.ca/teaching-and-learning/resources/digital-pedagogy/tech-tools-for-teaching/> A document is being put together containing guidelines and recommendations for online testing. Once complete, it will be shared with faculty. Claire encouraged faculty reach out to any of the TLC Learning Specialists if the need assistance or had any questions: Lorna Andrews: Indigenization, Carol Suhr: Internationalization, and Claire Hay: General.
- 1.2. Lucy welcomed our new Student Representatives for Science Faculty Council for 2020/21, Jordan Penner and Kabeer Poonia.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council agenda be adopted as presented.

Alan R. / 2nd Karen C.; all in favour; adopted.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - September 11, 2020

Lucy provided updates on the action items from the meeting of September 11, 2020.

- ITS and ETS have exhausted their supply of lendable laptops. Students can apply for emergency funding through the financial aid department:
<https://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/need-based-programs/ufv-student-emergency-fund/>

- Computer labs available for students to use are Abbotsford Campus D226 / Chilliwack Camps A1202. There are no systems in place to reserve a spot.
- Student ID cards are being issued through the Campus Card Office.
- Students should submit a semester request for accommodation letters through the Accommodate Portal <https://www.ufv.ca/accessibility/welcome-to-accommodate/> Once their instructors are aware of their extended time, they should connect a week ahead of the test/exam to confirm with their instructors that their accommodations are set up. For more information contact CAS at cas@ufv.ca.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council minutes from September 11, 2020 be approved as presented.

Nathan B. / 2nd Kseniya G.; all in favour; approved.

3. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS - N/A

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Decision: N/A

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For Information: N/A

6. REPORTS

6.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Senate has confirmed that the winter term will continue to be mainly online. The deadline to request face-to-face classes was October 7, 2020. Currently there are 15% of students on campus attending face-to-face classes. UFV projects an increase to 30% for winter.
- Lucy thanked faculty and staff for their efforts to keep things running smoothly.
- UFV News: Darin Lee, Chief Information Officer has taken a new position at Conestoga College in Waterloo. John English from FATS will be retiring soon. Peter Geller will step in as the Acting Dean on November 1, 2020.
- Lucy advised that she will be away the next two weeks but will continue to be reachable by email.
- There have been no sabbatical applications received this year for the FoS.
- Lucy provided an update on the budget.
- She advised that parking on campus continues to be free, the main cafeteria is open, 30% of the students' residence is occupied, and a Covid Testing Centre has been set up on campus (located behind the gym). Walk-ins and drive through is available from 9-3 only.
- The week-long FoS online Science Social was held this week. We have given away 2 - \$100 each day. Thank you to the departments for donating towards the prizes.

The student representatives were asked how they felt the term was going. Kabeer indicated that it was going well for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th year students – it's easier for them to do group work/group study. As a SLG leader, he's noticed that 1st year students are struggling to find groups to work in and to figure out how to study. Many students come unprepared for

asynchronous sessions - they aren't following the syllabi that are set up. Discussion followed. Alan R. indicated that the majority of his 3rd year students would prefer

to meet synchronous. He asked if instructors could have an option of putting in a lab tutorial especially at the 300 level if they aren't running a 3 hour face to face at the same time. Lucy advised she will be talking to the Registrar, David Johnston and will inquire. Discussion continued regarding group work.

6.2. BSc Committee - Greg Schlitt

Nothing to report

6.3. Advising - Karen Cooper

Karen advised that the notice is being sent out for students declaring their major. They are also encouraging students who are thinking of graduating to set up an appointment with an advisor to confirm they are on track. She advised that they have not had a lot of interaction with many first year students so she asked faculty to talk to their first years and encourage them to set up an Advising appointment so they'll be ready to register. Advising is also reaching out to students who are on academic warning/probation. Admissions made a change in the application process effective October 1 – all applications, including continuing students applying to a different program, will now be through the Education Planner (BCAP platform).

6.4. Senate – Nothing to report

6.5. Other Reports - N/A

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1. The Honourable Rosa Galvez, Canadian Senator will be presenting "From Science to Politics: Why Canada Needs More Science in Parliament". Her presentation will be pre-recorded and available for viewing 1-2 weeks prior to the live Question and Answer period to be held on Thursday, November 12 from 10-11 am via Zoom. For more information on Senator Galvez and her presentation please visit <https://ufv.ca/science/deans-office/science-speaker-series/>

7.2. Faculty Excellence Awards - UFV is currently seeking nominations for the following awards: Faculty Excellence, Teaching Excellence, Research Excellence, and Faculty Service. Deadline for nominations is January 8, 2021. To learn more or to submit your nomination visit <https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/awards/faculty-excellence-awards/> or email UFVSecretariat@ufv.ca

7.3. Policy Consult - Final Grade (217) policy. Please submit your comments to policyconsult@ufv.ca by the deadline of 4 pm, Friday, November 13, 2020.

7.4. Policy Consult - Program Discontinuance (222) policy. Please submit your comments to policyconsult@ufv.ca by the deadline of 4:00 pm, Friday, November 13, 2020.

8. ADJOURN – 2:21 PM

Next Meeting: November 6, 2020 @ 1:00 PM Virtual

