

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Friday, February 5, 2016 - 1:00 pm – Room D213

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Alan Reid	Carolyn Atkins	David Fenske	Ian Affleck	Pauleen Nuite
Allan Arndt	Christine Dalton	David Harper	James Bedard	Shyna Kanda
Avril Alfred	Dallas Visagie	Derek Howell	Jeff Chizma	
Ben Vanderlei	Darlene Carson	Grant Fritzke	Karen Cooper	
Carmen Herman	David Chu	Gregory Schmaltz	Nathan Bialas	

REGRETS: Jason Thomas, Jonathan Hughes

RECORDER: Wendy Gracey

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Brad Whittaker, Director, Research Services and Industry Liaison

The Strategic Research Plan PowerPoint presentation was reviewed with the committee. This document along with the Draft Strategic Research Plan 2016-2020 can be found online at <http://www.ufv.ca/research/research-office/strategic-research-project/>

- If there are funding areas within the Faculty of Science that anyone would like explored further, please contact the Research Office and they will assist and help you develop a plan for funding from the beginning.
- Please email Brad Whittaker at brad.whittaker@ufv.ca with any questions or comments as this is a draft document.

1.2 Peter Geller, Vice Provost and Associate Vice President Academic and Akhtar Malik, Associate Registrar, Systems & Schedules

Update was provided on the Scheduling and Registration Task Force. Reference was made to the included document *Scheduling and Registration Task Force*, with a closer look at *Section 3.2 Guiding Principles*.

- A final report with the recommended Scheduling Model will be going forward to Senate for approval.
- An oversight committee will be proposed to oversee various needs and exceptions including instructor needs regarding specific times and rooms with relation to generation of the timetable.
- Scheduling across the week and day will need to be spread over the timetable to make it more equitable for all. Clearer recommendations on this will be written in the final report.
- It is helpful that the Faculty of Science communicates with each other to ensure courses don't conflict, etc when creating the timetable.
- The changes in registration order was discussed.
- Designated lab space and times between classes was discussed.

1.3 Sylvie Murray and Michelle Rhodes – BES, Natural Sciences Option

Referred to the proposal document, the program was discussed and the group was invited to comment or ask questions.

- Changes made in response to Science Curriculum Committee are noted in track changes in the document.
- Chemistry 110 was chosen to keep maximum transferability for students as the goal.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Remove item 5.2

David. C. /2ND Ben V. All in favour. Carried.

2.2 Approval of the Minutes – January 8, 2016

Karen C. /Allan A. All in favour. Carried.

3. DEAN'S REPORT

3.1 Personnel Changes

- SAC is currently taking place for Administrative Assistant in the Dean's Office
- New hire faculty position in Math has just been offered; thank you to SAC for all of their work
- Currently there are SAC's running for 2 Chemistry faculty members
- A search will begin shortly for a new Biology faculty member

3.2 Senate Vacancy for Science Representative

Reminder that there will be an upcoming vacancy for a Faculty of Science representative on Senate.

3.3 SEM Implementation Date

UFV's Strategic Enrolment Plan can be viewed online. As was requested, current SEM plan initiatives within the Faculty of Science were forwarded to the Subcommittee for Student Recruitment and Transitions.

3.4 Divisional Review Committees for Promotion and Tenure

University Review Committee nominations were recently sent out by the Provost Office. Division Review Committees will also need to be formed as they will both be involved with reviewing applications for rank and tenure. More information will be made available.

Reminders:

LIYSF applications are due today.

Biology is organizing an Undergraduate Research Day combined with the Research Office. This event will feature the Science Open House as well.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 UFV Vision 2025 Goals

Information is contained in the documents distributed university-wide earlier today. Will need to formulate plans to match the five goals as requested by set deadline.

5. DISCUSSION / DECISION

5.1 Revised Standards for Rank and Tenure – Biology Department

The revised document and the specific terms *service* and *research* were reviewed and discussed by the group.

MOTION: That Faculty Council approves the changes to the Biology Standards for Rank and Tenure.
Allan A./2nd Greg S. Unanimous. Carried

5.2 Revised Standards for Rank and Tenure – Math/Stats Department

Tabled to next meeting.

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

6.1 SIGNIFICANT (for decision)

6.1.1 Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Natural Sciences Option

MOTION: That Faculty Council approves the Bachelor of Environmental Studies, Natural Sciences Option.

Allan A./2nd Christine D. Unanimous. Carried.

6.2 REPORTABLE (for information)

6.2.1 Curriculum Committee – Program Updates

The Bachelor of Science Computing Science Major and the Bachelor of Agricultural Science programs are currently with the Ministry and the hope is that they will be approved for Fall 2016. The MIST program is still being worked on for its budgetary implications. The Bachelor of Science Bio Chemistry Major is currently at APPC.

7. REPORTS

7.1 BSc Program Committee – tabled to next meeting

7.2 Advising Centre

The online booking system is up and running and working well.

7.3 Senate – tabled to next meeting

7.4 Other reports - Library

The library is finding some challenges with the subscriptions to USA journals and the current dollar exchange rate. There is a plan to poll departments to see what the specific needs are.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 2016 Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair – Call for Judges (March 30) – Contact Jason Thomas or Cory Beshara

Volunteers indicating interest were noted and this information will be forwarded.

A representative from the Faculty of Science is needed for the Winter 2016 semester for the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies meetings.

9. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: March 4, 2016 – Room B140

MOTION to Adjourn: A. Reid, 2nd Dallas V. Unanimous. Carried.