

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes

Friday, November 1, 2013, 1pm – Room D217

CHAIR: Lucy Lee

PRESENT:

Ali Fotouhi	Darlene Carson	Ian McAskill	Leon(Lixin) Pan	Stan Manu
Allan Arndt	David Chu	James Bedard	Nicole Klassen	Steve Marsh
Andrew Alexander	David Fenske	Jane Webb	Noham Weinberg	Terry Starr
Awneet Sivia	Derek Harnett	Jason Thomas	Norm Taylor	Tim Cooper
Ben Vanderlei	Gabriel Murray	Jeff Chizma	Patrick Harrison	Tony Stea
Carmen Herman	Gillian Mimmack	Karen Cooper	Paul Franklin	
Christine Dalton	Greg Schlitt	Kathy Peet	Rilla Apostolakis	
Cory Beshara	Gregory Schmaltz	Kevin Hegeman	Ron Wilen	

REGRETS: Alida Janmaat (Sabbatical), Beth Gillespie, Camilo Martinez, Cynthia Loten (On Leave), Debbie Wheeler, Erik Talvila (On Leave), Godwin Choy (Sabbatical), Peter Mulhern, Wendy Gracey (On Leave)

RECORDER: Melinda Saretzky

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

Wendy Burton and Sue Brown, Prior Learning and Assessment (PLAR) Policy Review

- PLAR has moved to the Teaching and Learning Centre
- Possible change to 'paying per credit' costs
- A recognized method is by giving exams for most upper year courses
- Study has shown that those that have taken PLAR have done as well or better than those who have not and they are also very likely to continue and finish their education
- Future of PLAR – a review of policies #94, #97, #106
- Faculty can request orientation sessions

For more information see ufv.ca/plar plar@ufv.ca

Vickie Grieve, FSA president and John Carroll, FSA Faculty Vice President

Questions or comments: vicki.grieve@ufv.ca or john.carroll@ufv.ca

Rank and Tenure discussion:

- Collective agreement has been posted online
- Information was sent out regarding the grandfathering procedure, (rank of Associate professor), for those that have been here 5 years or more.
- Instructions for those currently under 5 years is in progress
- Associate to full Professor has not yet been worked out. Suggested procedures are posted online.
- Deadline to submit CV and Teaching Philosophy to the Dean is Dec. 31st
- See memo from Eric Davis regarding what to include on your Curriculum Vitae
- Grandfathering will only be offered once to each instructor
- Apply under provision ARTICLE 12.7.5F (Upon dean's recommendation)
- A deadline may be introduced for those whose 5-year date comes up after Dec. 31, 2013
- Lab instructors – two letters of understanding are being finalized 'instructional workload' and 'rank and tenure' - Lab Instructors will be informed
- A Senate Committee of Standards is being formed
- Role of Departments is to generate their own standards - Role of Senate committee is to create university level standards – The Departments will produce recommendation for promotion and

the decision will be made by the president and by the university wide committee (consisting of the Deans and a representative from each faculty)

- Instructions for the department level committee has not yet been produced

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

Remove: 7.1 Senate Report

MOTION: That Faculty Council adopt today's agenda with the removal of item 7.1.

Moved by Tony S./Seconded by Allan A. All in favour. Carried

2.2 Approval of the Minutes – Sept. 6 & Oct 4, 2013attachments

OMNIBUS MOTION: That Faculty Council approved the minutes of Sept. 6th and Oct. 4th with the following changes.

Add: Edward Lo to attendance of Oct. 4th

Change: Sept. 6 Minutes – Item 4.1 Rank and Tenure – Change “Lab Assistants” to “Lab Instructors”

Moved by Greg Schlitt./Seconded by Pat H. All in favour. Carried

3. DEAN'S REPORT

Budget and Class Sizes

Provincial Budget Cuts - \$20 million across all post-secondary institutions this year and additional cuts are scheduled for the future.

- Lucy provided details on the impact at UFV and individual faculties
- Some examples of cost saving measure were given including the possibility of increasing class sizes and International enrolment
- Note: Renovations funds at UFV are received from different areas. Send your renovation recommendations to your department/Dean/Campus Planning

Lucy brought in the possibility of creating a Masters in Scientific Communication is not currently being offered in Canada – The Communication and Visual Arts departments are very interested. Contact Carmen Herman for more details, the committee is looking for more science representation.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Agriculture Centre of Excellence

Western Development funds are for equipment purchases and there are no funds allocated for structure at this time.

5. DISCUSSION and DECISION

5.1 Scholarship, Service and Teaching..... attachment

Document was distributed from the previous committee, and a new committee has been formed. As per the October 2013 meeting minutes “The purpose of the committee would be to bring more clarification regarding the ranks and promotion (including lab instructors, instructors on probation, etc.)”

Committee Members: Gabriel Murray, Patrick Harrison, Olav Lian, Dave Fenske, Ben Vanderlei, Norm Taylor (post-meeting addition)

- A mandate for the new committee is required.
- Faculty Standards Committee of Senate has been established
- Suggest to use the Arts template to begin the process
- Standards in Arts and Sciences seem to be very different (eg. Research projects)

- Departments will need to come up with their own standards as well
- ACTION: Lucy: Create a mandate for the new Scholarship, Service, and Teaching Committee.

5.2 Bachelor of Science in Computing Science – concept paper

Concept was well received.

Confirming “124 credits” - the BSc requires only 120 credits

This is meant to be as a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Computing Science.

5.3 Terms of Reference Review - Faculty Council

MOTION: That Faculty Council approves the two-year review of the Science Faculty Council Terms of Reference with no changes required and forward to Senate for approval.

Moved by Norm T./Seconded by Tony S. All in favour. Carried

ACTION: Melinda: Forward Terms of Reference to Senate for approval.

Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference – discussion regarding decreasing the list of decision items for Faculty Council, giving FSCC more power to approve changes. This would potentially allow more time at Faculty Council for other discussions and items listed as “Information Only” would still be open for discussion. More discussion is required at FSCC and will be brought back to Faculty Council.

ACTION: Melinda: Add to next FSCC agenda for more discussion.

6. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

6.1 DECISION (Significant Changes)

6.1.1 Engineering Transfer Program – Change to entrance and program requirements

MOTION: That Faculty Council approves changes to the entrance and program requirements to the Engineering Transfer Program as presented and forward to UEC.

Moved by Norm T./Seconded by Carmen H. All in favour. Carried

6.1.2 Geography Honours, BSc – change to Program Requirements

Discussion was had regarding the decrease of number of credits required from 132 to 120 credits.

- Other science honors degrees all have 132 credits
- Geography external review recommended to the change to 120 credits
- Most geography honours programs require 120 credits and also most other Arts programs
- Upper year credit requirement has changed FROM “52-56” to “47-49” credits
- Thesis is a major portion of the requirement
- It may be important to fit into other Geography Honours framework

MOTION: That Faculty Council approves changes to the Geography Honours, BSc Program Requirements as presented and forward to UEC.

Moved by Steve M./Seconded by Kathy P./ 6 votes for. 3 votes against. 6 abstentions. Carried.

6.1.3 GEOG 103 – New course

6.1.4 GEOG 201, GEOG, 202, GEOG, 257 – Changes to prerequisites

6.1.5 GEOG 303 – Review including changes to calendar description and prerequisites

6.1.6 GEOG 304 – Review including changes to title, calendar description, and prerequisites

6.1.7 GEOG 307, GEOG 308, GEOG 318 – Changes to prerequisites

6.1.8 GEOG 317/BIO 317 renumber to GEOG 219/BIO 219 – Changes to course number, calendar description and prerequisites

- 6.1.9 GEOG 417/BIO 417 renumber to GEOG 319/BIO 319 - Changes to course number, title, calendar description, prerequisites, and synonymous courses
- 6.1.10 BIO 410/GEOG 410 – six year review with changes\

OMNIBUS MOTION: That Faculty Council approve of the changes as presented to GEOG 103, GEOG 201, GEOG, 202, GEOG, 257, GEOG 303, GEOG 304, GEOG 307, GEOG 308, GEOG 318, GEOG 317/BIO 317 (GEOG 219/BIO 219), GEOG 417/BIO 417 (GEOG 319/BIO 319), BIO 410/GEOG 410 and forward to UEC.

Moved by Steve M./Seconded by Kathy P. All in favour. Carried.

- 6.1.11 ENGR 100 – New course
- 6.1.12 PHYS 231 – Review including changes to calendar description, prerequisites, and pre or corequisites
 - Removing a sentence within the calendar description as recommended by FSCC.
- 6.1.13 PHYS 311 – Review including changes to calendar description and prerequisites
- 6.1.14 PHYS 351 – changes including calendar description, prerequisites, and pre or corequisites
- 6.1.15 PHYS 402 renumbering to PHYS 302 – changes including course number, title, calendar description, prerequisites, pre or co requisites, and synonymous courses
- 6.1.16 PHYS 451 – Review including changes to calendar description
- 6.1.17 PHYS 455 – Changes including calendar description, prerequisites, and pre or co requisites
- 6.1.18 PHYS 458 – Review including calendar description, prerequisites, and corequisites

OMNIBUS MOTION: That Faculty Council approve of the changes as presented to ENGR 100, PHYS 231, PHYS 311, PHYS 351, PHYS 402 (PHYS 302), PHYS 451, PHYS 455, PHYS 458 and forward to UEC.

Moved by Derek H./Seconded by Carmen H. All in favour. Carried.

7. OTHER REPORTS - n/a

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1 Senate Standing Committees – Vacancies – Deadline Nov. 4
Faculty Standards Committee of Senate, & Senate Awards & Honours Committee
- 8.2 JPDC – Professional Development Committee
The current list of approved software programs is limited.
Forward any additional software ideas to Ron Wilen.

9. ADJOURN – Next Meeting November 29, 2013 at 1pm - Room D217

Next meeting special guest: President Mark Evered

Moved by Grant F. /seconded by Norm T. All in favour. Carried.