

SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes

Friday, October 4, 2024 - 1:15 PM - D123

Chair

Michael Hitch

In Person Attendance

Alan Reid, Stephania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzimski, Greg Schmaltz, Joan Hughes, Steven Marsh, Mariano Mapili, Ian Affleck, Ben Vanderlei, Cherie Enns, Serhii Myroshnychenko, Nathan Bialis, Justin Lee, Grant Fritzke, Stan Manu, Scott Shupe, Cory Beshara, Yvonne Dzal, Carlos Leon, Golfham Ghafourifar, Ali Fotohui, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Afia Raja

Virtual Attendance

Dina Navon, Anna Kuczynska, Gillian Mimmack, Jenn Barrett, Caroline Majeau, Mitra Tabatabee, Michelle Rhodes, Kristen Switzer, Kseniya Garaschuk, Robin Endelman, Jake Spooner

Guests

None

Regrets

Lenore Newman, Olav Lian, Cynthia Loten, Daniel Iwana, David Chu, Debbie Wheeler, Declan Roshea

Recorder(s)

Alison Reeves

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the agenda as presented.

1st Vanessa Radzimski, 2nd Stefania Pizzirani. All in Favour. Carried.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - September 6, 2024

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the minutes of the September 6, 2024, meeting as presented.

1st Steven Marsh, 2nd Alan Reid. All in Favour. Carried.

2.2. Agenda Addition

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3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

3.1. BIO 301 Anatomy and Physiology of Invertebrates

3.2. BIO 307 Anatomy and Diversity of Plants

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the BIO 301 and BIO 307 course outlines with amendments.

BIO 301 and BIO 307 correction of some typos in both course outlines.
BIO 307 remove fieldtrips from memo and expand L.O. #4

1st Alan Reid, 2nd Stefania Pizzirani. All in Favour. Carried.

3.3. GEOG 160 Settlements: Why We Live Where We Do (New Course)

3.4. GEOG 256 Knowledge and Ethics in Geographic and Environmental Research (New Course)

3.5. GEOG 325 Health and Place (New Course)

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the GEOG 160, GEOG 256 and GEOG 325 course outlines with amendments.

GEOG 256 will add AGRI courses as prerequisites.

1st Vanessa Radzimski, 2nd Mariano Mapili. All in Favour. Carried.

3.6. GEOG 111 to ENV 111 Environmental Issues and Strategies (Conversion)

3.7. GEOG 331 to ENV 331 Environmental Assessment and Management (Conversion)

3.8. GEOG 412 to ENV 412 Environmental Practicum (Conversion)

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the GEOG 111, 331 and 412 name conversion to ENV 111, 331 and 412

1st Stefania Pizzirani, 2nd Alan Reid. All in Favour. Carried.

3.9. GEOG Course Discontinuance

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the GEOG Course Discontinuance as presented.

1st Alan Reid, 2nd Stefania Pizzirani. All in Favour. Carried

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3.10. GEOG Program Change Concentration (Discontinuance of Concentration in Urban Studies and Planning)

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the Urban Studies and Planning Concentration Discontinuance as presented.

1st Steven Marsh, 2nd Cherie Enns. All in Favour. Carried.

3.11. GEOG Major (Changes)

3.12. GEOG Minor (Changes)

3.13. GEOG Honours (Changes)

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the changes to the Major, Minor and Honours programs as presented.

1st Alan Reid, 2nd Stefania Pizzirani. All in Favour. Carried.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: NONE

5. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

5.1. For Discussion: NONE

5.2. For Decision: NONE

6. REPORTS

Note: as of November 2024, the reports will be sent out as agenda attachments each month and not covered during meetings.

6.1. Dean's Report - Michael Hitch

6.2. Advising - Kristen Switzer

6.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu

BSc committee status is undefined, the BSc is currently undergoing a program review. BSc committee will be reviewed once program review complete.

6.4. Indigenization

6.5. EDI

6.6. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas

1. AI Task Force – identified how to integrate AI into the university, working on general framework on how AI will fit into university.

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2. International Students and reduction of number that can attend
 - a. Government looking at changing work permits for international students will be linked more closely to gaps in Canada's labour market
3. Distribution of naloxone around campus coming as there have been incidents of overdose on campus

6.7. Students – Sebastian Molina and Hardil Singh

6.8. Other Reports

Notable Dates:

Nov 8 – Teacher from local districts visit UFV

Nov 13 – School visits of Indigenization students from local districts

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1. Monthly reports to the Provost from the Faculty of Science can be found here: <https://ufv.ca/science/deans-office/monthly-department-highlights/>.

If you have news to share, please email Alison at science@ufv.ca so, it can be included on our next report.

8. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: November 1 @ 1:15 PM - D123

Quorum - 14 voting members