



**FACULTY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held April 20, 2021

4:15 PM-6:15 PM

MS TEAMS

**Members:**

Name	Present	Regrets	Name	Present	Regrets
Mike Bomford – Chair	√		Korri Thorlacius – Vice Chair	√	
Elizabeth Worobec – Dean	√		Jeff Dyck – Associate Dean	√	
Zena Mitchell – Registrar	√		Allyson Rozell	√	
Amy Jeon – Senate	√		Astrid Opsetmoen	√	
Cameron Lait	√		Christina Iggulden	√	
Daryl Massey	√		Fergal Callaghan -- Senate	√	
Gary Jones	√		Jane Hobson	√	
Michael Adams	√		Michael Coombes	√	
Louis Saumier Demers	√		Nicole Tunbridge		X
Asiyeh Sanaie	√		Suzanne Pearce	√	
Tyron Tsui	√		Kent Mullinix		X
Monique Ly	√		Chelsea Allison	√	

**Guests:**

Sandy Vanderburgh	David Florkowski	
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**Recording:** Michelle Ikoma

**1. Guest Presentations –**

- a.) Provost Sandy Vanderburgh provided an overview of the intentions of administration support for faculty research at KPU. Key points included:
  - Support for faculty who wish to do research in terms of funding and opportunity
  - Support for a KPU model that is not based on a rank and tenure system, but one which each faculty has significant input and determination. The general model will be based on commonalities, and the FSH version will have unique qualities if so desired.
  - Financial support (\$4 million endowment) for AVP Research and ORS to hire more research chairs. Interest from fund will be available for use in approximately one year.
  - Next step after creating a model is to create a strategy for implementation.
  - Community outreach and support will be a factor.
  - Admin wants to support, recognize, and create global recognition for faculty and student research.
  - An action timeline is needed for this process.
  
- b.) AVP David Florkowski provide an update on the COVID Response for KPU:
  - Ministry has said to plan on fall return to campus, but we do not have direct instruction yet.

- Meetings are scheduled with the Ministry to discuss: Who comes on campus? How do we come back? Who stays online?
- There is a need/opportunity to look at more carefully matching courses and programs to the right medium for delivery. Hopefully by June when schedules are finalized, KPU administrators will be able to predict a bit better, but medically July and August are still unknown due to the increased socialization attached to summer behaviours.
- It is likely that we will have herd immunity but will still need masks and social distancing where and when possible.
- Draft 1 of the Ministry Go forward guidelines will be presented at next week's meeting.
- Concern was raised about students not actually receiving the full education they are paying for due to truncated or missing lab courses.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda of March 16, 2021

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Korri Thorlacius), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved.*

## 3. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of February 16, 2021

*It was **moved** (Jane Hobson), **seconded** (Astrid Opsetmoen), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved as amended.*

## 4. Business Arising

- Pertaining to an action from the February Faculty Council meeting, there has not yet been a response on proctoring and anti-plagiarism software, but Chair noted that the day after the February meeting, UBC Senate voted to immediately cease use proctoring software, Proctorio due to privacy concerns among others.
- SFU tried Examity and has noted evidence that students can still cheat through other devices, greatly reducing the efficacy of the software. SFU and UBC are now promoting other solutions.
- A faculty member reported that BCIT uses Integrity Advocate which has useful features their students appreciated. Associate Dean noted that BCIT students in general have reported deep dissatisfaction and that BCIT is planning to discontinue use due to privacy and racist algorithm issues.

## 5. Reports

### a. Chair's Report

- In light of the announcement that final grade submission has been extended again, to April 28, the Registrar was reminded of the January 20<sup>th</sup> motion by Council that Policy AR6 be revised to a 2 step process. The Chair requested that the motion be acted upon at the earliest opportunity.
  - Registrar noted that OREG was waiting for data regarding the impact of the deadline extension on students and that the Provost has yet to assign a developer to that Policy. Registrar noted that the motion had not been forgotten.
- The following resolution has passed by email vote of Faculty Council for Science and Horticulture:

- *Faculty Council for Science and Horticulture recommends the following faculty members for inclusion on the search advisory committee for a new Dean of Science and Horticulture:*
  - *Paul Adams (Biology)*
  - *Mike Bomford (Sust Ag)*
  - *James Hoyland (Physics)*
  - *Joanne Massey (CADD)*
  - *Suzanne Pearce (Chemistry)*
  - *Allyson Rozell (Math)*

Seventeen out of 19 voting members of Faculty Council submitted votes before the 4:30 pm deadline on April 13th. All voted to approve. The motion carried.

Thanks to all who voted, to those who agreed to put their names forward, and to the Nominations and Governance Committee for the recommendations.

All have been added to the search committee along with other members as follows:

- Olivia Takaoka (Student Senator)
- Betty Cunnin (KFA)
- Ann Marie Davidson (KFA)
- Michelle Molnar (Dean's office)
- Lana Mihell (Dean's office)
- Deepak Gupta (AVP Research)
- Sharman Lee (Dean of Faculty of Health)
- Regarding the visioning process in light of a new Dean, Chair noted that there was a Faculty wide interest in sustainability, a Faculty name change has not yet been acted on, and that the Faculty would need to determine how best to proceed with the visioning process. Chair noted that this topic was added to new business for further consideration by Council.

#### **b. Dean's Report**

- For Fall courses it will be difficult for students requiring accommodations to switch to adding more F2F part way through the term. Accessibility Services may not be able to provide these students the required extra supports under short notice part way through the term. So faculty are requested to pick a mode of teaching for the Fall and stick to it.
- Along with others, had a meeting with their counterparts at SFU regarding a new Bachelor of Agriculture Technology. The degree will be an engineering type degree with a focus on Agriculture. People developing the degree will be reaching out to FSH faculty members. Dean noted that the project will be more collaborative than competitive, but as there is no curriculum yet, it is not clear.
- Summer enrollment is excellent with an 80% fill rate. 37 of 70 courses have wait lists.
- AVP International shared that International students are now coming to Canada now for the fall term.

**c. Senate Reports – Fergal Callaghan**

- Senate voted in favour of the FSH Faculty appointees to the FSH Dean Search committee along with student Senator Olivia Takaoka
- The KFA has also appointed Betty Cunnin (Horticulture) and Ann Marie Davison (Biology)
- Senate voted to approve the FSH nominations to Senate Standing Committees:
  - FSH Senator Amy Jeon to Senate Governance and Nominating Committee and SSC Teaching and Learning
  - Deborah Henderson (Director of Institute for Sustainable Horticulture) to SSC Research and Graduate Studies

Senate approved revisions to BIOL 4900 and HSCI 4950.

Senate approved changes to the BSC (Hons) in Applied Psychology

Senate Vice-Chair election is set for the May Senate meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor. The term is Sept 2021 to August 2022 and any Senator with a concurrent term is eligible to be nominated.

- SSCPR- nothing to report. BHSc Quality Assurance Plan is on the agenda for next meeting.
- SSCAP and SSCUB – nothing to report.
- SSCP-micro-credentials were discussed again. Some edits to policy were made and timelines were adjusted. University Space and Animal care policies are currently on the blog for comment. Email Amy Jeon, Deepak Gupta or Layne Myhre with questions regarding Animal Care.
- SSCC – nothing to report
- SSC Research and Graduate Studies– the latest information can be found on the Senate SharePoint site.
- SSCTL-Fall DFW surveys are now available. FSH had an 8% rate about double other faculties, but it was noted that the actual number of students was not that significant
- SSC Nominations and Governance – Senator Amy Jeon noted that the amount of time given to provide nominees for the Dean Search Committee was insufficient for FSH Faculty Council to properly consider.

**d. Nominations and Governance** – see Chair’s report above

**e. Curriculum Committee** – nothing to report

**f. Academic Planning and Priorities** – nothing to report

**g. Teaching and Learning**– nothing to report

**h. Research Committee** –

- There was a discussion on how to proceed on research and workloading and to make recommendations to the KFA.
- James Hoyland, the current chair of the committee called for a new chair. Faculty Council is asked to consider the position.

**6. New Business** –

- Chair noted that the Faculty will need to initiate or carry forward with the visioning process for the Faculty of Science and Horticulture. The question is whether to do so with or without the new Dean. It was suggested that there is insufficient time to do anything prior to the appointment.

It was ***moved*** (Astrid Opsetmoen), ***and seconded*** (Jane Hobson) ***THAT*** Faculty Council strike a sub-committee to prepare a brief on a visioning process for FSH for Faculty Council consideration.

The motion was tabled for discussion at the next Faculty Council meeting, May 18, 2021.

*Meeting adjourned by Chair at 6:26 PM*

**Date of next Faculty Council: May 18, 2021**