



FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held May 18, 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		X	Allyson Rozell	√	
Amy Jeon – Senate	√		Astrid Opsetmoen	√	
Cameron Lait	√		Christina Iggulden	√	
Daryl Massey		X	Fergal Callaghan -- Senate	√	
Gary Jones	√		Jane Hobson		X
Michael Adams	√		Michael Coombes		X
Louis Saumier Demers		X	Nicole Tunbridge	√	
Asiyeh Sanaie	√		Suzanne Pearce	√	
Tyron Tsui	√		Kent Mullinix		X
Laura Bryce	√		Monique Ly		X
Chelsea Allison		X	Serguei Novocelskii	√	

Guests:

Brent Elliott	Brock Endean	
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Recording: Michelle Ikoma

1. Brock Endean and Brent Elliott – Draft Indigenous Strategy

The Indigenous Advisory Committee has been tasked to work on a Draft Indigenous strategy for KPU. Members of the Advisory committee include representatives from First Nations, school districts, and KPU. It was noted that the goal is to provide a set of principles going forward regarding indigenization in a broad sense encompassing best practices across all areas and aspects of KPU. The initial discussions are meant to yield common principles and common barriers. The next step is to share and discuss within the broader community. Step 3 is to shape a vision, and Step 4 will be to develop a strategy. Dean noted that this would be a good discussion to bring to the Faculty of the Whole. Thus far there have been connections through Kathy Dunster in Horticulture, Melissa Drury in EPT, and through ISFS with various First Nations in BC. Chair suggested that ISFS could likely scale up their connections regarding sustainable agriculture and food systems.

ACTION: Michelle I to forward the document presented for discussion and emails for inquiry /comment to Faculty Council distribution list.

2. Approval of the Agenda of March 16, 2021

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

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

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

4. Business Arising

Motion tabled from April meeting:

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.

After discussion, the tabled motion was voted on and failed to carry.

5. Reports

a. Chair's Report – nothing to report

b. Dean's Report

- Science Rendezvous kits were distributed to elementary schools, and KPU Faculty and staff. KPU also joined with participating post-secondary institutions across Canada in Science Chase. Thank you to Richard Popoff, Nicole Hlus, and Mike Coombes who created video content for this and to Triona and DeAnn for coordinating this and the distribution of the kits.
- Re COVID 19 updates. KPU is still aiming for as much F2F as possible for fall. Jennifer Au circulated a link to the recent Townhall hosted by Thompson Rivers University which featured Dr. Bonnie Henry and her Team regarding all BC post-secondary institutions. Dean highly recommended watching and noted that specific questions could be located via a menu pinned below the YouTube video.
- Dean and Associate Dean learned in a recent email string of members of the BC Deans of Arts and Science that other institutions are comparable to us with regarding fall plans. 10-30% of courses will remain online. FSH will be approximately 10-15% blended or fully online.
- Dean noted that there is NO QUOTA – no requirement to be online. It will be determined by what works for individual instructors and for departments.
- FOW will be August 31. Dean noted that Sandy Vanderburgh and Rajiv Jhangiani or Leeann Waddington would need to be invited to provide updates. Dean also suggested Len Pierre, the special advisor to the President regarding Indigenization, would be a good choice. Kathy Dunster or Betty Cunnin will give the welcome from the KFA and Trina Whitsitt for the BCGEU.

ACTION: Email Michelle Ikoma or Dean with suggestions for FOW agenda items.

c. Senate Report – Fergal Callaghan – Nothing to report

- SSPR
 - HORT degree program quality assurance documents were approved by the committee and will move on to Senate.
 - Math is on the agenda for May 19 meeting.
 - Discussion re continuing External site visits virtually or returning to in person in the fall.
- SSCAP/SSCUB

- 2022/23 timeline and presentation of next budget is very similar to last year. Finance will wait until Spring to finalize the budget and approval will take place in the fall. Priorities will be brought to the committee in June 2021.
- SSCC
 - Due to the FOH new entrance requirements and process, there will be no more Health Foundations. For FSH, this will affect enrollment for BIOL 1160 and 1260, and Introductory Stats courses.
- SSCRGS
 - Regarding hiring of research associates, a position paper will be sent to Human Resources regarding access to benefits.
 - Paul Adams presented on the research being done in the Genomics lab.

No other reports were submitted.

d. Nominations and Governance – Nothing to report

e. Curriculum Committee – Nothing to Report

f. Academic Planning and Priorities – Nothing to Report

- Discussed Chair replacement.

g. Teaching and Learning– Nothing to report

h. Research Committee

- Discussed membership and Chair.
- Discussed how to best support curricula and programs that do research, and determined that a comprehensive list is needed first.
- A survey will be sent out to all department Chairs asking questions regarding partnerships, opportunities, funding, and student assessment.
- It was noted that the research institutes could support student research if they have budget to do so.
- It was also noted that faculty discussion of workload must be taken to the KFA.

6. New Business – none

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 5:31 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: June 15, 2021