



FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Feb 21, 2023

4:15 PM-6:15 PM

MS TEAMS

Members:

Name	Title /Area	Present	Absent	Proxy
Allyson Rozell	CHAIR	√		
Alex Lyon	AGRI		X	Mike Bomford proxy
Amy Jeon	SENATE		X	
Asiyeh Sanaei	MATH	√		
Brett Favaro	DEAN	√		
Cameron Lait	HORT	√	X	
Catherine Chow	CHEM	√		
Christina Iggulden	SRV STAFF	√		
Fergal Callaghan	SENATE	√		
Jeff Dyck	ASSOCIATE DEAN		X	
Kaylee Magee	BIOL	√		
Laura Bryce	HORT	√		
Leah DeBella	BIOL	√		
Martina Solano Bielen	LGLY STAFF	√		
Mary Hosseinyazdi	MATH	√		
Melissa Bodner	RMD Staff	√		
Melissa Drury	EPT	√		
Michael Adams	CHEM	√		
Michael Coombes	PHYS/Vice-Chair	√		
Michael Kiraly	HOPS	√		
Muskandeep Kaur	ST. REP	√		
Samaneh Ghanfari Hashemi	CADD	√		
Sepideh Tahriri Adabi	Ish/institutes		X	
Tanya Boboricken	MATH		X	
Tyron Tsui	PHYS	√		
Xavier Ardez	ST. REP	√		
Zena Mitchell	REGISTRAR	√		
Layne Myhre	BIOL Guest re Curcom	√		
ST 13 Policy Writing Team Teresa Voorsluys Mike Harris Navleen Kaur Josephine Chan		√		

Recording: Michelle Ikoma

1. **ST 13 Policy Writing Team presented on the updates to the policy based on feedback.**
 - There is a proposed amendment for the Withdrawal date to extend to the end of the term not including the exam period rather than 66% of the way through the course as being more beneficial to students.
 - Team worked with OPA to look at data and noted that the above change should prevent student swirling and taking the course over and over. OREG will enforce course repeat rules. There is no evidence of grade inflation as a result of making this change.
 - DFW rates last year were comparable to pre-pandemic rates. Overall the change is deemed more compassionate, equitable and accessible.
 - Discussion was energetic. The Team will make data available when the policy is posted on the blog for Phase 2.

2. **Approval of the Agenda of Feb 21, 2023**

*It was **moved, seconded, and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

3. **Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of Jan 17, 2023**

*It was **moved, seconded, and carried THAT** the minutes be approved as distributed.*

4. **Business Arising -**
 - Chair has drafted a letter with Mike Bomford which will be sent out at the end of this week.
 - Dean noted that all Department Chairs have received the research survey and the information is still being collected

5. **Reports**
 - b. **Chair's Report – no report**

 - c. **Dean's Report –**
 - Some housekeeping first regarding when we send items to Senate for a vote that we need to make sure to prepare the appropriate cover sheet to include in the documents. The workflow is to bring to Allyson and Brett for consultation.
 - KPU now has an EV working group and will add charging stations on all campuses. The committee opted to have more slow chargers rather than fewer fast chargers.
 - Budget approvals are all going through. Two large budget items are renos to the 2nd year PHYS Cloud lab and to the Biology Lab in Richmond.
 - Re the Lab enrollment issues – the Richmond Enrollment Working Group has met and the meeting was very productive. It was noted that there was no signage on the building saying this is a university . Marketing and David Steward are looking into this for Richmond and for other campuses as well.
 - Working with advisors to determine the level of coherence in first year science courses so that students can spend 1 or 2 years on that campus .

d. Senate Reports – Fergal Callaghan

- Revisions to the admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing were approved (the revisions include the removal of MATH 1115 and relaxing the elective requirements which had included HSCI courses in the list of options).
- Senate voted to endorse the draft 2023/24 budget and to advise the president that it aligns with the budget principles and priorities.
- The Registrar, Zena Mitchell, announced that, starting this year, KPU graduates will receive two parchments: one in English and one in hənq̓əmiñəḥ, the language of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Tsawwassen, Kwikwetlem, and Musqueam First Nations.
- **SSC Program Review**- No report
- **SSCUB** – No report
- **SSCAP – Allyson Rozell** -
 - Next meeting: pilot cut-off scores for the Accuplacer English exam; let me know if interested (Megan Marcotte and I have looked, and both think they look okay.)
- **SSCC – Brett Favaro**
 - Still no second FSH rep on this committee.
 - Several Program revisions not related to FSH.
 - Recognition of PLA for trades for when there is no academic program, in HORT for example.
- **SSC Research and Graduate Studies – Brett Favaro**
 - Substantial amount of time on the mandate due to the fact that most universities don't combine research and grad studies and most don't have research committees. There are also concerns that this committee is looking at both operational and academic concerns.
- **SSC Teaching and Learning** – no report

e. Committee Reports

- **Nominations and Governance – Michael Coombes**
 - The committee confirmed Muskandeeep Kaur as the new student representative on Faculty Council and invited her to introduce herself.
- **Curriculum Committee – Layne Myhre**
 - In regards to the documents circulated with the agenda package for changes to BSC BIOL and BSC Hons BIOL, and BSC HSCI and BSc Hons HSCI, Layne Myhres noted that a writing intensive course is required for all 4 degrees.
 - In addition programs have been updated to include lists of acceptable breadth electives.
 - HSCI now includes a Co-op option.
 - There are 2 new courses which are clones of BIOL upper level courses to enable HSCI students to have the HSCI indicator on their transcripts.
 - BIOL 3180 has been sent to SWIC for comment regarding WI status.
 - MATH 4280 is a new MATH course proposed for HSCI programs.

*It was **moved** that all program and course changes be approved in an omnibus vote. **CARRIED***

- **Academic Planning and Priorities – Allyson Rozell**
 - Subcommittee working on list of actionable items from visioning workshop.
 - Committee would like to support/feedback for program reviews, particularly regarding coordination between programs.
 - Committee looking into budgeting timeline to try to determine if there's a more meaningful way to give input to budgeting.
- **Research – Mike Bomford**
 - Last month there was a motion to request assistance from Office of Research Services re hiring and this month there is a recommendation to make a similar request for assistance with student research grants as there is a learning curve in both applying and administering.

*The committee **moves** that faculty mentors for Student Research and Innovation Grants receive ORS assistance with grant administration and reporting. **CARRIED***

6. New Business – NONE

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 5:52 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: Mar 21 2023