



Faculty of Science and Horticulture

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, November 13, 2018

4:15 PM in Rooms Langley Rm 1010, Surrey Cedar 1140, Richmond Rm 3450B

Present:

Joel Murray, Assoc. Dean	Amy Jeon, Senate	Allyson Rozell, Math Faculty (Alt)
Betty Cunnin, Hort Faculty	Astrid Opsetmoen, Langley Staff	Daniel Regan, Hort Faculty
Jane Hobson, Biol Faculty	Michael Poon, Phys Faculty (Alt)	Louis Saumier Demers, Math Faculty
Nicole Tunbridge, Biol Faculty	Mike Bomford, Chair Sust Ag Faculty	Richard Popoff, Chem Faculty
Tyron Tsui, Phys Faculty	Xin Liu, Chem Faculty	
Guests: Josephine Chan Faith Auton Cluff		

Regrets:

Stan Kazymierchyk	Michael Coombes	Colin MacLeod
Elizabeth Worobec	Daryl Massey	Kent Mullinix
Zena Mitchell	Kourosh Purdavaie	Melissa Bodner
Cameron Lait		

Quorum was confirmed.

1. A presentation was made by Josephine Chan and Faith Auton-Cluff regarding the Draft Policy AC14 KPU Credential Framework. Following a brief overview of the process and rationale for the new policy document. It was noted that the new document will subsume AC11 and AR16. After consulting with various groups for feedback a draft document will also be posted to the Policy blog for further feedback and for additional resources in mid-January 2019 for eventual implementation in Fall 2020.
Jane H queried on behalf of the Biology department and FSH in general regarding the number of credits as our courses have more due to the number of lab courses. It was noted by J.C. and F. A-C. that the document had recently been updated to say 'a minimum of' to allow for programs with higher credit requirements for graduation. Jane H. also queried as

to whether the number of credits included the prerequisite requirements. The response was that the draft policy committee will have to answer that query at a later date. Regarding a definition for the term '3 different academic disciplines', it was noted that it needed clarification as it is ambiguous. It was also noted that an institutional definition was needed for a minor as credits were a problem there also. The presenters suggested that as the language had been updated to 'a minimum of' and 'additional program requisites may be required', the problem is eliminated. There was concern raised regarding the average GPA needed for graduation as it is proposed to be higher than the grades needed to meet prerequisite standards. It was suggested that there needed to be more consistency to prevent confusion for students and instructors. The necessity for a higher GPA may lead students taking courses just to raise their GPA and graduate. It was noted by the presenters that that was already happening, particularly for students trying to get into post grad programs. It was suggested by some that the grad requirement should remain as a grade of C to be consistent with the standards for pre requisites.

ACTION: Send further concerns and comments regarding this policy to Zena Mitchell, Faith Auton-Cluff or Josephine Chan.

2. Approval of the Agenda

*It was **moved** (Astrid O.), **seconded** (Jane H.), **and carried***

***THAT** the agenda as modified, be approved.*

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 25, 2018

*It was **moved** (Astrid O), **seconded** (Jane H), **and carried THAT** the minutes, be approved with changes as noted.*

4. Business Arising – none

5. Betty Cunnin brought forward the early proposal for an academic Cannabis Credential. They have been working with IAP to develop surveys, but have determined that at this stage they will need to conduct face to face and phone interviews with Cannabis producers to determine whether the current Horticulture credentials in Production are sufficient or can be modified as needed for this industry. Betty noted that they are hoping to be within the existing tuition framework. In response to inquiry it was noted that a citation or certificate is currently being considered but that they would eventually move to a diploma. Queries were made as to whether this would replace the current CPS non-credit courses or the current Production Diploma. BC responded that it is not possible to say re the CPS courses as they are a separate consideration leaning more to the business model. The surveys would determine latter needs. A query was made regarding upper management support. BC noted that there is support from both the Dean and the Provost.

ACTION: Send feedback, comments and concerns to Betty Cunnin or Ellen Pond.

6. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Chair noted that the Senate has approved the FSH Bylaw changes.

Chair sent the letter to President Davis regarding the concerns raised by Rebecca Harbut regarding the proposed new Brewing Institute. There was an immediate acknowledgement, but no timeline or details were given. Today after a further exchange the response was that Dr. Ferraras has been consulted and policies will be forthcoming, but Chair noted that as yet there is no timeline. Chair noted that the Craft Brewing Institute will exist under a different framework with a different name, Brewing Innovation Centre. Astrid O. commented that it would be helpful to clarify what analytical services they would be providing as the equipment could be expensive and may duplicate current equipment in FSH.

Chair reported that he had been unsuccessful in approaching the 2 FSH student reps on the KSA to be student representatives on Faculty Council. Jane H. said she could recommend a 3rd year student in Health Sciences.

ACTION: Jane H. to approach Michael Ke if no other representatives are nominated.

Chair noted that students who are interested can be appointed under the bylaws. It was mentioned that the ACTION item from the previous meeting is still in effect. See below.

ACTION: Bylaws regarding student representative selection to be revised by Chair and presented at next Faculty Council to be carried over to December 11th Faculty Council.

Chair noted that the committee make up does not currently align with the bylaws.

Thus, a co chair is needed, to be elected by Faculty Council.

The Research Committee is short one person. This can be done as a recommendation or be referred to the Nominations and Governance Committee.

There is one extra person on the Teaching and Learning Committee, so one person must step down.

Chair asked Faculty Council for feedback on the necessity of having an Awards committee for awards that are across Faculty. After discussion, it was determined that most awards are determined departmentally. If there are any Faculty wide awards, they can be referred to the Nominations and Governance committee.

ACTION: Chair to include a revision to the Nominations and Governance Committee bylaws.

b. Dean's Report

Associate Dean noted that Dean will update Faculty Council at the December 11th meeting. Michael P. asked if there is anything to report on the absorption of ACA math

and Science Faculty from ACA. Associate Dean replied that the Dean, Associate Dean and Chair of ACA Math have an upcoming meeting to discuss that. Michael P. also expressed concerns at the lack of consultation on the dissolution of the ACA Faculty and the need for assurances for the future of other Faculties and departments. Associate Dean suggested that such questions would be better addressed to the Provost and that FSH was also not given any advance information. Astrid O. asked if it might be appropriate to draft a letter from Council to the Provost amid concerns over how faculties might be affected.

ACTION: Chair to draft a letter and present to Faculty Council for feedback at December meeting.

c. Senate Report –

Amy J. reported that Betty has stepped down from the Budget committee effective December 1st, 2018, to be replaced by Rebecca Harbut as the FSH representative. Dr. Deepak Gupta has been confirmed as the new AVP Research. The AR17 Academic Schedule policy blog is still open for feedback until November 30 for comments and concerns.

ACTION: Please share with departments as there are items such as 7:00 AM start times for example. Go to kpu.ca/policy to access the blogs.

Senate Rep noted that the Financial Sustainability was presented as having 2 aspects, with a balanced budget, integrated planning is needed, and there must be a new financial model which optimizes how the money is used. Jane H. queried regarding the reason for the huge budget crunch. Amy J. responded that there was no discussion on that in Senate, but if there are any concerns over past discussions, contact the Dean, and going forward, contact Rebecca H.

d. Nominations and Governance Report

Nothing to report

e. Curriculum Committee Report

Nothing to report

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

Nothing to report.

g. Teaching and Learning Committee

Nothing to report.

h. Research and Scholarship Committee

Nothing to report.

i. New Business

Jane H. proposed that lab instructors should become voting members on Faculty Council.

ACTION: Chair to propose updates to the current bylaws at the next meeting.

It was, **moved (Astrid O.), seconded (Jane H.), and carried**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Date of next meeting: December 11, 2018