



Faculty of Science and Horticulture

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, April 17, 2018
4:15 pm in Rooms Richmond 3450B, Surrey Cedar 1140

Present:

Amy Jeon	Jennifer Au	Chair Mike Bomford
Colin MacLeod	Associate Dean Joel Murray	Paul Adams
Daniel Regan	Kourosh Purdavaie	Richard Popoff
Daryl Massey	Lily Liu	Graham Rankin
Dean Elizabeth Worobec	Louis Saumier-Demers	Ken Stark - Guest
Jana Kolac	Michael Coombes	Michelle Ikoma- recording

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Ken Stark attended as a guest to provide a second update for the draft of Vision 2023. A brief overview of the process and stages for the creation of the final document was given. A few key changes to language, inclusion of specifics and what's next was the focus. The tetrahedron symbol is still in design phase, but the definitions and details of each segment have been refined based on feedback from the KPU community. The outcomes have become more specific. It was noted that further definition is needed for the section on environmental, institutional, cultural and societal sustainability is needed as sustainability can even mean different things within various departments. It was also suggested that although definition requires small steps, large steps must be demonstrable, which requires show it initiatives which are larger and more dramatic.
It was also noted that in the KPU Innovation, research and scholarship section the entire KPU community is included, not just Teaching and Learning. It was suggested that the final section on continuous improvement builds confidence and reputation needs to be broken down more as it is very dense and therefore intimidating.
ACTION: Bring updates to your departments. Continue to provide feedback through the link provided:

<https://blogs.kpu.ca/vision2023/>

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved (Mike C.), seconded (Daryl M.) and carried

THAT the agenda as presented, be approved.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of March 20, 2018**

It was moved (Mike C.), seconded (Daryl M), and carried THAT the minutes as they stand, be approved.

4. Business Arising

Chair introduced Colin MacLeod on the subject of the method for dispersal of faculty member PD funds. An overview of current practices and practices of dispersal in the Arts faculty was presented for discussion. The issue of whether PD for technology purchases was reasonable was also discussed. Comments were made as to whether this is a category within which PD funds are allowed to be dispersed under the collective agreement. Technology is not one of the groupings currently allowed. Any other decisions are covered by the elected committee as set out in the C. A. In terms of making changes, the best solution is to be elected to the committee. It was noted that as they are a standing committee of the Faculty Council, and they are dealing with public funds there should be more transparency as to who is receiving money, for what purpose, and how much they are receiving.

It was ***moved (Mike B), seconded (Colin MacLeod) and carried THAT*** Faculty Council instruct the PD committee to review their process for disbursement and to provide current statistics as to disbursements, and to provide an annual report.

5. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Chair and Dean went to the Senate Governance Committee with the Faculty Minimum Qualifications requirements, but they were not approved. Although it was noted that there were special requirements in specific departments, they want more consistency, and they want the requirements bumped to be more inline across the university. Betty will work with departments to make changes to bring back to Faculty Council, then onto Senate Governance.

b. Dean's Report

The Spring Convocation registration is required by April 23rd if you want to attend.

May 12th is the combined Science Rendezvous and KPU Langley Open House. There are currently over 1900 guests registered as of April 15th.

May 2-4th is the Teaching and Learning Symposium.

Thank you to all who have volunteered at Open Doors/Open Minds.

Spruce update- tours are now available for those who need them specific to those who will be in that building. The ETA is sometime in June with contingency plans.

c. Senate Report

SSCC – all FSH courses were approved without changes. A number of changes were needed for the FOH programs due to lack of consultation. Large changes are being made to the BTech IT to make it more relevant to modern needs.

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/Research and Scholarship Committee

Bylaws have been completed and submitted to Mike Bomford and Stan Kazymierchuk. It was noted that the documents will be brought to the next Faculty Council meeting.

h. Research and Scholarship Committee

Would like to change the name of this committee to just Research as Scholarship is addressed under Teaching and learning. There is no firm proposal as yet. Mike C noted that as it is an ad hoc committee, it can change its name without consultation, but suggested that politically, there are other types of scholarship than research. Discussion around overlap with Teaching and Learning and Scholarship did not lead to a firm conclusion.

ACTION: Hold a joint meeting of Research and Scholarship, and Teaching and Learning committees to discuss mandates and bylaws.

Chair called for further comments. There was none.

It was **moved, seconded, and carried**

***THAT** the meeting be adjourned.*

Date of next meeting: May 15, 2018