



Faculty of Science and Horticulture

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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

Present:

Elizabeth Worobec, Dean	Mike Bomford, Chair	Amy Jeon, Senate
Astrid Opsetmoen, Langley Staff	Colin MacLeod, Math	Daniel Regan, Horticulture
Jane Hobson, Biology	Louis Saumier-Demers, Math	Melissa Bodner, Richmond, Staff
Michael Coombes, Physics	Richard Popoff, Chemistry	Tyron Tsui, Physics
Xin Liu, Chemistry	Zena Mitchell, Registrar	Michael Poon, Guest

Regrets:

Joel Murray, Assoc. Dean	Cameron Lait, Horticulture	Daryl Massey, CADD
Kent Mullinix, ISFS	Kourosh Purdavaie, Surrey Staff	Nicole Tunbridge, Biology
Vicky Wei, Math		

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was ***moved*** (Astrid O.), ***seconded*** (Melissa B.), ***and carried***

THAT the agenda be approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2018

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

3. Business Arising –

- a) Proposed change to bylaws re: student representation on council
After comments from the floor, it was decided that as per the action item from the previous meeting, Jane Hobson would proceed with approaching Michael Ke to be a student representative on Faculty Council.
- b) Proposed change to bylaws re: NomGov committee
As per attached documents, the proposed revisions will be considered first by the Nominations and Governance committee, then recommendations will be brought to Faculty Council for discussion. Chair summarized proposed changes noting that the ACA proposal as department representatives will not be necessary as they will be integrated into existing FSH departments. Dean suggested that regarding the general awards based on academic merit, as the due dates are in July and August, that when making changes to the decision-making process that deadlines are not missed as the selection process is complicated. It was suggested by Jane H. that the meetings regarding awards, can be by email with recommendations made by the Dean to the Nom/Gov committee.

ACTION: Dean to be invited to the next Nom/Gov meeting

Regarding the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, Mike C. suggested that this committee could be disbanded as it slows down the budget process. Dean noted that it is currently tasked with updating the academic plan. It was suggested that the AP and P committee should be consulted. Dean noted that the Faculty Council had initially approved the AP and P being involved in the budget process, but budget questions could come directly to Faculty Council.

ACTION: Chair will request feedback from the AP and P committee.

ACTION: Chair to consult previous minutes as to the institution of this task.

Chair to further consult bylaws regarding the budget process.

ACTION: Chair will remove proposed ACA bylaw changes before taking changes to the Nom/Gov Committee.

A query was made regarding the meaning of the dotted line from the Dean to the research institutes. Dean responded that the connection has not been outlined and will be tasked to the newly hired AVP Research.

- c) Letter from Council to Provost re: dissolution of ACA
A draft letter composed by Michael Poon was presented for consideration. After discussion, it was **moved (Mike C), seconded (Astrid O), and carried** to revise as per suggested changes to Paragraph 4 and send to Dr. Davis and Dr. Ferraras.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Nothing to report.

b. Dean's Report

The new AVP Research, Deepak Gupta, is overseeing the transition of the Research institutes to his oversight. Dean noted that the Faculty Council bylaws may be adjusted to FSH 'affiliated' institutes.

Dean mentioned that she will be meeting with Laurie Clancy, AVP, Human Resources in January regarding the final results of the Employee Engagement Survey.

The interviews for the new Provost are proceeding favourably with several good candidates in the field.

Dean requested that representatives from all FSH departments are needed to sign up for upcoming Open Houses and other recruitment events. Dean noted that it is a part of the position to participate in some service to the University. Dean asked that new Faculty be encouraged to participate in order to get to know the broader community.

c. Senate Report

Amy J. reported that the recent Senate meeting was extremely informative, and encouraged all to read the letter from Sal Ferraras as it pertains to the recent lack of process and consultation regarding the dissolution of the ACA Faculty. Dean reported that SSCC discussed AC14. The meeting was brief as the Pathways discussion was deferred to the next meeting. Dean suggested that Chair request written reports from all FSH reps on Senate sub-committees.

ACTION: Chair to request written reports from FSH reps on Senate sub-committees.

Query was made regarding the progress on the degree requirement changes as presented in the previous meeting by Faith Auton-Cluff and Josephine Chan. Registrar noted that it will not likely go to the Policy Blog until mid to late spring. AR17 has gone to several sub committees. Registrar offered to discuss AR17 more fully at the next Faculty Council.

ACTION: Chair will formally invite Registrar, Zena Mitchell, to present at the next meeting, January 22, 2019.

d. Nominations and Governance Report

Nothing to report.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

Dean reported that there were minor changes made in Physics, HSCI, and Math courses.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

Nothing to report.

g. Teaching and Learning Committee

Nothing to report.

h. Research Committee

Chair noted that over the last year the committee had been developing a survey. The chair, James Hoyland will be distributing the survey to all FSH faculty soon, and encouraged colleagues to complete it when they receive it as the committee sees a need to develop a strategic research plan. They are not requesting formal movement from Faculty Council at this time but foresee it in the future. Astrid O. noted that it is important to reconcile faculty research with the research done by the research institutes, but acknowledge and encourage faculty engagement in other research.

i. New Business

No new business

It was, **moved (Astrid O.), seconded (Richard P.), and carried**

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

Date of next meeting: January 22, 2019

Note: There is no meeting room in Langley for January 22nd. Langley attendees are asked to meet in Surrey or Skype in to the meeting.