



Faculty of Science and Horticulture

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, March 19, 2019

4:15 PM in Rooms Surrey Main 214, Richmond Rm 3450B and Langley 1010

Present:

Mike Bomford – Chair	Elizabeth Worobec – Dean	Joel Murray – Assoc. Dean
Louis Saumier Demers- MATH	Astrid Opsetmoen – Staff Langley	Colin MacLeod - MATH
Dan Regan – HORT	Darryl Massey – CADD	Jane Hobson – BIOL
Amy Jeon- Senate	Melissa Bodner – Staff Richmond	Michael Coombes – PHYS
Nicole Tunbridge – BIOL	Richard Popoff – CHEM	Tyron Tsui – PHYS
Vicky Wei - MATH	Xin Liu - CHEM	Zena Mitchell – Registrar

Regrets:

Kourosh Purdavaie – Staff Surrey	Kent Mullinix - ISFS	Cameron Lait – HORT
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Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

*It was **moved** (Melissa B.), **seconded** (Nicole T.), **and carried***

***THAT** the agenda be approved.*

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 19, 2019

*It was **moved** (Melissa B.), **seconded** (Richard P.), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved as amended.*

3. **Business Arising** from the minutes – deferred to Chair's report.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

- Budget documents were distributed by Michelle Ikoma and David Burns (Senate).

- Jane H asked Michael Ke to serve as student representative on Faculty Council and he agreed. He will attend starting with the April meeting.
- Considerable discussion of draft budget at KFA
- Floor opened for concerns or questions. Several points were raised:
 - Seemingly disproportionate increase in administrative costs
 - Attention being paid to managing growth
 - Demand sections not being funded
 - Cuts being required of areas with smaller classes
 - Possible bias towards most cost effective sections.
- Call for letter or motion from FSH Faculty Council regarding concerns temporarily tabled until New Business

b. Dean's Report

- Science Fair judges needed for next week. Faculty referred to the email already distributed.
- KPU Day on the Richmond campus May 3rd
- Science Rendezvous on Langley campus May 11th

c. Senate Report

- Amy J. reported that the GV9 Task Force nominations occurred
 - 60% nominate by Senate; 40% by Provost
 - Advisory role
 - Member list will be posted on Senate website
 - Allyson R. was the nominee for FSH
 - Carolyn Roberts (WSOD) is Chair
- Dean reported brief agenda at recent SSCC meeting
 - Some course and minor program changes were made to Faculty of Health programs.
 - April meeting will have a more robust agenda.
- Louis S.D. reported that the Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning is looking at failure rates in regards to Pathways students and defining what a high failure rate is and how much intervention is reasonable.

ACTION: Please send any input regarding the definition of high failure rate to Louis

- FSH will need a new rep on the Senate Teaching and Learning committee and on the FSH Teaching and Learning committee as Louis will be on parental leave as of September.

d. Nominations and Governance Report

- Michael Coombes is now sitting as Chair, and committee will be able to proceed with evaluation of proposed bylaw changes.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

- Associate Dean reported that a proposal for program change in EPT was taken off the table due to insufficient consultation with the Biology department.
- Some course changes and program revisions for Horticulture, to be addressed in New Business.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

- Nothing to report.

g. Teaching and Learning Committee

- Committee will need two new members as Louis is going on parental leave in September and Michelle Nakano (committee Chair) is retiring.
- Dean noted that the transition for this and for the equivalent Senate standing committee needs to be as seamless as possible, as the Senate position for Louis' replacement needs to be approved by Senate. Someone must be in place by September.

h. Research Committee

- The research survey has received 64 responses and is now closed.
 - Results will be shared with Faculty Council when analysis is completed.
- Committee is short one member.

5. New Business

- Curriculum Committee submissions for changes to three horticulture programs were discussed.
 - Rationale stated in cover pages suggest that changes are limited to the removal of a pest management course from the list of acceptable electives, but changes appear to be more substantive. Cover pages ought to be revised before proposed changes go to Senate.

It was **moved (Michael C.), seconded (Jane H.), and carried THAT** *the program changes to the three Horticulture Programs (1. Horticulture Diploma Program – Landscape; 2. Horticulture Diploma Program – Production; 3. Horticulture Program – Turf Management) be approved in principle with the suggestion that there be clarification of the language in the Proposed Changes section of the cover page to include the restructuring elements.*

- Further discussion of budget concerns led to decision to draft a motion on behalf of the FSH Faculty Council.

It was **moved (Darryl M.), seconded (Jane H.) and carried THAT** *while Faculty Council understands the budgetary pressures and reductions mandated by senior leadership, we are concerned that the most cost effective programs are being prioritized at the expense of those that best fulfill our community service and polytechnic mandates. We call for a further*

discussion and definition of the polytechnic mandate, and how best to fulfill our commitment to community service.

It was, **moved (Melissa B.), seconded (Darryl M.), and carried *THAT* the meeting be adjourned.**

Date of next meeting: April 23, 2019

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