

## FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
4:15 PM in Surrey Cedar 1140, Richmond Rm 3450B, Langley Rm 1010 and Skype

### Present:

Allyson Rozell – Math Alt	Gary Jones – Hort	<b>Mike Bomford - Chair</b>
Amy Jeon - Senate	Joel Murray – Assoc. Dean	Michael Ke - Student
Astrid Opsetmoen –Staff Lgly	Korri Thorlacious – Staff Rmd	Michelle Molnar - Recorder
Cameron Lait - Hort	Layne Myhre – Biol	Rebecca Harbut – Senate
Daryl Massey - CADD	Michael Adams - Chem	Vicky Wei - Math
Elizabeth Worobec – Dean	Michael Coombes - Phys	Zena Mitchell – Registrar

### Guests:

David Burns	Rajiv Jhangiani	
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### Regrets:

Jane Hobson – Biol	Serguei Novocelskii - Math	Richard Popoff - Chem
Kent Mullinix – Institute	Michael Nyenhuis - Math	Kourosh Purdavaie – Staff Sry

1. David Burns shared information regarding Faculty Council's (FC) role and the Governance model at KPU.
  - Currently the model assumes governance is happening at various levels including in the Faculty. In some instances, items that are approved have long term consequences even though they seem logical at the time.
  - Most recently, matters have arisen that require specific consultation but governance of those matters is not always clear.
    - Eg. GV9 + ACA – the rush to assume it was all a done deal caused a lot of negative feelings. Through the governance model, Senate was able to stop the quick dissolution of ACA and ensure proper consultation was completed.
  - With regards to FSH – need to speak about the disciplines of FSH. In which we decide how we are going to conduct business. FSH can set priorities and decide which programs are going to be priority and which will not. It's important that we speak with one voice rather than confusion among the Faculty.
  - Curriculum – Senate committees do not send critical feedback to departments unless it's a systemic problem. Issues with regards to course content must be addressed at the Faculty level as Senate does not look at this.
  - FC is our only mechanism for a collective responsibility in FSH. Decisions to disband a program, create a department, revise curriculum, etc. can only be governed through Faculty Council.

#### Questions:

- Rebecca:
  - Q - Are there certain things that come to FC that can be sent to Senate for consultation without formalizing it into the agenda?
  - A – if you are unsure, best to send an email to David Burns with the question and he can recommend the proper channel for an answer.
- Mike C:
  - Q – Structure of Senate is not set up for FSH in particular because we have many lab instructors who teach however they are not considered faculty.
  - A – Senate membership is dictated by the University Act, however we can add other members to subcommittees of FC.
- Rebecca:
  - Q – How important is it that FC's are set up the same across all Faculties?
  - A – not necessarily the same across Faculties, it's better to have a collective voice representative of your Faculty

- Mike B:
    - Q – What is the differentiation between FC and FoW?
    - A – Faculty is represented by the FoW and because the Dean is the Chair of the entire Faculty, they are the Chair of the FoW. FC is a committee of representatives of the entire Faculty. System needs to protect the Faculty and Deans with regards to difficult conversations.
  - Mike C:
    - Q - FC and Chairs – differentiation between the committees and their roles?
    - A – subcommittees are set up to give advice to FC. Mandates should be distinctively different.
2. Rajiv Jhangiani presented information on the Open Education Strategic Plan. Specific websites were shown outlining these strategies. The plan outlines three main clusters:
1. Open textbooks – i.e. zero textbooks
  2. Open pedagogy projects
  3. Open education research

For more information and to review the strategic plan, please visit the following websites:

[Academic Plan 2023](#) – Strategy 6 encompasses the Open education strategies.

<https://kpu.pressbooks.pub/openeducation/>

<https://www.kpu.ca/open>

Rebecca commented about how much work has been done and noted that it was inspiring to know how many resources are available.

Betty W noted that a new item has been added to course outlines regarding open textbooks. It provides an opportunity for the course developer to consider using open textbooks. Librarians are available to help find resources.

Any questions or just want to chat, please email [open@kpu.ca](mailto:open@kpu.ca)

### 1. **Approval of the Agenda**

*It was **moved** (Michael A.), **seconded** (Korri T.), and **carried***

***THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.*

### 2. **Approval of the Minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*It was **moved** (Mike C.), **seconded** (Michael A.), and **carried THAT** the minutes be approved with amendments to remove the comments.*

### 3. **Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

### 4. **Reports**

#### a. **Chair's Report**

- Mike reported that he took our new bylaws to Senate Governance and Nominating Committee (SGNC) last week. There was only one comment from a Senator in Arts who was unhappy with the way in which the number of reps from each department was devised. The bylaws were approved and have been forwarded to Senate for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
- The following statement was sent from FC to all members of the group reviewing policy AC14:

- *The Faculty Council for Science and Horticulture opposes the implementation of a strict limit of 126 credits for a BSc degree, or exactly 60 credits for an Associate Degree. Degree programs that depend on lab-based courses may require more credits to satisfy learning objectives. Establishing degree credit requirements should be accomplished through program review, instead of requiring adherence to a strict upper limit.*
- Betty commented that at the Senate Executive Committee meeting, David mentioned to Dr. Davis that he was impressed with how the bylaws were presented at SGNC.

b. Dean's Report

- Betty announced that the KPU Brewery won the 2019 Brewery of the Year award last Saturday at the BC Craft Beer awards as well as 5 individual beer awards. She also reported that Brewing program instructor Nancy More received a Legend Award and a new scholarship has been created in her name.
- Betty, Joel, and Lana met with search committees regarding the vetting ACP faculty who join FSH as of September 1, 2020. Plan is for this to be completed by the end of the year as any changes to the *Minimum Qualifications – Faculty Positions* document will need to be approved.
- Budgets have been sent in from all departments. There are no net changes in operating budget. Some redistribution throughout FSH but everyone is covered because we don't know what next year will look like.
- Betty, Joel, and Lana met with the campus planning team to review ideas. Displays have been set up on campuses and available for employees to view and ask questions. More consultations will be happening in the future.
- Thursday, October 25 – Betty will be part of the first Strategic Enrolment Planning Council (SEPC) meeting. Integrated planning is a key focus of Vision 2023. The SEP Council will be the main coordinating body for enrolment planning.
- Richmond Open House on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

c. Senate Report

- Amy reported that a search committee is being composed for a new chancellor – Rebecca's name was put forward to sit on this search.
- Rebecca H reported that SCCUB met last week to approve the budget. Dr. Gupta amended the motion to include a statement regarding budget emphasis. This came from a previous conversation with the Senate Research committee regarding KPU's priorities. The amendment was approved and forwarded to Senate as follows:

*THAT Senate endorse the 2020 / 21 Draft University Budget with, in addition to the priorities established in Vision 2023, an emphasis on enhancing the student experience through innovation in teaching and learning, and in research and scholarship.*

- Finance committee will not be holding meetings because the budget would not be changing. Someone suggested meetings happen through consultation with how to prioritize, etc.

d. Nominations and Governance Report

- Mike C reported that a new committee on Internationalization being set up so expect a call for representation.
- Mike B commented that FSH might need an AdHoc committee on Internationalization so that the FSH rep has a group to come back and report to.
- Missing reps on Research and on Teaching & Learning.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

- Nothing to report.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

- Allyson reported that the committee wants to take a closer look at the budget and will be asking departments to provide data to SCAPP so they can make better decisions.

g. Teaching and Learning Committee

- Most of the meeting was focused on the statement included in the budget.

- Reviewed their mandate and membership. Added a librarian and VP T&L as a voting members as well as Learning Strategist as a non-voting member.

h. Research Committee

- A new FSH rep is needed.

5. New Business

- Nothing to report.

*Meeting adjourned by Chair at 5:32.*

**Date of next meeting: November 19, 2019**