

**FACULTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**4:15 pm in Rooms 1140 Cedar (Surrey), 1420 (Richmond), 1030 (Langley)**

Present:	Michael Coombes (Chair)	Colin MacLeod	Elizabeth Worobec
	Jana Kolac	Darryl Loewen	Cameron Lait
	Patrick Duffy	Megan Marcotte	Lily Liu
	Mike Bomford	Jennifer Au	Avtar Sadhra
	Joel Murray	Graham Rankin	Lilian Wang
	Terri Taylor	Richard Popoff	Barbara Maloney, Recording

Visitor: Joanne Massey

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Quorum was confirmed.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

It was **moved, seconded** (Patrick Duffy/Avtar Sadhra) **and carried**

**THAT** Faculty Council approve the Agenda as distributed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

It was **moved, seconded** (Darryl Loewen/Patrick Duffy) **and carried**

**THAT** the Minutes be approved as distributed.

**3. Business Arising**

Mike circulated a reply received from Zena Mitchell, Registrar, to the two motions sent to her from the last Faculty Council meeting. With regard to the motion regarding the Spring Semester start dates, the Registrar indicated that they would attempt to consider this information when they are setting the dates for the next year. With regard to the motion concerning policy AR 6, it was suggested that the motion be sent along to Josephine Chen in the Office of the Provost, see who she suggests the issue should be addressed to. Mike will follow up with Josephine.

They are looking at the processes for all Faculty Councils to nominate and will ask for Mike Coombes to be informed about the process as it progresses.

**4. Reports**

a. Chair's Report

Mike thanked Jennifer Au for her service as Vice Chair of Senate. Faculty Council gave a round of applause for Jennifer in appreciation.

The question was raised whether the June meeting of Faculty Council could be held earlier in the day than is normal, however, there were too many members with commitments to make

a change. The meeting will be held only on the Richmond campus, however, rather than three campuses, with the usual Bluejeans link for those not able to attend in person.

Mike announced that as he will be teaching an upper division physics course in the Fall, he will be stepping down as Chair of Faculty Council. His replacement should be further discussed at the June meeting and finalized at the Faculty of the Whole meeting. He does plan to stay on as a member of Faculty Council and so would be willing to be Vice Chair, if asked.

b. Dean's Report

The Science Rendezvous event was very successful, in spite of the poor weather, with well over 2,000 participants. Thanks to all the volunteers who contributed to this event. It was a great event overall.

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked on the Open Doors, Open Minds an Indigenous STEM forum on Monday. All participants were Grade 11 First Nations students. There was also a presentation by the first First Nations US astronaut, Dr. John Herrington.

Convocation is coming up on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to all the faculty who have signed up to participate. It is important to our students and their families to see you there.

The Science Fair Fun Run on May 28<sup>th</sup>, is having a very good response rate of participants.

There will be very good representation from our Faculty for presentations and workshops at the Teaching and Learning Symposium. If you are not presenting, please, come and participate.

May 30<sup>th</sup>, Mike Bomford is repeating his public lecture at Science World: "Cool Eats: The City Slicker's Diet for a Warming Planet."

Budget Processes: Planning for 2018/2019 Budget. This process will begin during the first week in September 2017 when we will meet with departments, similar to last year following zero-based budgeting formula and careful review of spending. There will be forums in June that people can attend to ask any questions. We may invite someone from Finance to attend our June meeting.

c. Senate Reports

Jennifer reported an item of interest from Senate in that the incoming Vice-Chair of Senate and Chair of SSCC has brought forward a proposal to SCC and to SSCC a proposal to disband SCC and move the terms of reference for SCC to SSCC. This proposal was approved unanimously by SCC and was also approved by SSCC earlier this month. The elimination of SCC will allow Curriculum to move much more quickly through the system.

d. Nominations and Governance

Mike reported that the Committee has reviewed the Bylaws and made some suggestions for changes and corrections. There was discussion on how CADD will be represented within the Bylaws. It was decided that the details for CADD would be taken back to their departmental meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> for their approval and agreement.

Further, it was **moved, seconded and carried**

**THAT** Bylaws section 13.1.4 be changed to the language suggested by Nominations and Governance Committee to read “2 Faculty Members from Horticulture and 1 Faculty Member from all other departments and programs.”

Also, it was **moved, seconded and carried**

**THAT** Faculty Council accept the various corrections highlighted in the Bylaws word document and these will be incorporated into the most updated version of the Bylaws.

With regard to adding committees to our Faculty, the Nominations and Governance Committee spoke with other Faculties to find out what they have in place. It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Darryl Loewen)

**THAT** Faculty Council create two ad hoc committees, one on Teaching and Learning and one on Research and Scholarship. The membership for now would be by interest, trying to get someone from each area if possible. We would ask them to function as those two committees, but also to develop Terms of Reference in order to establish them as full committees of Faculty Council.

The **motion was carried.**

Mike will talk to faculty suggested as members of both of these Committees to see if they will serve and liaise with the Dean to get these Committees moving.

Kiran Johal was welcomed as a new student member of Faculty Council. Kiran is a third year B.Sc. Biology student. She will ask her student colleagues for a second person to serve.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

There were no items from Curriculum Committee.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

There were no items from Academic Planning and Priorities.

**5. Other Business**

A question was raised as to when the next discussion on withdrawal dates will occur and Jennifer mentioned that this will come up on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Colin will be available to attend this meeting.

Amendments to our Bylaws would normally be ratified by Senate at its October meeting. However, someone from CADD should be planning to attend Faculty meetings beginning in September.

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**Date of next meeting: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**