

FACULTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, February 17th, 2015
4:15 pm in Room 1420 (Richmond), 2020 (Langley) and 322 Fir (Surrey)**

Present:	Michael Coombes (Chair)	Jennifer Au	Darryl Loewen
	Betty Worobec	Trish O'Brien	David Sud
	Bruce McTavish	Lori Karr	Betty Cunnin
	Melissa Bodner	Michael Nyenhuis	Joel Murray
	Eric Wirsching	Michael Adams	Judy Bicep
	Mike Bomford	Paul Adams	Greg Harris
	Paul Richard	Jana Kolac	Barbara Maloney, Recording
Visitors:	Lana Mihell	Karen Vance	

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was corrected to list the Minutes for approval from the meeting of January 20th, 2015. And, under the Curriculum Committee items the second item refers to the Bachelor of Horticulture Science, **Minor** in Plant Health.

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT the Agenda be approved, as amended above.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Under item 4., it was requested to make a change to the last sentence of this item to indicate that the presentation will not be available to distribute to Faculty members until it has been sent to SSCUB. It was **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT the Minutes of January 20th, 2015, be approved as amended.

3. Business Arising

Mike reported that the message of thanks to John Martin and his Dean has gone out.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report.

b. Dean's Report

Betty reported on meetings and discussions she has had with the Chair of the Science Department at Princess Margaret high school. They are looking for tutoring volunteers from amongst our students. As well, they are seeking positions for their students undertaking the Science co-op portion of their high school programs.

Sal Ferreras has expressed an interest in sitting in on some classes. To help him get a feel for programs and Faculties, Chairs may want to suggest some specific classes that he might find particularly interesting.

The education planning and timetabling process is moving ahead. Following meetings with Chairs to discuss their program needs, we are now formalizing the Faculty's departmental requests into the Scheduling spreadsheets.

Guildford Mall is hosting a KPU day where our Faculties will have the opportunity to spread the word about KPU programs, using the Guildford venue.

KPU Open House will be held on February 28th, at Surrey Campus. The APEGBC Langley Popsicle Stick Bridge Building Contest will again be held as part of the Open House event. Drop by and see the competition judging being held just inside the Library foyer.

Science Fair will be held April 9th and 10th; we will be seeking volunteers to participate as judges.

Science Rendezvous will be held on May 9th. With more Faculties participating, it is becoming almost an Open House. However, effort is continuing to make sure that all participants and displays have a solid science component.

We are hoping that the Brewing Lab will be opened on Thursday. There have been some issues but they are being resolved one by one. Perhaps a future Faculty Council Meeting can be held at Langley so that members can have a tour of the new facilities.

c. Senate Reports

SSCC endorsed revisions to the Bachelor of Horticulture Science program and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Agriculture program and are now to be forwarded to Senate for approval.

FSH program declarations were provided to SSCC for information and will be forwarded to Senate for information and will be placed in the forthcoming calendar for 2015/2016.

SCC had recommended development of a Math Equivalency table so that students missing prerequisites that are equivalent to our existing courses would not be blocked from registration. This table is now going through all Faculty Curriculum Committees; it will be coming to FSH Faculty Council next month.

At SCC, all course outlines forwarded were approved. The Committee discussed its current approval process and feels their processes are appropriate and has so informed the Provost.

With regard to the budget, Senate Committees felt that the budget speaks to the Academic Plan and the Strategic Plan and, therefore, is recommending it to Senate at its next meeting.

With regard to the skills gap plan, KPU has developed a plan for 2015/2016 and this was presented to the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities. It was endorsed by the Committee and will now go on to Senate for information.

Two policies being revised are on Establishment and Discontinuance of Programs and the Establishment and Discontinuance of Faculties and Departments. These are still under revision due to the large number of comments received.

d. Faculty Nominations and Governance Committee

There is no report but Mike plans to call a meeting of this Committee.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

- i. Proposed Revision to the B.Sc. Major in Health Sciences program
It was **moved and seconded** (Paul Richard/Greg Harris)

THAT the revisions proposed to the B.Sc. Major in Health Sciences program in the memo from Jane Hobson, dated January 28th, 2015, be approved with the amendments proposed by Faculty Council.

The **motion carried**.

- ii. Bachelor of Horticulture Science, Minor in Plant Health
It was **moved and seconded** (Paul Richard/Bruce McTavish)

THAT Faculty Council approve the Minor in Plant Health, as described in the memo from Carol Barnett, dated January 23, 2015..

The **motion carried**.

- iii. Revisions to the Science Diploma Program
It was **moved and seconded** (Bruce McTavish/Judy Bicep)

THAT Faculty Council approve the Revisions to the Science Diploma Program, with the amendment proposed by Faculty Council regarding the stated exclusion of MATH 2341.

The **motion carried**.

5. Other Business

Mike raised the question as to whether Faculty Council members have issues they would like to see raised at meetings, as time permits.

It was **moved, seconded and carried** to adjourn the meeting.