



FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, February 17th, 2017

4:15 pm in Rooms 2410 Arbutus (Surrey), 1420 (Richmond), 1010 (Langley)

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

Visitors: Zena Mitchell, University Registrar

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Visitor: Zena Mitchell

Zena Mitchell spoke on the issues involved in building the academic schedule for the coming academic year, especially the proposed withdrawal dates. Current relevant policies make no mention of guidelines for establishing these dates and previous years show inconsistencies. Zena supports providing consistency, transparency and a strong rationale in support of what has been chosen. Mike summarized the position stated by Faculty Council and while flexible, we would like to see the withdrawal date later. Senate has put the issue on its agenda for next week.

Zena will be sent an e-mail of thanks for coming to our meeting and speaking to FSH Faculty Council; thanks were also expressed to Colin MacLeod for doing the research in support of this issue.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was **moved, seconded** (Patrick Duffy/Megan Marcotte) **and carried**

THAT Faculty Council approve the Agenda as distributed.

3. Approval of the Minutes of January 17th, 2017

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT the Minutes of January 17th, 2017, be approved.

4. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Mike reported that he was notified that the nomination of Suzanne Pearce to serve on SSCUB was a conflict of interest as Suzanne is also on the Board Finance Committee. Betty reminded everyone that her term expires at the end of the month so the matter is urgent in order that we have representation on SSCUB. Mike needs to find another candidate to serve.

b. Dean's Report

Betty reported that Mike Bomford has been called to repeat his Science World talk at the end of May.

The Surrey Open House is coming up on March 4th.

Other outreach is being undertaken by the Future Students' Office due to low Richmond enrollments, including faculty going into the Richmond high schools.

Betty gave tours to visitors from Polytechnics Canada of which KPU is now a member. BCIT is the only other member in B.C. Membership criteria include being a degree-granting institution, offering apprenticeship trades programming as well as doing student-led research and work experience. They did tours in the Physics lab in Richmond and showcased our Faculty well at Langley as well. Betty has been asked to lead some additional tours in the next while, considering possible joint offerings.

Betty outlined the objectives of the Maple Leaf Schools currently being considered to share our Richmond facilities. Concern was expressed about their use of our labs. They have experience at TRU where they were set up in classrooms which were not being used much.

Betty proposed that we should have two more committees for our Faculty: a Research and Scholarship Committee and a Teaching and Learning Committee. It would be good to have feedback from Chairs on this idea.

A motion of concern regarding limited classroom space will be discussed under Other Business.

c. Senate Report

One item only was dealt with due to the snow closure, because it was time-sensitive. Other items were moved to the next meeting.

d. Nominations and Governance

There were no items under Nominations and Governance.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

- It was **moved and seconded** (Colin MacLeod/Jana Kolac)

THAT the Program Revision: Minor in Mathematics (v. 2016-Nov-21) be accepted by Faculty Council.

The **motion carried**.

- It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Jana Kolac)

THAT the Program Revision: Bachelor of Science, Major in Physics for Modern Technology (v. 2016-Nov-21) be accepted by Faculty Council.

The **motion carried**.

- The Program Revision for the Associate of Science Degree Framework was discussed and received for information.

- f. Academic Planning and Priorities
There were no items.

6. Other Business

Faculty Council members considered the situation of space required by the Maple Leaf School which is planned to begin in September 2017. The final decision is expected to be made by the Board of Governors at its April meeting.

Following discussion, it was **moved and seconded** (Mike Bomford/Darryl Loewen)

THAT whereas the Faculty of Science and Horticulture has lost three classrooms recently and whereas the Faculty of Science and Horticulture has been seeking space for the MATH Assistance Centre for the past five years, we ask that a decision on the Maple Leaf School sharing our facilities be postponed until after consultation with FSH around these issues of space concerns.

The **motion carried**, with two abstentions. The text of the above motion will be used to craft an e-mail to the appropriate administrators.

At the next meeting we will consider striking two new committees.

The Faculty of Science and Horticulture should consider adding a Senate Curriculum Committee member to our FSH Curriculum Committee. Jennifer Au will bring a motion to the next Faculty Council meeting for consideration.

Amended Bylaws need to be approved by the June meeting in order to go to the Faculty of the Whole meeting in September.

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Date of next meeting: March 21st, 2017