



FACULTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, May 19th, 2015
4:15 pm in Rooms 2020 (Langley) and 322 Fir (Surrey)**

Present:	Michael Coombes (Chair)	Jennifer Au	Darryl Loewen
	Jana Kolac	Paul Adams	Judy Bicep
	Betty Worobec	Betty Cunnin	Greg Harris
	Eric Wirsching	Michael Nyenhuis	Barbara Maloney, Recording
	Mike Bomford	Joel Murray	
Visitors:	Deepani Indurugalla	Carol Barnett	

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

As there has been no further information received concerning the item under Other Business regarding hiring in Biology, it was **moved, seconded** (Betty Cunnin/Jana Kolac) **and carried**

THAT the Item noted above be deleted and the amended Agenda be approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was **moved, seconded** (Betty Cunnin/ Eric Wirsching) **and carried**

THAT the Minutes of March 17th, 2015, be approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

- i. Mike presented a list of dates for the next year's meetings (2015/2016) as follows:
 - September 29th
 - October 20th
 - November 10th
 - December 15th
 - January 18th
 - February 16th
 - March 15th
 - April 19th
 - May 17th

June 21st

It is planned to use the same meeting time of 4:15 p.m.

It was **moved, seconded** (Betty Cunnin/Jana Kolac) **and carried**

THAT Faculty Council accept the provisional dates listed above.

- ii. Mike mentioned that he has learned that other institutions are interested in transferring their students into some of our new degree programs. There are some MOUs in the works and there is support for these within KPU; work is being done toward putting some of these agreements in place.

b. **Dean's Report**

Betty reviewed the budget process for the upcoming year, 2016/2017, which will be close to what was done last year. The Faculty Academic Planning and Priorities Committee is now preparing its recommended priorities for support. Their recommendations will be brought forward to Chairs and Co-ordinators and then to Faculty Council, as was done last year. This year's process will be shadowed by Finance and for 2017/2018 there could be further developments and changes to the process.

Betty expressed thanks to the many volunteers who contributed to the success of the South Fraser Regional Science Fair; a number of the winners also won awards at the Canada-wide event. Science Rendezvous was again a tremendously successful event, also generously served by a large number of volunteers.

The Science and Horticulture Spring Convocation will take place Thursday (21st) morning. This will be the first time we will have degree graduates. Takashi Sato will receive a Distinguished Service Award, Faculty Division at one of the ceremonies for his contribution to transforming KPU from a college to a university and increasing scientific literacy at KPU.

KPU Days will take place at all four campuses this year, from June 15th to 19th.

Jennifer Au has submitted to us the Strategic Enrollment Management plan, providing us with guidelines for moving forward and helping to ensure that we have enough resources for the students we are expecting. This year it is a one-year plan but in the future will be a five-year plan.

All Deans will be going to Victoria on the 29th to meet with AVED. This is a part of the Provost's plan to build a better rapport with the Minister. Betty will report at the next meeting. There is now no GPA cut-off and new students register first.

Work is on schedule in the new Biology lab; required equipment and supplies have been ordered.

In reply to a question on the budget process, Betty advised there are no department deadlines; one-on-one meetings of departments with the Dean are being set up now for the first week of September and the following week (10th or 11th September) Chairs will meet as a

group and in the following week, we will submit the draft to AP&P. The meeting of the Faculty of the Whole will take place on September 1st.

c. **Senate Reports**

The SEM report will be going to Senate next week.

Jennifer's time release was 50% last year now being increased to 75% this year due to increased responsibilities and workload. Last year she was not able to take vacation time. This summer she is not teaching as usual. In addition, as she will be chairing SSCC, which normally has a 25% time release, Jennifer's total release will be 100% from teaching and she will be focussing on her committee and Senate work.

Faculty Council acknowledged with appreciation Jennifer's hard work with a round of spontaneous applause.

d. **Faculty Nominations and Governance Committee**

It was **moved and seconded** (Betty Cunnin/Jana Kolac)

THAT Faculty Council approve the Bylaw changes noted in the document distributed to Faculty Council by Carol Barnett.

Carol went through the list of suggested changes for the benefit of Faculty Council members. Many of the recommended changes were accepted as noted in the document. A further change to item 14.1.4. was amended to read: One faculty member from each department or department group as recognized by Faculty Council within the Faculty....

Faculty Council discussed the question of whether a committee chair should have a vote; in addition there was discussion around whether the Dean should be a voting member of committees. Faculty Council proposes that the Bylaws be amended to include the Dean as a voting member of committees.

Following discussion, the vote was called and the **motion carried**. A clean draft of the document with all suggested changes will be prepared for discussion and approval at the Faculty of the Whole on September 1st.

Faculty Council expressed a vote of thanks to Carol and other members of the Nominations and Governance Committee for all of their work.

It was asked how many Institutes exist now within the Faculty. There are two, the Institute for Food Systems and the Institute for Sustainable Horticulture of which Kent Mullinix and Deborah Henderson are the Directors, respectively.

It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Betty Cunnin)

THAT we revise the membership of the Faculty of the Whole to include the Directors of Institutes associated with the Faculty of Science and Horticulture.

This change would affect 3.1.8 in the Bylaws. We would need to put together a rationale to explain this recommendation when it comes before the Faculty of the Whole.

The question was called and the **motion carried unanimously.**

e. **Curriculum Committee**

There were no Curriculum items.

5. **Other Business**

Questions arising are: Are there issues that Faculty Council should be looking at?

Have there been any problems with curriculum going to Senate now that course outlines do not have to come through Faculty Council?

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

A tour of the new Brewing Facility was available for those interested.