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FACULTY COUNCIL

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026
Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Meeting Minutes

Faculty Council Voting Member Quorum: 30% (7)		
Allyson Rozell – Outgoing Chair Mary Hosseinyazdi – Incoming Chair, MATH Marjorie Sorenson – BIOL Cayley Velazquez – BIOL/HSCI Samaneh Ghanfari Hashemi – CADD Deepani Indurugalla – CHEM David Sud – CHEM Ellen Pond – HORT Dominic Bernard – HOPS	Mehdi Salimi – MATH Daniel Anvari – MATH Tyron Tsui – PHYS Sepideh Tahriri Adabi, Institution Rep Suellen Zhou – Rmd staff Rep Michaela Martin –Langley Staff Rep Christina Iggulden – Sry Staff Rep Wilson Chim – CHEM	**Non-voting** Brett Favaro Jeff Dyck Christina Heinrick Richard Popoff; *FC Senate* Catherine Chow Allyson Rozell, Senate Nadia Henwood, Registrar Ana Moura, recording Michelle Ikoma, recording
Regrets		**Guests**
		Keri Spindler - University Secretary Michelle Molnar - Associate University Secretary

1. **Approval of the Agenda of October 20, 2026**

   A correction was noted to include Allyson Rozell's name under agenda items 6.2 and 7.2. The agenda was approved as amended.
   Also, amended to correct Christina Iggulden's name to Christina Heinrick under New Business
   *It was **moved** (Deepani Indurugalla), **seconded** (Ellen Pond), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.*

2. **Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of September 15, 2026**

   *It was **moved** (Mehdi Salimi), **seconded** (Christina Iggulden), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

3. **Business Arising:**
   None.

4. **Chair's Report:**
   Mary Hosseinyazdi thanked Allyson Rozell for her service as previous Chair and acknowledged the transition into the role. No additional report was presented.

5. **Dean's Report:**
   Brett Favaro:
   - Announced upcoming faculty town halls across Surrey, Langley, Richmond, and online locations.
   - Encouraged departments to arrange smaller meetings if desired.

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- Reported on participation in a post-secondary education support rally organized by faculty associations and unions.
- Encouraged engagement with provincial election candidates regarding post-secondary education and science funding priorities.

6. Senate Reports:

Presented by Allyson Rozell:

- Senate meeting was held on September 28, 2026.
- Student Satisfaction Survey identified increasing mental health and financial concerns among students.
- Faculty encouraged to make sure students are aware of available supports.
- Senate approved nominations for Catherine, Charissa, and Paul.
- Academic schedules for the next three years were approved.
- Intake cancellation extensions were approved for:
    - Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems and Security
    - Diploma in Advanced FX
- Several science courses with high DFW rates will be removed from Pathways designation through regular governance processes.
- Open invitation for faculty interested in serving temporarily on the Senate Standing Committee on Program Review

6.1. Senate Standing Committee on University Budget (SSCUB):

Presented by Richard Popoff:

- Committee reviewed the preliminary KPU Strategic Enrolment Plan.
- Discussion focused on recruitment, retention, graduation targets, and enrolment stability.
- University operating deficit reported, primarily related to lower international student enrolment.
- Budget is currently projected to approach balance by year-end due to cost-saving measures.
- Discussion occurred regarding the role of provincial block grants in budget calculations. Richard agreed to seek further clarification for a future report

6.2. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SSCAPP):

Presented by Allyson Rozell:

- SCAP recommended that the preliminary proposal regarding discontinuance of the Faculty of Academic and Career Preparation (ACP) merits further consideration.
- If approved by Senate, a task force will be established to continue the review process.
- A deeper budget discussion is expected at the November 20 SCAP/SCUB meeting

6.3. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC):

Presented by Richard Popoff:

- Approved appointments of Heather Seer and Mark Richard to the Writing Intensive Subcommittee.
- Approved revision to MARK 1299.

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- Approved several Entrepreneurship program revisions.

6.4. Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR):

- No Report

6.5. Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL):

- The committee had not provided a report at the meeting. Clarification regarding committee representation and the submission of a written report.
  Action item: Ellen Pond to follow up regarding committee representation and obtain a written report if necessary

6.6. Senate Standing Committee on Policy

- Written report provided by Catherine and shared with council members during the meeting as follows:
  SSC Policy met on October 6.

  We discussed a new policy, FM10 (Cash Acceptance, Handling, and Anti-Money Laundering Policy). Horticulture and Sustainable Agriculture were brought up as units which handle cash and who may be consulted on this policy.

  We also discussed Procedure changes to AC6 (Recognition of Prior Learning). Changes include the removal of a 10-year maximum duration for articulation agreements, and clarification of definitions and processes. The revised procedure document should go up on the Policy blog in December or January for comment from the university community.

7. Science Committee Reports

7.1. Curriculum Committee:

Presented by Richard Popoff.

- That Faculty Council approve:
  - Discontinuance of **AGRC 2110 Beekeeping**
  - Creation of **HORT 2110 Beekeeping**

  motion carried.
- Background:
  The new HORT course is effectively identical to the former AGRC course and aligns delivery with Horticulture, which has historically administered the course.

  Information Item:
- Minor revisions to **BIOL 4320** were reviewed and did not require Faculty Council approval.

Motion Approved

7.2. Academic Planning and Priorities:

Presented by Allyson Rozell.

- The committee had not yet met. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2026.

7.3. Research:

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- No report

7.4. Nominations and Governance:

No Report

8. New Business:

Presented by Michelle Molnar and Keri Spindler.

Highlights:

- Introduction to the review of Policy GV2, governing policy development and review at KPU.
- Overview of policy and procedure distinctions.
- Review of policy consultation, posting, and approval processes.

Faculty members were invited to provide ongoing feedback throughout the consultation process.

A motion to adjourn was moved, seconded, and carried.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:54 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: November 17th, 2026