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FACULTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, Sept 15, 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 Mike Coombes – Vice Chair, PHYS Marjorie Sorenson – BIOL Cayley Velazquez – BIOL/HSCI Samaneh Ghanfari Hashemi – CADD Deepani Indurugalla – CHEM David Sud – CHEM Ellen Pond – HORT Russ Lyons – HORT	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 Arshdeep Randhawa – St rep	**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**
Ambrose Asselin-Gonzalez – St rep Dominic Bernard – HOPS		

1. **Approval of the Agenda of June 16, 2026**

   It was moved (David Sud), seconded (Marjorie Sorenson), and carried THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

2. **Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of May 19, 2026**

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

3. **Business Arising:**
   - **None**
4. **Election of New Chair:**
   Mary Hosseinyazdi was elected by acclamation as Chair of Faculty Council. Her term will conclude on August 31, 2028.

5. **Chair's Report:**
   Chair Allyson Rozell expressed her appreciation to Council members for their participation and support throughout her term. She confirmed that she will continue to participate in Council meetings as a Senate Representative

6. **Dean's Report:**
   - The Dean acknowledged Allyson Rozell for her service and leadership as Chair and welcomed Mary Hosseinyazdi to the role.
   - Ana Moura was introduced as the new Dean's Assistant.

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- Staffing updates were provided: Nancy has moved to the Senate Office; Sony Obregon has joined the Dean's Office as an Administrative Assistant on a contract through the end of December; and Geraldine Wee (Gerry) has returned to Science Advising to cover Hannah Cenaiko's maternity leave.
- The Dean recognized Department Chairs and Dean's Office staff for their patience and efforts during the transition to the new timetabling system introduced by OREG.
- Farm Fest at the KPU Farm in Richmond was reported as a successful community event, with strong attendance including the Mayor of Richmond.
- A new one hour Science orientation session was introduced this year in conjunction with Orientation. The session was delivered by the Dean, Science Advisors and Triona King and focused on Science programs, advising, and campus roles.
- The Dean referred to summer communications from Interim President Diane Purvey and Interim Provost David Burns regarding institutional refocusing and program examination. Council members were encouraged to participate actively in upcoming budget discussions and seek clarification regarding financial decisions and rationales.

7.0 Senate Report – (Allyson Rozell and Richard Popoff)

- The June Senate meeting included discussion of a short-term strategic plan intended to bridge Vision 2026 and the arrival of a new President.
- Priority areas identified included student recruitment and retention, cost management, revenue development, and alignment of activities with institutional priorities.
- The Provost emphasized the value of establishing and implementing a forward-looking plan early in the process.
- CHEM curriculum items were approved.
- Two Faculty-at-Large positions and three temporary positions were approved to support the anticipated volume of program reviews. A call for committee volunteers will follow.
- The 2026/27 consolidated financial statements and budget were submitted; principles and priorities for 2027/28 were endorsed; and five-year enrolment projections were presented.

7.1 Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities: Allyson Rozell

7.2 Standing Committee on University Budget – (Richard Popoff)

- Program changes discussed included suspensions affecting several graduate and undergraduate programs, with implementation beginning January 1, 2027.
- The discussion noted the relationship between enrolment levels, particularly international enrolment, and the university's broader resizing efforts.

7.3 Standing Committee on Curriculum: Richard Popoff

- The committee reviewed nominations to S2C2 subcommittees, the SSCC mandate, and pathway-course matters.
- A motion was passed recommending that faculties review relevant criteria and data and remove pathway designations from identified courses through normal governance processes, with consultation with OREG, appropriate course capacity planning, and pedagogical support.
- Implementation is targeted for September 1, 2027.
- Faculty of Science courses identified for further review included HORT 1105, HORT 1118, HORT 1132, MATH 1102, MATH 1112, MATH 1117, MATH 1120, MATH 1130 and MATH 1140.

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- Departments should anticipate further review concerning Pathway 3 students and determine whether additional support or removal from the pathway program is appropriate.
- DQAB reviewed the Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine and determined that it did not constitute a new degree.

7.4 Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR): Paul Adams - No report

7.5 Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL): Charissa Steel - No report

7.6 Senate Standing Committee on Policy (SSCP): Catherine Chow

- The September 8 meeting included several policies entering Phase One consultation through the Policy Blog.
- Policies referenced included GV10, GV2 and GV8.
- Members were encouraged to review the materials and participate in consultation as appropriate.
- Further discussion considered a proposed Senate governance committee that would combine SG&C and policy functions.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Curriculum Committee (Richard Popoff): No report

8.2 Academic Planning and Priorities (Rebecca Harbut): No report

8.3 Research: No report

8.4 Nominations and Governance:

- Nominations and Governance – Council approved Daniel Anvari as the Faculty of Science representative on the DCC Digital Certificates subcommittee.

Moved by: Noted in discussion Seconded by: Mary Hosseinyazdi Decision: Carried

9.0 New Business:

9.1 Ellen Pond recognized Christina Heinrick's work in addressing timetable-related issues affecting apprenticeship courses. Concerns were raised regarding the removal of course numbers and names from the timetable and the resulting need for manual review, Moodle course creation and student enrolment.

9.2 AI-Enabled Wearable Devices in Classrooms

Council discussed concerns arising from the use of AI-enabled wearable glasses in an instructional setting. Discussion focused on classroom expectations, recording and transcription, student privacy, accommodations, and the current absence of clear guidance specifically addressing student use of these devices.

- Catherine Chow advised that an AI Assistive Devices Working Group is in place.
- The Dean indicated that development of a policy proposal or related guidance may be appropriate.
- The potential use of Wi-Fi restrictions as a technical measure was also raised.

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- **ACTION:** *Dean to advocate for Faculty guidance and appropriate syllabus language concerning the use of assistive AI glasses, ensuring that any guidance does not interfere with accommodation requirements.*

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 5:11 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: October 20 2026