



FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held March 16, 2021

4:15 PM-6:15 PM

MS TEAMS

Members:

Name	Present	Regrets	Name	Present	Regrets
Mike Bomford – Chair	√		Korri Thorlaciuss – Vice Chair	√	
Elizabeth Worobec – Dean	√		Jeff Dyck – Associate Dean	√	
Zena Mitchell – Registrar	√		Allyson Rozell	√	
Amy Jeon – Senate	√		Astrid Opsetmoen		X
Cameron Lait	√		Christina Iggulden	√	
Daryl Massey		X	Fergal Callaghan – Senate	√	
Gary Jones	√		Jane Hobson	√	
Michael Adams	√		Michael Coombes	√	
Louis Saumier Demers	√		Nicole Tunbridge		X
Asiyeh Sanaie	√		Suzanne Pearce	√	
Tyron Tsui	√		Kent Mullinix		X
Chelsea Allison – student	√		Monique Ly – student	√	

Guests:

Rajiv Jhangiani	Joel Murray	Josephine Chan	Sandy Vanderburgh
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Recording: Michelle Ikoma

1. Rajiv Jhangiani and Joel Murray – Draft framework for Faculty development at KPU and Draft Policy AC 15: Micro-Credentials.

a) Teaching and Learning Plan for Faculty Development

- New Faculty Development plan will be launched in August, after feedback has been received and revisions have been made in response
- Intended to align with Academic Plan 2023
- Focus on stackable competencies (basic training ladder into leadership training)
 - Learning Design
 - Learning Assessment
 - Inclusive Teaching
 - Learning Technology
 - Reflective Practice
- Possibility of badged system, but not tied to performance review
- Faculty development attended over the past year will be recorded as completed
- All Teaching and Learning Commons trainings are open to all Instructional staff

b) Draft Policy AC 15: Micro-credentials

- Now on Policy Blog - Faculty and instructional staff invited to comment on blog or by email
- Goal is to introduce short, flexible, competency based offerings (credit or non-credit)
- Micro-credentials would require Senate approval
 - New subcommittee of Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC) called Senate Micro-credential Committee (SMC) would provide initial feedback for all micro-credentials
 - Pathway for credit courses: SMC -> SSCC -> Senate
 - Pathway for non-credit courses: SMC -> Provost -> Senate
- Responses to questions / comments from Faculty Council:
 - No obligation to develop micro-credentials: Agency lies with department and/or faculty
 - Policies regarding graduation requirements and course delivery systems would apply to credit-bearing micro-credentials
 - KPU policy will align with soon-to-be-released Ministry Draft Policy on Micro-credentials

2. Approval of the Agenda of March 16, 2021

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Suzanne Pearce), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved.*

3. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of February 16, 2021

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Jane Hobson), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved as amended.*

4. Business Arising

- Provost Sandy Vanderburgh responded to Faculty Council concerns about delayed add/drop deadline by sharing data regarding Fall 2020 GPAs for students who registered before, during, or after the first week of the semester
 - Slight reduction in GPA associated with later registration
 - Council noted that fall term had fewer lab courses, so may not be a good indicator of negative correlation between student success and late registration
 - Provost noted that effects of late registration may be masked by pandemic effects
 - Provost will ask OPA for additional data as it becomes available:
 - Spring 2021
 - Department-level analysis (in response to departmental concerns regarding lab completion and student success)
 - Registrar will also provide a report to faculty after week 1
 - Faculty will still need to compare names on class lists as neither IT or Teaching and Learning can provide reports on specific registration changes in first week
- Chair noted that after last months' guest presentation by the Anti-Racism Task Force, no one has expressed interest in establishing an FSH committee. Faculty are encouraged to contact the chair if they are interested.
- Chair noted that the motion regarding online proctoring and anti-plagiarism software has been forwarded to Senate and upper administration, as well as being brought to the attention of the FC Chairs meeting. No response yet.

5. Reports

a. Chair's Report

- Chair welcomed new student representatives, Chelsea Allison from Sustainable Agriculture and Monique Ly from Biology
- Chair noted that the FC Chairs meetings will now be monthly
- Chair acknowledged the announcement by the Dean of her retirement as of November 1, 2021

b. Dean's Report

- The current course planning is for as much F2F for the fall term as possible (likely 70-100% F2F). More practical to room everything and pull back rather than the reverse.
 - Draft schedule due by April 6th
 - Open again in May for modification regarding delivery options such as blended or online offerings
- Math program review site visit went well
- Horticulture quality assessment plan will be vetted by the Senate Standing Committee on Program Review at end of March
- The virtual academic integrity workshop was successful, providing good discussion and feedback
- SEPC (Strategic Enrolment and Planning Committee) is looking at retention, domestic recruitment and student services post pandemic

c. Senate Reports

Fergal Callaghan

- President's Response to Research and Scholarship indicated which committees will consider White Paper Recommendations
- SSCUB voted to recommend Senate endorse budget
- Senate voted in favour of a motion to recommend faculty provide digital access to students wherever possible (Recommendation, not directive)
- Senate voted to recommend the official KPU 2050 Campus Plan to the Board of Governors for approval
- SSCAP Senate voted in favour of suspension of ACP Adult Special Education programming for 1 year to facilitate revision
- Senate approved new graduates

Amy Jeon

- SSTL– Faculty T&L Survey completed. 37% of the faculty participated. Results are being analyzed by OPA and will be published either later this month or early April
- New funding opportunities for mid-career and transitioning students:
www.kpu.ca/complete
- Definitions for core T&L concepts will be addressed in a new working group and brought back to SSTL
- SGNC - Search committee for Faculty of Health Associate Dean has been approved
- Senate Election upcoming. Faculty candidates from FSH are Amy Jeon and Karen Davison. Be sure to vote.

Elizabeth Worobec

- Research & Graduate Studies Committee: White Paper items being discussed
- SSCC – Greg Harris detailed report has been emailed to everyone. Note information on the second round for Policy AC10.

d. FSH Committee reports

- i. **Nominations and Governance** – nothing to report. Thank you for forwarding such excellent student representative candidates for selection.

- ii. **Curriculum Committee** – AC 10 presentation by David Burns and Josephine Chan.
- iii. **Academic Planning and Priorities** – nothing to report
- iv. **Teaching and Learning** – nothing to report
- v. **Research Committee** – nothing to report, but the committee will be meeting this week and a report will come next month

6. New Business – none

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 6:10 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: April 20, 2021