



FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held February 16, 2021

4:15 PM-6:15 PM

MS TEAMS

Members:

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

Guests:

Asma Sayed	Jennifer Hardwick	
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Recording: Michelle Ikoma

1. Anti-Racism Task Force – Guest presentation by Asma Sayed and Jennifer Hardwick

- An overview was given of the Anti-Racism Task Force mandate, providing information on educational resources, pedagogical resources, workshops and projects by both Faculty and students.
- The task force is beginning to develop a new anti-racism policy which will be available in draft form by September 2021.
- A blog is being launched and will be available on the website along with the resources. Through this website KPU employees and students can share stories about their experiences. There is also an opportunity to share stories in a private password protected site if contributors wish to be private.
- The task force is inviting faculties to establish a Faculty Council sub-committee to determine what focus areas and needs are pertinent to FSH and to establish long term goals. Initially the committee could be ad hoc, but the hope is that it will become a standing sub-committee.
- Information is located at <https://wordpress.kpu.ca/antiracism/>
- The committee Chair, Dr. Sayed, can be contacted at tfa@kpu.ca
- The presenters suggested that the committee is available to present to Chairs and individual department meetings upon request. An FSH specific workshop is also possible as the task force has funding available for such initiatives.

2. Approval of the Agenda of January 19, 2020

It was **moved** (Suzanne Pearce), **seconded** (Korri Thorlacius), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

3. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of November 17, 2020

It was **moved** (Astrid Opsetmoen), **seconded** (Nicole Tunbridge), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved as distributed

4. Business Arising

- Re Action 1 from Jan 19, 2021, Chair noted that he had received a response indicating that the Provost will be in touch. There has been no other response as yet.
ACTION: Chair to request further follow up
ACTION: Chair to reach out to other Faculty Council Chairs and bring up concerns about extended add/drop dates again.
- RE Action 2 from Jan 19, 2021, Chair noted that he had received copies of the resolutions passed by Faculty of Arts and Wilson School of Design calling for clear definitions of pedagogical concerns to reduce ambiguity and misunderstanding. These resolutions have been sent to Senate. Dean noted that they would be reviewed by SSCC. It was concluded that Faculty of Science and Horticulture (FSH) will not pass a similar resolution as the other two resolutions asked for broad consultation and therefore FSH will be consulted at a later date.

5. Reports

a. Chair's Report

- Chair noted that the items mentioned in business arising will be discussed at the upcoming Faculty Council Chairs meeting.
- Chair would be attending an upcoming KFA workshop on Robert's Rules of Order
- Rajiv Jhangiani and Joel Murray will be presenting at the March 16, 2021 meeting on Draft Policy AC 15 and the draft policy on Micro-credentials.
ACTION: Michelle Ikoma to send the invite with no documents to Biology department distribution list.

b. Dean's Report

- Preparations for the summer term is going well.
- There is still no news for the fall term.
- Dean noted that Human Resources has sent out a request to both Faculty and BCGEU staff for expressions of interest for early retirement.
- Dean thanked those who participated in the Richmond Open House. It was the highest attendance ever, including the in-person attendance before COVID-19.

c. Senate Reports – Amy Jeon

- Senator noted that 2 new service awards have been created, for Distinguished Leadership and for Team Service.
- It has been suggested by Senate that faculty consider access to print materials for courses may be difficult for international students in some countries, and that digital texts may be better. Likewise, access to publisher software may be prohibited in some countries. In the interests of access, although changing

resources may not be easy, instructors are asked to take these things into consideration for broader student access.

- OLC Innovate conference is coming soon, and all of KPU has access to this conference focused on online teaching.
- Senator referred Faculty Council to her email of January 25, 2021 for further information and to the Senate website as well.
- SSCPR- Fergal Callaghan
 - HSCI 1 year follow up passed review. HSCI Councilor noted that the preparation process was very helpful.
 - New reviews are starting for HORT Tech diplomas
 - HORT- Plant Health and Urban ecosystems has been given an extension to March 3
 - BIOL surveys are being drafted to be launched this month.
 - MATH will have their virtual external reviewers' site visit in March.
 - SUST Ag program reviews are underway.
- SSCAP and SSCUB – Fergal Callaghan
 - The campus plan has been released and is now on the website. It was noted that this is an aspirational, rather than concrete document.
- SSCC – Elizabeth Worobec
 - Rajiv Jhangiani presented on Policy AC 15 and draft policy on micro-credentials. The committee suggested he should present at Faculty Councils. Chair noted that this has already been arranged.
- SSCR & GS – Elizabeth Worobec
 - Definition of post-doctoral fellow to be created as this is needed for certain funding applications
 - A request was forwarded to Nominations and Governance requesting a committee be struck to nurture Royal Society of Canada members from KPU.
- SSCTL – Amy Jeon
 - Nothing to report

d. Nominations and Governance

- Jane Hobson provided an update regarding student representation. Michael Ke, former student representative, is willing to provide information and support to any new student representative and has also agreed to approach students he feels are strong candidates.

e. Curriculum Committee

- Light agenda with only one MATH course to review.
- Invited guest Carole St. Laurent, AVP International presented on issues related to International students and language qualifications. Dean noted that Carole is available for any interested FSH groups such as department meetings or Chairs and Coordinators.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

- Nothing to report

g. **Teaching and Learning**

- Nothing to report

h. **Research Committee –**

- Nothing to report

6. New Business

After a full discussion brought forward by a Biology council member,

*It was **moved** (Jane Hobson), **seconded** (Astrid Opsetmoen), **and carried THAT** Faculty Council recommend to the AVP Teaching and Learning, office of Flexible Learning and Academic Integrity, and all other relevant parties, that KPU acquire licenses for plagiarism and online proctoring software/services, or allow individual faculties and departments to do so.*

It was noted that although there had been a previous investigation by T & L, many platforms have improved privacy due to the current demand during the pandemic and there may now be more options.

Associate Dean noted that there is an upcoming Workshop being held for FSH on the issue of academic integrity to which all Faculty had been invited.

ACTION: Chair to forward the motion to the parties in the motion.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 6:06 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: March 16, 2021