

Faculty of Science and Horticulture

# FACULTY COUNCIL Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, June 16, 2020 MS TEAMS only

#### Present:

Allyson Rozell	Jane Hobson	Mike Coombes
Amy Jeon	Joel Murray – Associate Dean	Nicole Tunbridge
Astrid Opsetmoen	Korri Thorlacius – Vice Chair	Rebecca Harbut
Christina Iggulden	Michael Adams	Zena Mitchell
Elizabeth Worobec - Dean	Michael Ke	
Gary Jones	Mike Bomford – Chair	Michelle Ikoma - Recording

### **Regrets:**

Serguei Novocelskii	Suzanne Pearce	Michael Nyenhuis
Cameron Lait	Daryl Massey	Kent Mullinix
Tyron Tsui	Vicky Wei	

## 1. Approval of the Agenda of June 16, 2020

It was *moved* (Mike C.), *seconded* (Astrid O.), *and carried THAT* the agenda be approved.

# 2. Approval of the Regular Faculty Council Minutes of May 19, 2020 and the Special Faculty Council Minutes of June 2, 2020.

It was **moved** (Mike C.), **seconded** (Astrid O.), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved with amendments to the regular Faculty Council minutes of May 19, 2020 and with no changes to the Special Faculty Council minute of June 2, 2020.

## 3. Business Arising

- The FSH Faculty Council motion regarding synchronous/asynchronous course delivery was sent to Senate for consideration. Chair shared FSH concerns and motion with other Faculty Council Chairs. Several other Faculty Councils passed similar motions, which were also delivered to Senate.
- Chair asked for feedback as to how to initiate the process for consideration of a name change for the Faculty of Science and Horticulture. After some discussion, it was concluded that an email requesting submissions be sent out now; that further requests for submissions be made at the Faculty of the Whole meeting September 1; and that a subsequent list be voted on in some manner to be determined at a later date. Registrar Zena Mitchell noted that pertinent information on an initiative such as this is also available in Policy AR 12 (Naming Academic Units) if FC wishes to reference the relevant policy/procedures.
- The motion to endorse the White Paper was forwarded to Senate along with all written comments submitted via various platforms, and was passed along to the Senate Standing Committee on Research by Senate Vice-Chair, David Burns.
- 4. Reports

## a. Chair's Report

- Chair thanked those whose terms were at an end for their service. Chair noted that nominations were in process in department meetings to fill seats. Chair asked for nominations for student reps as there were two seats available and Michael Ke's term was also coming to an end. Please submit student nominations to the Nominations and Governance committee.
- Chair also noted that a new Senate representative would be needed for September to replace Rebecca Harbut who is leaving her position to go on an Educational Leave.
- Chair thanked Joanne Massey, the Chair of the Faculty Teaching and Learning Committee for volunteering to sit on the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee as the FSH representative.

#### b. Dean's Report

- The Associate Dean search has begun and the ad has been posted. Candidate interviews will begin in mid-July.
- Upper administration is still trying to determine the details of what the fall term will look like on campus. There will be approximately 2000 online courses. Only 70 will have a face to face component, and of those, 40 are in FSH. It will still require a detailed process to get students on campus. Spaces will need to be prepped in consultation with Facilities and Occupational Health and Safety. Department representatives will be needed as guides.
- FSH and Marketing are working to produce short course-specific procedural videos and written instructions for face-to-face class protocols. Dean noted that some volunteers may be needed to be mock students.
- c. <u>Senate Report</u> Amy Jeon
  - The Academic Plan for the fall term was distributed with the Agenda and uploaded to the Senate SharePoint site.
  - Joanne Massey was approved by the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee for a term ending in September 2023, to be presented at the Senate June 22.
  - Rebecca Harbut will step down as of Sept 1, 2020 to begin Ed Leave. FSH will need a replacement Senator for the following year.

<u>SSCUB</u> – Rebecca Harbut

- Nothing to report
- <u>SSCC</u> Elizabeth Worobec
  - Nothing to Report

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• Nothing to report

#### d. Nominations and Governance Report

- Mike Coombes detailed proposed bylaw changes, to be presented at Faculty of the Whole for ratification, for Faculty Council. After some discussion it was *moved, seconded* and *carried* THAT the proposed bylaw changes be recommended with amendments to language.
- Chair of Nominations and Governance noted two issues with the vote at Faculty of the Whole
  - $\circ$   $\,$  A secret vote process will be needed
  - The Dean's office as potential voting members cannot run the vote. Perhaps another department such as the Registrar's office can do that.
- Dean noted that this information would be passed to the organizers of the Faculty of the Whole, Triona King and DeAnn Bremner
- e. <u>Curriculum</u>
  - Nothing to report
- f. Academic Planning and Priorities
  - Nothing to report
- g. Teaching and Learning Committee

- Nothing to report
- h. <u>Research Committee</u> Nothing to report

# 5. <u>New Business</u>

• None

Meeting adjourned by Chair 5:17 PM

Date of Faculty of the Whole: September 1, 2020 Date of next Faculty Council: September 22, 2020