



FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held February 15, 2022

4:15 PM-6:15 PM

MS TEAMS

Members:

| Name | Title /Area | Present | Absent | Proxy |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Allyson Rozell | MATH | √ | | |
| Amy Jeon | SENATE | √ | | |
| Vicky Wei | MATH | √ | | Proxy for Asiyeh Sanaei |
| Chelsea Allison | ST. REP | √ | | |
| Christina Iggulden | SRY STAFF | √ | | |
| Daryl Massey | CADD | √ | | |
| Dominic Bernard | HOPS | | X | Martina Solano Bielen Proxy |
| Elizabeth Worobec | DEAN | √ | | |
| Fergal Callaghan | SENATE | √ | | |
| Gary Jones | HORT | √ | | |
| Jeff Dyck | ASSOCIATE DEAN | √ | | |
| Kaylee Magee | BIOL | √ | | |
| Sepideh Tahriri Adabi | ISH/Institutes | √ | | |
| Laura Bryce | HORT | √ | | |
| Leah DeBella | BIOL | √ | | |
| Martina Solano Bielen | LGLY STAFF | √ | | |
| Melissa Bodner | RMD STAFF | | X | |
| Melissa Drury | EPT | √ | | |
| Mike Bomford | CHAIR/SUSTAG | √ | | |
| Mike Coombes | PHYS | √ | | |
| Monique Ly | ST REP | | X | |
| Suzanne Pearce | Vice Chair/CHEM | √ | | |
| Tanya Boboricken | MATH | √ | | |
| Tyron Tsui | PHYS | √ | | |
| Xin Liu | CHEM | √ | | |
| Zena Mitchell | REGISTRAR | √ | | |
| Brett Favaro | Guest | √ | | |
| Diane Purvey | Guest | √ | | |
| David Burns | Guest | √ | | |



Recording: Michelle Ikoma

1. Diane Purvey and David Burns on updates from the Provost's office

The Provost's office has three clear goals going forward to be transparent and responsive regarding managing policy and to be more available to the KPU community. To that end, they will receive more requests to update current policies and will be acting on policies initiated internally as well. Program development proposals will begin at the Dean level, proceed to the Provost's office for a viability check, after which support will be ongoing. Discussion ensued re the twin issues of late registration and extended withdrawal deadlines and the problem of students registering for classes on two campuses with insufficient travel time.

2. Brett Favaro, incoming Dean introduced himself to Faculty Council and provided some insight regarding his specific areas of interest.

3. Approval of the Agenda of December 14, 2021

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

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

*It was **moved** (Melissa Drury), **seconded** (Daryl Massey), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved as distributed.*

4. Business Arising

- The 1 word change to FSH bylaws has now been approved by Senate.
- Regarding the motion from Faculty Council to the Provost, the Provost has responded that an investigation of the concerns will be undertaken.

5. Reports

a. Chair's Report / Business Arising

- Outgoing Dean Elizabeth Worobec was thanked for her leadership and support over the past 10 years as the Faculty of Science and Horticulture has grown.
- Dean Pro Tem, Jeff Dyck and Associate Dean Pro Tem, Nicole Tunbridge were welcomed in their new roles.
- Stay tuned for a possible update regarding the Visioning exercise scheduled for February 24th. It may be possible to hold it in person.

b. Dean's Report –

- Dean thanked Faculty Council and the Chair for the kind words and spoke about the highlights of her Faculty Council tenure, including a nearly complete revision of the bylaws and the inclusion of lab staff, research institutes and Dean's office staff as voting members in Faculty of the Whole.
- *Faculty Council **moved, seconded** (Suzanne Pearce) **and carried THAT** Dean Betty be thanked for her years of service with the Faculty of Science and Horticulture.*

c. Senate Reports – Amy Jeon

- President's report:
 - Dr. Davis welcomed Brett Favaro to Senate as the new Faculty of Science and Horticulture Dean.
 - Dr. Davis provided additional information regarding the newly opened UBC Surrey campus and noted that there may be opportunities for collaboration in the future.
- SSCPR
 - Fergal Callaghan has been elected the Vice Chair of the committee from November 2021.
- The Follow up report for Health Science has been approved at the committee level. The program review is complete save for the 1 year follow up.



- SSCAPP
 - Senate approved the recommendation to the Board of Governors regarding the establishment of a new Indigenous Studies department (INDG), and the university calendars for 2022/23 and 2023/24. Kristind Kidd, interim Director of Financial Operations presented an update to the 2022/23 draft budget. Dr. Davis noted that an increase in funds will be available to additional salary and benefits
- SSCUB
 - Fiona Whittington Walsh was acclaimed as the Vice Chair of SSCUB.
- SSCC
 - Quantitative committee will have a lot of courses from FSH to recommend at the next meeting. Up to now, the courses have mostly been from FOA and MSOB.
 - There is an update to the MATH alternate table and the new placement test will be on ALEKS. This will be tabled at the next SSCC meeting.
 - Senate approved the following items
 - Minor in Music
 - Bachelor of Business Administration, Human Resources Management
 - The revised quantitative course criteria
 - Bachelor of Interior Design
 - Bachelor of Interior Design, Honours
 - Update on CourseLeaf:
 - The Project Team is currently testing the new software
 - March – Testing and feedback by system users
 - April – Training for users who have sign-off authority
 - May – Training provided for all usersCourseLeaf will go live in May with course outlines and expand from there.
- SSC Nominations and Governance
 - Senate approved the following:
 - Nominations for Senate Standing Committees
 - Search advisory appointments to
 - Dean, Faculty of Arts
 - Three Associate Deans for Faculty of Arts,
 - Dean, Faculty of Trades and Technology
 - Associate Dean, Melville School of Business
 - The AC13 Qualifications for:
 - Faculty members for Inter-disciplinary Expressive Arts (IDEA)
 - Learning Strategists
 - Faculty of Science and Horticulture Bylaw revision
- SSC Policy
 - Senate approved recommending that the Board of Governors approve Policy and Procedures GV 10 Mission, Vision, and Values Development and Amendment
 - Motion to recommend to Senate to approve Policy AC 4 and elimination of AR 6.
- SWIC
 - 3 courses have been recommended to SSCC for approval.
- SSR&GS – Nothing to report



- SSC Tributes
 - The committee evaluated candidates for the Distinguished Leadership and Team Service awards, Distinguished Service (Faculty), and Distinguished Scholarship awards
- SSCTL

Recent discussions have included the following:

 - Ideas on how to improve course outlines in order to make information more accessible to students, including ways to capture/display information better, and clarifying phrasing.
 - Tabling a more detailed discussion of DWF rates until Fall 2022 due to confounding factors introduced by the pandemic; however, some discussion did occur, such as:
 - Plans to pilot several projects this spring to find better ways to support multilingual students
 - Helping with the re-writing of the AC9 Essential Skills policy
 - Student Development and Success reporting a very successful the peer support program, and a discussion of where to go next with that
 - The Natural Spaces Advisory Committee (NSAC) has been involved in the following broad objectives:
 - Ensuring a more respectful process regarding the necessity of removing some diseased/dangerous trees from campus, particularly near the Surrey pond
 - Acknowledging that the natural spaces on campus are already being used as learning spaces by multiple instructors
 - Creating a Learning Garden for KPU, while also respecting that all learning spaces must be accessible
 - The NSAC has toured SFU's Learning Garden, had discussions with both a local architecture firm and the city of Surrey, and talked with faculty. The hope is that KPU's Learning Garden will have a physical manifestation in 2022.

A report from Teaching and Learning Commons included the following items of interest:

 - Integration of Pressbooks and Hypothes.is on Moodle, as well as other updates on learning technologies.
 - Development of a second A/V studio including a light board
 - Modules in reflective practice being released as open registration FTE badges
 - The need to develop guidelines for quality assurance in courses that are continuing online, since many of those courses were changed to online in a rushed way due to the pandemic
 - The digital badge page going live (note that digital badges are non-credit, completion-based courses, and thus distinct from micro-credentials)
 - T&L Commons is eager for applications for new digital badges to be developed; anyone can suggest one. Badges should be competency-based and non-credit

d. FSH Committee Reports

- **Nominations and Governance**
 - *Moves and seconds* (Mike Bomford) **THAT** Daniel Anvari be accepted by Faculty Council as the FSH representative to the Senate Micro-credential committee.
 - Calls for volunteers to sit on the SSCWIC (Writing Intensive Courses)
- **Curriculum Committee – Elizabeth Worobec**
 - Math course outlines have been updated for approval by FSH FC
It is moved (Michael Coombes) **and seconded** (Mike Bomford) **THAT** Faculty Council



*approve the BSc Biology Honours. **Carried.***

*It is **moved** (Michael Coombes) and **seconded** (Mike Bomford) **THAT** Faculty Council approve the HSCI minor. **Carried.***

- **Academic Planning and Priorities – Allyson Rozell**
 - The Planning and Visioning meeting will be held in the upcoming Reading Week.
- **Teaching and Learning** – no report. There is currently no chair. Planning a reboot meeting in Reading Week.
- **Research** - no report

6. New Business

- Mike Coombes noted that the proposed name for the Traditional Chinese Medicine degree ought not to be called a BSc as it does not meet the BSc framework. After much discussion:

*It was moved (Michael Coombes) and seconded (Leah De Bella) THAT FSH Faculty Council does not think it is appropriate to call the degree a BSc in Traditional Chinese Medicine as it is not based on accepted science. **Carried.***

- Concerns were expressed regarding a new policy instituted by Accessibility Services regarding booking exams and submitting the exam to Testing services 2 weeks ahead instead of 1 week ahead. After discussion,
ACTION: Michelle Ikoma, as a representative of the Disability Inclusion Group, to bring the concern over lack of transparency regarding changes to DIG.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 6:13 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: March 15 2022