



## Faculty of Science and Horticulture

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### FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
4:15 PM in Rooms Surrey Cedar 1140, Richmond Rm 3450B

Present:

Elizabeth Worobec, Dean	Mike Bomford, Chair	Joel Murray, Assoc Dean
Amy Jeon, Senate	Dan Regan, Hort	Tyron Tsui, Phys
Louis Saumier Demers, Math	Melissa Bodner, Staff Rmd	Richard Popoff, Chem
Xin Liu, Chem	Astrid Opsetmoen, Staff Lang	Vicky Wei, Math
Jane Hobson, Biol	Nicole Tunbridge, Biol	Allyson Rozell, Guest-Senate AP&P
Zena Mitchell, Registrar		

Regrets:

Colin MacLeod, Math	Daryl Massey, CADD	Kent Mullinix, ISFS
Kourosh Purdavaie	Michael Coombes, Phys	Cameron Lait, Hort

Quorum was confirmed.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

It was ***moved*** (Melissa B.), ***seconded*** (Nicole T.), ***and carried***

***THAT*** the agenda be approved with noted changes

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes of November 13, 2018

It was ***moved*** (Melissa B.), ***seconded*** (Nicole T.), ***and carried THAT*** the minutes be approved.

#### 3. Reports

##### a. Chair's Report

Chair reported that regarding the bylaw change relating to disbanding the AP & P sub-committee, after consulting with the chair of that committee, Allyson Rozell, it should

be retained as Allyson points out that it is much more efficient and more versatile as a small committee to address concerns than in the larger Faculty Council setting. Regarding the action item from the previous meeting relating to Nominations and Governance taking on the responsibility for recommending students for general FSH awards, it was discovered that the committee is actually without a chair as apparently Stan Kazymierchuk had never agreed to being chair which leaves the Nom/Gov committee short members right now. Before the awards action can be taken, the committee membership must be addressed. After query regarding how to address this, the Dean noted that the committee normally has 1 rep from each of Horticulture and Science, the Faculty Council Chair and 1 other member. Dean suggested that the Chair put a call out for volunteers amongst the entire FSH faculty. If more than 3 respond, then an election can be held.

ACTION: Chair to call for volunteers across the Faculty for the Nominations and Governance Committee.

The action regarding the letter drafted by Michael Poon and revised by M.P. and Chair has been revised. After presenting it was confirmed by Faculty Council that it be sent out as revised.

ACTION: Letter to Drs. Davis and Ferraras to be sent as approved by FSH Faculty Council

Regarding action relating to updates from FSH Senate reps on committees, both Paul Adams on the research committee responded and Allyson Rozell on the Senate AP & P committee also responded.

b. Dean's Report

Dean reported that a site visit by NSERC was held on the Langley campus relating to the Grant application jointly made by Deborah Henderson and Paul Adams.

Spruce now has all the major changes completed and smaller items are slowly getting done.

Faculty of the Whole will be held in the Spruce foyer in August.

Surrey Open House is on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Teaching and Learning/Research and Scholarship Symposium April 23-25 will be held on each of the campuses on successive days. Dean encourages all to attend all of the days' events.

Horticulture and HSCI Program Reviews are in the final stages. Horticulture external examinations are scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the Horticulture Awards ceremony.

Dean noted that Math and Sustainable Agriculture will be the next departments to undergo review.

c. Senate Report

Amy J. reported that there was nothing new, but did note that the contract with Connect in Kuwait has now been signed and will generate a steady revenue stream going forward.

Dean reported on SSCC, noting that it was also a shorter meeting. Physics degree changes were approved to send to Senate, as were new courses in other Faculties. Pathways update shows that once students have completed their English upgrade, they currently have to take a 1 semester hiatus as their marks are not in time for them to register in the next course, so SSCC is looking at allowing an interim mark to be used provisionally to allow admission into programs.. It has been three years since the Pathways program was developed, so SSCC will be asking IAP to do a full assessment of students from the last three years and on into their programs to see if the Pathways program needs revision.

Allyson R. reported that SCAP and SCUB did not receive the new budget for assessment, only an overview. It appears that the budget has been arranged so that there are no major cuts, but there is also no cushion available this year either. The Executive strategic fund which was dispersed through the Provost's office has been cut. A quick response to unexpected demands is unlikely. The Business Faculty has rearranged offerings to accommodate new programs. ACA dissolution was discussed. Math courses have 80-100 students each term taking Grade 10 or lower, and English has about double that number. If KPU is the only institution south of the Fraser offering this, then it would not be a good idea to cut those offerings. Allyson asked for feedback from the Faculty through the means of the FC AP & P committee although likely Chairs would be a better option. Query was made as to whether there is hard data re shaping these decisions. Dean noted that SCAP will need to ask for this data. Allyson noted that if there is specific data anyone thinks is needed then please let her or SCAP know.

Paul Adams submitted a written report to Chair on the Senate Research Committee. Regarding the current Intellectual Policy, the current draft from the KFA was not clear on their concerns. (Chair also asked the KFA as a rep, but did not receive feedback prior to FC meeting) Dr. Deepak Gupta will be sending out an invitation to join a newly formed committee to discuss the current IP Policy and any changes that may come to light. Chair noted that the KFA recommends its members consider this as the KFA does not have a committee on this.

Louis Saumier Demers reported that the Senate Teaching and Learning committee was looking closely at Pathways courses to help improve results. The Learning Centre sent a Learning Strategist, Christina Page, and the Director, Lyn Benn, to present on the PASS supplemental instruction program, how it could be used in classes. Both Dean and Amy J. commented favourably from their experience. Louis S-D. commented that the initialization of the program takes some time, but that it would be quite self-sustaining going forward. It would provide a more systematic approach to supporting Pathways courses.

- d. Nominations and Governance Report  
FC Chair mentioned that there was no report due to the current issues related to membership for this committee.
- e. Curriculum Committee Report  
Nothing to report. The next meeting is in February.
- f. Academic Planning and Priorities  
Nothing to report.
- g. Teaching and Learning Committee  
Nothing to report.
- h. Research Committee  
The Survey is ready and will be distributed through the Dean's office to all Faculty. The feedback will be compiled into a report for the Senate Research Committee.
- i. New Business  
Zena Mitchell gave background on the current AR17 policy and explanation of the rationale for making changes. Zena started by saying that the feedback regarding a 7:00 AM start time was not well received by any of the constituent groups, so that proposal is being re-examined. Concern was expressed that Monday classes, particularly in the Fall term when the term is already truncated, are significantly impacted by Stat holidays. It was suggested that this is frustrating for all concerned and that it needs to be more closely examined for possible solutions. Registrar responded that an example of creative solutions is that Business has offered more of their classes as a 1 by 3 and has arranged the schedule so that there are none of these classes held on Monday evenings. It was suggested that it might be helpful for Chairs to address the need for flexible and creative scheduling ideas to be brought forward to department Chairs and Coordinators who can present the needs to their respective departments for discussion. The Registrar suggested that next steps are:
  - i. Facilities is looking at more efficient room allocations to reflect the changed needs over time. It was noted that FSH has smaller regions assigned than other faculties.
  - ii. Registrar's office is looking at using various time blocks more efficiently, keeping similar types of blocks in the same space for example.

It was **moved (Astrid O.), seconded, and carried** that the FSH strongly opposes a 7:00 AM start time for classes.

It was, **moved (Melissa B.), seconded, and carried** *THAT the meeting be adjourned.*

**Date of next meeting: February 19, 2019**