



Faculty of Science and Horticulture

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, May 21, 2019

4:15 PM in Surrey Cedar 1140, Richmond Rm 3450B and Langley Rm 1010

Present:

Mike Bomford – Chair	Elizabeth Worobec – Dean	Joel Murray – Assoc. Dean
Louis Saumier Demers- MATH	Astrid Opsetmoen – Staff Langley	Colin MacLeod - MATH
Dan Regan – HORT	Tyron Tsui – PHYS	Jane Hobson – BIOL
Amy Jeon- Senate	Melissa Bodner – Staff Richmond	Michael Coombes – PHYS
Nicole Tunbridge – BIOL	Michael Ke - Student	Rebecca Harbut - Senate

Regrets:

Kourosch Purdavaie – Staff Surrey	Kent Mullinix - ISFS	Daryl Massey – CADD
Vicky Wei -MATH	Suzanne Pearce – CHEM	Michael Adams – CHEM
Zena Mitchell – Registrar		

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

*It was **moved** (Astrid O.), **seconded** (Melissa B.), and **carried***

***THAT** the agenda be approved.*

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 19, 2019

*It was **moved** (Astrid O.), **seconded** (Michael C.), and **carried** **THAT** the minutes be approved as amended.*

3. **Business Arising** from the minutes – Chair introduced the new student representative, Michael Ke to the Council.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

- Chair asked that the Dean's office be informed when new department representatives have been determined so that the Dean's office can update calendar invites and distribution lists.
- Chair will be inviting a guest from Finance to discuss the next year's budget process changes. Senate Rep Rebecca H. noted that this will be looked at also in the next Senate meeting.

b. Dean's Report

- KPU Brewing won the Grand Champion title in the recent US Open College Brewing Competition, winning two golds and a silver in three categories. This confirms KPU as the number one brewing school in North America.
- Convocation is June 5th and there will be a good contingent from the Faculty attending the event.
- Dean attended the Polytechnic Canada Conference on the Richmond campus. There were 200 attendees from across Canada. KPU Brewing beer was served at the banquet and many attendees toured the Garden City Lands Farm, led by Rebecca Harbut and Mike Bomford.
- Horticulture Program Review went well. HSCI Presentation is scheduled for May 22nd.
- A new initiative from Finance will see monthly meetings with the Dean, Divisional Business Manager to clarify the budget process and address and urgent issues.
- There has been the first of several planned meetings with High Schools in the KPU Campuses catchment areas including the Principal, Vice principals, and Superintendent.
- There has been another change in Co-op as a result of a grievance. Now all of the Co-op Faculty will be housed in Business. Dean met with HR over concerns and they have been sorted out.
- Karen Davison, HSCI Chair, has been nominated for a Canada Research Council Chair.
- Thank you to all who have been involved in recent outreach events, particularly Science Rendezvous and Open Doors/Open Minds.

c. Senate Report

- Amy J. reported that:
 - The Provost's GV9 proposal presentation was postponed to Monday, May 27 at 4:00 PM
 - The search for the new VP Students position is underway.
 - There was an AR17 announcement. The new timetable has been approved. It was recommended that Faculty Council members read the policy as there are key parts which affect FSH. Purpose built spaces such as labs can be scheduled outside scheduled blocks. This will likely take effect in Fall 2020.

- Course inactivation will now be under annual review as per policy parameters.
- Rebecca H. reported that:
 - The first KPU graduate credential in FSH will be a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems.
- Dean reported that:
 - No report for SSCC or Senate Research committees as neither met in April.
- Louis S.D. for Teaching and Learning reported that:

The Committee held further discussion regarding whether to study the DFW rates more closely. Consensus for now is that reasons for failure can vary greatly. (eg. try and fail or not attend and fail) The committee have asked whether IAP can split the data to provide more information. The other key topic discussed in committee was what constitutes good teaching and a good environment for learning. The initial report to Senate has been returned and a thought exchange will be coming in the fall.

Richard Popoff will replace Louis on the Senate T& L committee. Chair thanked Louis and Richard.

d. Nominations and Governance Report

- Several proposed bylaw changes were discussed.
 - **Motion 1** – *Accept the proposed changes and the other unamended bylaw changes and recommend acceptance to Faculty Council. Carried*
 - **Motion 2** – *NomGov recommends Faculty Council endorsing That Sustainable Agriculture follow GV9 procedure to be established as a department within FSH. Carried*
 - **Motion 3** – *That Faculty Council start discussions on broadening membership of the Faculty of the Whole. Carried*
 - **Motion 4** – *That Faculty Council start consultations on making the Dean and Associate Dean voting members of Faculty Council. Carried*
 - **Motion 5** – *That Faculty Council initiate internal and external consultations on defining the purpose of Faculty Council Moved (Jane H.), Seconded (Michael C.) and Carried*
- Council proposed that consultations regarding Faculty Council purpose (Motion 5) precede and inform consideration of broadening FoW membership (Motion 3) and Dean/Associate Dean voting status (Motion 4)

e. Curriculum Committee Report

- Regarding CADD program changes:

It was Moved (Jane H.), Seconded (Michael C.) and Carried That the clarification of the CADD Math test benchmark changes be accepted by Faculty Council

It was moved (Melissa B.), seconded (Michael C.) and Carried That the proposed changes to the curricular and entrance requirements for the CADD Co-op Credential be accepted by Faculty Council

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

- A draft FSH Academic Plan for review will be sent to Faculty Council members.

g. Teaching and Learning Committee

- Chair retiring at end of summer term. A replacement is needed.
- Louis will be on Paternity leave starting September 1st. A replacement is needed.
ACTION: If anyone has recommendations, please send them to NomGov

h. Research Committee

- The research survey results will be shared first with the new VP Research and with Faculty Council in the June meeting.

5. New Business

Nothing to report.

It was moved, seconded, and carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

Date of next meeting: June 18, 2019