



## Faculty of Science and Horticulture

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### FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, September 24, 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
Amy Jeon - Senate	Rebecca Harbut – Senate	Astrid Opsetmoen –Staff Lgly
Daryl Massey - CADD	Gary Jones – Hort	Jane Hobson – Biol
Melissa Bodner – Staff Rmd	Michael Adams - Chem	Michael Coombes - Phys
Michael Ke - Student	Suzanne Pearce - Chem	Vicky Wei - Math
Zena Mitchell – Registrar	Allyson Rozell – Math Alt	Layne Myhre – Biol

#### Regrets:

Cameron Lait - Hort	Kent Mullinix – Institute	Kourosh Purdavaie – Staff Sry
Richard Popoff - Chem	Serguei Novocelskii - Math	Tyron Tsui - Phys
Michael Nyenhuis - Math		

Quorum was confirmed.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

*It was **moved** (Michael A.), **seconded** (Astrid O.), **and carried***

***THAT** the agenda be approved with the addition of an item in New Business.*

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*It was **moved** (Daryl M.), **seconded** (Layne M.), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved with amendments to the Business Arising section.*

#### 3. Business Arising

- Chair noted that many S&H faculty contributed to the blog regarding Policy AC14 on limits to the number of courses required in a Science degree and thanked them for doing so prior to the June 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline. This policy will be discussed in the November SSCC meeting. As an official response from FSH Faculty Council, Chair presented a 3 sentence statement to be presented in an email to SSCC after approval from the Faculty Council.

*The Faculty Council for Science and Horticulture opposes the implementation of a strict limit of 126 credits for a BSc degree, or exactly 60 credits for an Associate Degree. Degree programs that depend on lab-based courses may require more credits to satisfy learning objectives. Establishing degree credit requirements should be accomplished through program review, instead of requiring adherence to a strict upper limit.*

The statement as is was **moved** (Astrid O), **seconded** (Daryl M), and **carried**.  
ACTION: Chair to forward the statement in an email to SSCC.

- Dean noted that SSCC had requested that the policy come to them with some research attached to it, but that none had been received as yet.

#### 4. Reports

##### a. Chair's Report

Chair welcomed new members sitting on Faculty Council and also welcomed returning members. Chair noted that Faculty Council is a combination of a committee to Faculty of the Whole, but also has some board-like features and referred new members to the FC Bylaws Articles 1 and 2 about the role of council. Chair noted that all recommendations regarding bylaws are then referred to the Faculty of the Whole to complete the process.

##### b. Dean's Report

- Dean noted that meetings have been initiated with the Biology, Physics and Math Search committees regarding the transfer of ACP Math, Physics and Biology faculty to the FSH in consideration of qualifications needed to teach upgrading courses and vetting new faculty members. Chairs will need to begin working on the workload assignments for Fall 2020 in December. There was a query regarding Chairs involvement in the process. Dean noted that there was still time and that Chairs would be brought in at a later time.
- SSCUB and SSCAP are meeting Friday regarding the Draft 2020-21 Budget
- Convocation will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>. FSH has again been asked to provide a student representative to address graduates, and this time it will be someone from EPT.
- Campus Planning is providing opportunities for questions and feedback in a series of pop-up presentations on all campuses. Dean encouraged Faculty and staff to attend and offer feedback. Dean noted that Dean, Associate Dean and Divisional Business Manager will be meeting with Campus Planning committee this fall. Faculty Council Chair encouraged thinking big and contributing ideas, as this is long term planning to 2050.
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##### c. Senate Report

- Rebecca H. reported that:
  - There were new appointments to Senate. There are still key openings for Senate committees for Faculty at Large positions.
  - A search for ACA Dean has been struck.
  - A search for FOA Associate Dean has been struck.
  - program changes were approved as follows:
    - Immunization Requirements changes for Health Foundations
    - Health Foundations Certificate
    - Public Relations Diploma
  - Farhad Dastur has been appointed to the Board of Governors
  - Policy ST 11 Attendance and Participation in Courses policy was approved with the amendment that it will take effect in Spring 2020.
  - Any comments on the blog have been responded to and can be viewed at the policy blog site.
- Dean reported that:
  - Senate Research had nothing to report
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- Dean requested that Chair ask for monthly written updates from SSCUB and SSCAP to be sent to FC as they are extremely important, pertaining budget and academic planning

d. Nominations and Governance Report

Chair noted that:

- Nominations and Governance had nothing to report.
- Chair noted that Paul Adams has resigned from Senate Standing Committee on Research so FSH needs a new representative. Chair and Dean suggested that someone from the equivalent Faculty Council committee would be optimal.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

- Nothing to report

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

- Allyson R referred Faculty Council to the September 27 SSCUB/SSCAPP meeting agenda item regarding the Easter weekend and exam schedule and encouraged feedback to be taken to the Senate AP & P committee.

g. Teaching and Learning Committee

- Committee still addressing what their purpose is in an effort not to duplicate what the Teaching and Learning Commons is doing. It was determined that the FC committee should be a conduit for recommendations to Teaching and Learning and to the Senate and the Office of the Registrar. They are also looking

at expanding membership which will come to Faculty Council as proposed bylaw changes.

h. Research Committee

- Nothing to report

5. New Business

- Climate Action - Chair noted that students should be accommodated during the Friday October 27 Climate strike. KPU has issued a statement supporting the action. Chair further noted that this was a good opportunity for discussion and engagement in the classroom.
- Chair reported that KPU was officially asked to be a signatory to a letter including 3 specific points as below:

*"We are today committing to collectively step up to the challenge by supporting a 3-point plan, including:*

1. *Mobilizing more resources for action-oriented climate change research and skills creation;*
2. *Committing to going carbon neutral by 2030 or 2050 at the very latest;*
3. *Increasing the delivery of environmental and sustainability education across curriculum, campus and community outreach programs.*

*We call on governments and other education institutions to join us in declaring a Climate Emergency and back this up with actions that will help create a better future for both people and our planet."*

The full letter is available for review at <https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter>.

Chair noted that President Davis requested input from Faculty Council. After brief discussion a consensus of agreement was reached. Comment was made that after signing, that articulation, prioritizing and funding such initiatives are important as follow-up.

ACTION: Chair to email President with FSH Faculty Council support.

- Daryl M suggested that departments plan long range for equipment replacement, maintenance and disposal regarding the budget planning process. Dean noted that that was already being done through the Dean's office admin team.

*Meeting adjourned by Chair.*

**Date of next meeting: October 22, 2019**

