

**FACULTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**4:15 pm in Rooms 2020 (Langley), 1566 (Richmond) and 1140 Cedar (Surrey)**

Present: Michael Coombes (Chair)    Graham Rankin    Allyson Rozell  
Betty Worobec    Sherry Wilson    Jana Kolac  
Lily Liu    Graham Rankin    Darryl Loewen  
Mike Bomford    Jennifer Au    Avtar Sadhra  
Melissa Bodner    Betty Cunnin    Joel Murray  
Barbara Maloney, Recording

Visitor: Sunita Wiebe, Manager, Strategic Planning

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**1. Competency Statements and Learning Outcomes**

Sunita provided a summary document which was sent around to Faculty Council members prior to the meeting. Sunita spoke on the matter of program review; when a student enters a program we should be able to be clear on what a student should learn throughout the program. Sunita would be happy to run workshops for individual departments to show how competencies support the programs. By the second year students would have a clearer pathway and they will know what they are gaining from the program.

An analysis will be done on all programs. We are adjusting our new programs as we go along into each new year. This is the time to be analyzing new degrees.

This would be something for our Curriculum Committee to be looking at and would be a good place for discussion to begin. Betty says they will put it on the Agenda for next meeting and then perhaps take it back to the Departments. Sunita is available as a resource for this exercise.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

It was **moved, seconded** (Melissa Bodner/Darryl Loewen) **and carried**

**THAT** Faculty Council approve the Agenda.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

It was **moved, seconded** (Patrick Duffy/Avtar Sadhra) **and carried**

**THAT** Faculty Council approve the Minutes of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with the deletion of Darryl Loewen from the list of those attending the meeting and the amendment of paragraph three under item 5. c. Senate Reports, to state as follows: "Program revisions utilizing the MATAP will be coming forward later this year."

#### 4. **Business Arising**

Mike reported that he did send a follow-up message to Harry Gray regarding the retirees e-mail and heard that people are talking about the situation.

Regarding Darryl's suggestion that the Faculty have t-shirts from the Faculty to wear at all events, this suggestion is being promoted so that FSH faculty and staff volunteers at events will get a t-shirt they can wear at all of our events.

#### 5. **Reports**

##### a. **Chair's Report**

Mike reported that the Arts Faculty has put forward a motion regarding service within the Faculty being spread out more evenly. The Arts motion states:

THAT the Arts Faculty Council recommend that the Dean's office address the issue of service in the Faculty of Arts by putting departments on notice that a more equitable distribution of work will be enforced.

Mike requests that Faculty Council members take news of this motion back to the Departments to discuss and to ask Betty to be engaged on this issue. Mike will send the text of the motion to everyone. This issue is aimed primarily at faculty and there is the feeling that it is always the same few people who do the majority of the service.

##### b. **Dean's Report**

Betty reported that next week Jana Kolac will be giving a lecture (Exoplanets) in the Science World KPU speaker series. Starting in June there will be more lectures in the series offered by Alek Egi, Jim Matteoni and Mike Bomford.

It would be good to have our Faculty members attend in a show of Faculty support.

May 7<sup>th</sup> is our next big event, Science Rendezvous, at the Langley campus. We need support from all Departments to put on this event. There could be as many as 1000 people attending this year.

Today some members of FSH met to discuss a vision for the Richmond campus. Langley and Surrey have strong but different identities but Richmond is still trying to find its identity, considering its focus on programs, research and outreach. When a sub-group comes up with a consensus, it will be brought to the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee and then to Faculty Council.

Betty recently attended a workshop put on by Stuart McIlmoyle focusing on the prospects of offering post-baccalaureate programs particularly for the international market. This has good support at the level of the Vice-Presidents and it is believed that moving in this direction holds promise for the future.

##### c. **Senate Reports**

Jennifer reported on the recent activities and issues at Senate.

An issue coming to SSCC is that of the English Department wishing to make a change to the prerequisite of B for ENGL 1100 to a C+. English has met and voted to make this change. The Faculty of Arts is supporting the English Department in this.

Greg Harris is requesting input from FSH members and will put a summary together and send it forward to SSCC. A motion will go to SSCC which will be opened for discussion at the meeting. FSH members are invited to send their comments to Greg.

Faculty Council could request data from IAP on the question of how well students do in ENGL 1100 with C+ and with B.

d. Nominations and Governance  
No items.

e. Curriculum Committee  
No items.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities  
No items.

**6. Other Business**

There was discussion about the May meeting and it was decided to hold the meeting all together in one location at Surrey campus. It was requested to hold the meeting earlier in the day if possible. This will be investigated to see if enough people can attend at an earlier time and a notice will be sent out with details when finalized.

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

Date of Next Meeting: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016