

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, April 18th, 2017

4:15 pm in Rooms 2410 Arbutus (Surrey), 1420 (Richmond), 2020 (Langley)

Present:	Michael Coombes (Chair)	Colin MacLeod	Elizabeth Worobec
	Paul Adams	Darryl Loewen	Cameron Lait
	Patrick Duffy	Betty Cunnin	Lily Liu
	Mike Bomford	Jennifer Au	Avtar Sadhra
	Joel Murray	Graham Rankin	Suellen Zhou
	Terri Taylor	Richard Popoff	Barbara Maloney, Recording

Visitor: Joanne Massey

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was **moved, seconded** (Avtar Sadhra/Richard Popoff) **and carried**

THAT Faculty Council approve the Agenda as proposed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 21st, 2017

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT the Minutes be approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Mike reported that Christina Heinrick from the CADD Program has agreed to serve on the Nominations and Governance Committee. A meeting of this Committee will be called for the near future.

It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Darryl Loewen)

Whereas, In a University access to more information ought to be considered supplemental to decision making and not an impairment to one's capacity for making decisions; and

Whereas, Faculty Council rejects the notion that any faculty member nominated by FSH FC of SSCUB is incapable of respecting the confidence they have agreed to under terms of serving on any University committee; and

Whereas, Faculty Council rejects the notion that any faculty member other than a Dean is incapable of respecting the confidence they have agreed to under terms of serving on any University committee; and

Whereas all information pertaining to the Universities Financial decisions are public domain;

Therefore

Resolved, That FSH FC recommends to Senate to ask the Senate Nominating Committee to make explicit in the mandate of said committee where serving on one committee in the University excludes the same representative from serving on another Senate committee.

Following discussion, it was agreed to amend the final paragraph of the motion to read as follows:

Resolved, That FSH FC recommends to Senate to ask the Senate Governance Committee to make explicit in the mandate of the Senate Nominations Committee where serving on one committee in the University excludes the same representative from serving on another Senate committee.

The question was called and the **motion carried**. Mike will send the motion to Senate.

b. Dean's Report

Betty welcomed Joanne Massey from CADD to her first Faculty Council meeting.

May 13th is the date for the Science Rendezvous at Langley campus, a free, family event with lots of fun activities.

The South Fraser Regional Science Fair was held two weeks ago. This year the Lieutenant Governor attended and spent time with the participants and their projects. The Science Fair Fun Run will be taking place on May 28th. We need more runners/walkers to join the KPU team.

A reminder of the upcoming Teaching, Learning and Scholarship Symposium to be held on June 7th-9th.

Convocation for all FSH program graduates will be held on May 31st at 10:00 a.m. We need participants from faculty to attend.

Some KPU members recently attended the BC Tech Summit. The President is keen to see us more active in this field as the Province sees itself becoming a Tech Hub. The President would like to see KPU having its own Tech Summit. As more information comes forward, Betty will pass it along as appropriate.

Maple Leaf School is moving ahead and having meetings with our department representatives to work out details. Thanks to everyone who is attempting to make everyone comfortable with arrangements and to get everything done in time.

With regard to the Spruce building renovations, departments are almost finished moving out of the spaces to be worked on.

At the SSCUB meeting on Friday, the Committee will be going through the dates and the process for the coming budget year.

c. Senate Reports

Jennifer provided an overview of Senate Committee actions in the past month. Included was the recommended re-appointment of Betty Worobec to SSCUB which comes forward next Monday to Senate for approval.

d. Nominations and Governance

Mike reported that Douglas Torrance will be leaving the Committee membership and needs to be replaced. As Christina Heinrick has volunteered to serve on the Committee, the Nominations and Governance Committee recommended Christina for the position. Therefore, Faculty Council **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT Christina Heinrick be accepted to serve on the Nominations and Governance Committee.

Faculty Council thanks Douglas Torrance for his years of service on the Nominations and Governance Committee. Mike will call a meeting of the Committee with the new membership to work on the necessary Bylaws revisions.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

There were no items from Curriculum Committee.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

There were no items from Academic Planning and Priorities.

5. Other Business

a. Academic Schedule

Members reported summaries from their departments on the choices proposed in the document prepared by the Registrar. Concern was expressed regarding which day of the week the withdrawal dates would fall on. Mike agreed to carry this message of concern forward with Faculty Council's recommendation. Faculty Council agreed that they preferred 75% but that they would be prepared to accept the 66% proposed. Mike will communicate the preference of Faculty Council to Zena Mitchell.

b. Policy AR6

It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Patrick Duffy)

THAT the Policy be changed to not allow tests or examinations worth more than 10% of the final grade during the last week prior to the examination period.

The **motion carried**. Mike will communicate this motion to Zena as policy developer.

c. Spring Semester Starting Day

Faculty Council discussed the issue of starting the semester later than the Monday of the first week. It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Colin MacLeod)

THAT the Spring Semester return to starting on a Monday.

The **motion carried**. Mike will also carry this recommendation on to Zena.

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Date of next meeting: May 16th, 2017