

FACULTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, December 16th, 2014
4:15 pm in Room 1420 (Richmond), 2020 (Langley) and 322 Fir (Surrey)**

Present: Michael Coombes (Chair) Jennifer Au Darryl Loewen
Betty Worobec Trish O'Brien Jane Hobson
Fergal Callaghan Lori Karr Betty Cunnin
Pat Thomas Michael Nyenhuis Joel Murray
Eric Wirsching Michael Adams Terry Taylor
Mike Bomford Paul Adams Barbara Maloney, Recording

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was **moved, seconded** (Darryl Loewen/Jane Hobson) **and carried**

THAT the Agenda be approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was **moved, seconded** (Jane Hobson/Betty Worobec) **and carried**

THAT the Minutes of September 30th, 2014, be approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Mike reported that the Science Challenge was again a huge success.

It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Betty Worobec)

THAT Faculty Council, on behalf of the entire Faculty of Science and Horticulture, thank Don Mathewson and all of the volunteers for another successful Science Challenge.

The **motion carried unanimously.**

It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Jane Hobson)

THAT the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science and Horticulture thank John Martin of the Geography Department for his many years of support at the Kwantlen Science Challenge event.

The **motion carried unanimously**. This motion will be forwarded to John Martin's Dean.

Mike also reported on the proposal for a New Faculty for Faculty Members without a Faculty.

It was **moved and seconded** (Jane Hobson/Fergal Callaghan)

THAT Faculty Council ask Don Mathewson to send us all information on the new Faculty proposal when it comes to Senate Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

The **motion carried, with one abstention**.

b. Dean's Report

The Dean reported on when Liz Milliken will be available for people to say farewell to her.

The new Biology lab design team is developing floor plans and equipment placement. Another meeting will take place in January. It will be a very interactive space, ready for use in September. September Faculty Council meeting could have a tour following that meeting.

The recent SSCUB meeting covered a lot of ground and priorities have been set. There is a lot of concern about funding and what will happen to colleagues in the ACA Faculty as a result of government decisions; there will be more to report at a later meeting. The draft budget will come to us in the third week of January. Gordon Lee will be attending the January meeting to speak about the draft budget. Other members of the Faculty are welcome to attend the meeting.

With regard to recent issues discussed at Curriculum Committee, we need to set declaration requirements for students to enter our degree programs. There will be an extra Curriculum Committee to set out all the declarations which will come to the Faculty Council January meeting.

It is planned to move the Dean's Office to Langley in May 2015. The space will be re-organized to accommodate our total complement. Karen will still travel to other campuses and Triona and her maternity replacement will do the same as required. It is hoped that there will be offices at Richmond and Surrey for Deans from other campuses to sit while there.

Betty had circulated some documents on distribution of student grades and retention strategies. These items are being looked at by the Vice-President in connection with the education plan.

c. Senate Reports

The thirteen week semester issue was tabled due to bargaining and work load issues which must be dealt with first. If these issues are not dealt with by the end of February, the change will not be in place for 2015.

Electronic participation at Senate meetings was discussed. While in person participation is preferred, electronic participation could be arranged with three weeks' notice and four weeks' notice for Senate Committees and Senate meetings respectively.

Strategic Enrollment Management – there will be some data gathering in the next few months. The plan will go to the Academic Council, then to Senate APP Committee in May and then on to Senate. The SEM report will be an important consideration in formulating future budgets.

The Policy on Registration Priority now gives the highest priority to new students so that they can have a positive first-year experience.

d. Faculty Nominations and Governance Committee

Since someone from Faculty Council is now required to serve on this Committee, it was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Jane Hobson)

THAT Alex Liu be nominated to serve as the Faculty Council representative on Nomination and Governance Committee.

The **motion carried**.

As a result of this nomination, either Takashi Sato or Douglas Torrance will be stepping down from the Committee.

5. Other Business

With regard to the Policy blog on C.20, which includes the number of times a student can repeat a course, comments will be received until January 14th. Comments posted here may be read by anyone from the general public.

It was **moved, seconded and carried** to adjourn the meeting.