

## **Faculty of Science and Horticulture**

#### **FACULTY COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 4:15 pm in Rooms 2020 (Langley), 1420 (Richmond) and 1140 Cedar (Surrey)

Present: Michael Coombes (Chair) Graham Rankin Allyson Rozell

Betty Worobec Sherry Wilson Cameron Lait
Lily Liu Patrick Duffy Jana Kolac
Mike Bomford Jennifer Au Darryl Loewen
Terri Taylor Melissa Bodner Karen Vance

Barbara Maloney, Recording

Visitors: Aimee Begalka Sunita Wiebe

Due to equipment problems, the Langley meeting moved into the Dean's Office.

# 1. <u>Visitors – Presentation on KPU Institutional Learning Outcomes: Starting the Conversation</u> Aimee Begalka and Sunita Wiebe spoke about the presentation and invited input from all members.

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Patrick Duffy/Darryl Loewen) and carried

**THAT** Faculty Council approve the Agenda as distributed.

# 3. Approval of the Minutes of January 19th, 2016

It was moved and seconded Betty Cunnin/Lily Liu)

**THAT** Faculty Council approve the Minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as distributed.

The motion carried.

#### 4. Business Arising

Mike Coombes reported on recent nominations and e-mail votes. The following individuals were proposed by e-mail.

- David Davidson nominated to serve as the Faculty of Science and Horticulture representative on the Academic Appeals Committee.
- Karen Davison was nominated to serve as the Faculty of Science and Horticulture representative on the Writing Intensive Courses Committee.
- Tyron Tsui was nominated to serve as the Faculty of Science and Horticulture representative on the Arts Teaching Awards Committee.

Tyron's nomination was submitted too late but he was asked if he would consider serving on the Committee next year.

It was moved and seconded (Patrick Duffy/Betty Cunnin)

**THAT** Faculty Council confirm the above nominations of David Davidson and Karen Davison.

#### The motion carried.

Mike reported that he had sent a message of thanks to the School of Business for designing the new CBSY course.

Allyson Rozell has agreed to stand as Chair of the Faculty Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

Members of Faculty Council discussed the draft message to Harry Gray put forward by Mike Coombes and Mike Bomford. Following discussion, it was **moved and seconded** (Jana Kolac/Patrick Duffy)

**THAT** Faculty Council approve the draft message with the removal of the fourth paragraph.

The **motion carried**, with one abstention (Graham Rankin).

#### 5. Reports

#### a. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report

#### b. Dean's Report

Betty Worobec reported that a number of Professional Development events are planned to take place during Reading Break next week and she has been passing the details on these along to our Faculty as she receives them.

The Minister of Advanced Education recently visited the Langley campus; Gary Jones toured him around the Horticulture labs and greenhouses; they also visited the Faculty of Health facility and the Brew lab and had the opportunity to meet with a good number of people.

At Richmond campus, the Physics lab renovations are under way in order to accommodate third year courses to be offered beginning in the Fall Semester.

The search for the Associate Vice-President of Teaching and Learning is ongoing with interviews taking place last week. Once this position is filled, the University can move ahead with related activities such as having teaching fellows visit here.

Betty expressed thanks to all those who have already participated in the Respectful Workplace workshops. Everyone must attend.

The President is already thinking about the next Strategic Plan. He will be looking for information on where we are going and what should be happening towards putting these

plans in place. Of course, we want to see all of our degrees up and running but if anyone has any new ideas for Betty to take forward, please, pass it along.

#### c. Senate Reports

Jennifer described the recently revised procedures for presenting new programs to the Ministry. The Ministry now wants to see these proposals at an earlier time, i.e., at the Program Concept stage and at that point to compare programs being proposed at various institutions.

While there were some small delays in this year's budget development and approval process, we are still on track for approving the budget up to the Board of Governors level.

Going forward, there are more policy documents being requested to be included in the course presentations. These could be included as hyperlinks within the course presentations. We will need to hand out paper copies with the links appended and should put this expanded version of the course outline on the Moodle sites in order to ensure that students are able to review these policies.

d. There were no further reports.

### 6. Other Business

Mike asked for feedback on how members felt about this new meeting format via Bluejeans. Overall, the feeling was positive. It is planned to post the recording of the meeting on the Faculty Council site along with the Minutes.

The B.Sc. Framework Working Group has been in touch with the B.A. Framework Committee and they expect to have their framework approved quite soon. Mike expects that we may be able to use a portion of the material which they have already developed. The Arts Framework has used Mt. Royal's framework to a large degree.

#### It was moved, seconded and carried

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.