

Faculty of Science and Horticulture

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, November 18th, 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 Melissa Bodner Betty Cunnin
David Sud Lori Karr Joel Murray
Pat Thomas Paul Richard Bruce McTavish
Eric Wirsching Michael Nyenhuis Terry Taylor

Barbara Maloney, Recording

Visitors: Diane Purvey Ann-Marie McLellan Carol Barnett

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Fergal Callaghan/Eric Wirsching) and carried

THAT the Agenda be approved with the addition of the visitors and the re-arrangement of the Agenda to accommodate Curriculum Committee items at the beginning of the meeting.

The motion carried.

2. <u>Visitors: Diane Purvey, Dean of Arts and Ann-Marie McLellan, Chair of EDST Department</u>

Diane and Ann-Marie introduced the course EDUC 1150, Introduction to Higher Education for International Students. They explained the purpose of the course and the reasons for recruiting support from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture to make it mandatory for international students registered in a credentialed program. Would it work in our programs?

Diane and Ann-Marie provided some supporting documentation which will be circulated to all members of Faculty Council. Any feedback that Faculty Council members might like to offer can be directed to Diane and Ann-Marie.

3. Curriculum Committee

Revisions to the Bachelor of Horticulture Science Degree

Faculty Council discussed the updated documents circulated today.

It was moved, seconded (Bruce McTavish/Betty Cunnin) and carried

THAT Faculty Council accept the revision to the Bachelor of Horticulture Science Degree Programs as detailed in the documents from Carol Barnett.

Revisions to the Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Agriculture Degree Faculty Council discussed the updated documents outlining the proposed revisions.

It was moved, seconded (Paul Richard/Betty Cunnin) and carried

THAT Faculty Council accept the revisions to the Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Agriculture Degree Program as detailed in the documents from Rebecca Harbut.

Additional Identified Majors in the Faculty of Science and Horticulture It was **moved and seconded** (Bruce McTavish/Fergal Callaghan)

THAT Faculty Council approve the addition of the following intended Majors to the list of Open Intake Undergraduate Studies areas in the Faculty of Science and Horticulture

- Plant Health
- Urban Ecosystems

Following discussion, the question was called and the motion carried.

4. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved, seconded (Eric Wirsching/Melissa Bodner) and carried

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

5. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

6. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Mike was asked for a nomination to the Senate Academic Plan Implementation Task Force. As the nominee was needed immediately Mike nominated Takashi Sato and he accepted the nomination. It was **moved**, **seconded** (Fergal Callaghan/Pat Thomas) **and carried**

THAT Faculty Council approve the nomination of Takashi Sato to the Senate Academic Plan Implementation Task Force.

Mike brought forward a motion on behalf of Faculty Council. It was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/all members)

THAT, on behalf of the faculty and staff, we congratulate Liz Milliken on her retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Dean's Report

The Dean will be meeting with Chairs tomorrow to relay information on the budget and will have more to report at a later meeting.

c. Senate Reports

A notice of motion is coming forward to Senate at its forthcoming meeting regarding amendment of the Senate Bylaws with regard to electronic voting, teleconference and videoconference.

There is also a proposal coming forward from the Faculty of Health concerning membership in the Faculty of all professional support staff within the Faculty of Health.

d. Faculty Nominations and Governance Committee

The Committee discussed how the Committee could be more responsive to Faculty Council issues.

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

THAT a member of Faculty Council serve as a voting member of the Faculty Nominations and Governance Committee.

The motion carried.

7. Other Business

Betty reminded everyone about the Faculty Holiday Party to take place on December 10th, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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