

Faculty of Science and Horticulture

FACULTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, October 18th, 2016 4:15 pm in Rooms 2410 Arbutus (Surrey), 1360 (Richmond), 1010 (Langley)

Present: Michael Coombes (Chair) Graham Rankin Megan Marcotte

Betty Worobec Paul Adams Patrick Duffy

Betty Cunnin Richard Popoff Lily Liu
Mike Bomford Jennifer Au Avtar Sadhra
Colin MacLeod Terri Taylor Joel Murray

Darryl Loewen Barbara Maloney, Recording

Quorum was achieved; the meeting was called to order.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was requested to add an item "Emails" under Other Business.

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

THAT Faculty Council approve the Agenda as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes of September 27th, 2016

Two amendments to the Minutes were requested: Under Item 4. f. i., in the last paragraph, the last sentence should state "Following ratification by the FSH Faculty of the Whole meeting, it would then go to Senate, for approval." As well, the date of the next meeting should be corrected to be October 18th, 2016.

It was moved, seconded and carried

THAT the Minutes of June 21st, 2016, be approved as amended.

3. Business Arising

Mike reported that he has received a reply from Zena Mitchell regarding the Permission to Register form which was requested to be made an electronic form. Zena confirmed that it is planned to make the form electronic eventually.

Mike reported that he has not yet heard back from the KSA Science representatives but he will put in another message for them to attend and participate on Faculty Council.

Colin has been looking into problems which will be created by the proposed important dates put forward for the coming academic year. It is proposed to continue this discussion at the next Faculty Council meeting. Following that discussion, Betty can present the Faculty views to the next Academic Council meeting.

The move of the CADD program from Trades and Technology to Science and Horticulture is now in the hands of the Provost.

4. Reports

a. Chair's Report

Mike had nothing to report.

b. Dean's Report

Betty reminded the group that next week is Sustainability Week; please, stop by the displays and participate.

Betty met with Joe Sass, Manager of Risk Management. They spoke about tuition, faculty workloads and faculty overloads which exist in other Faculties much more than in FSH. They also discussed how research institutes are run. His area is doing an audit at this time.

Betty sent everyone information from Stephanie Chu. The K-12 curriculum is changing and by 2020 we will see graduates of a much more modular curriculum; we need to be ready for these students. We need to know about the changes and how we will be affected. Someone from each Department should attend the school district meetings mentioned in Stephanie's communique.

Thanks to faculty and staff for participating at the Science World event. Thanks to everyone and the prize goes to the Math Department for most members coming out. We were the only post-secondary institution there for both days.

Richmond Open House is this week; Langley Open House will be November 9th.

Spruce renovations – there is no more information yet.

Our budget presentation is next Friday.

Joel will be attending meetings of Deans of Arts and Science on Friday and expects to hear about the change taking place to the K-12 curriculum. There is a possibility that university entrance exams will be implemented.

c. Senate Report

Jennifer mentioned with regard to the CADD move, it does not require approval of the Senate or the Board. There is a memo from the Provost to Senate indicating information about the move from Trades to FSH.

The change to the Certificate in Engineering (changed to English with C+) is coming forward to Senate for approval.

Coming forward to Senate on Monday are proposed criteria from SCAP for the Committee to evaluate non-recognized institutions (private) and to make recommendations to Senate for approval.

Senate discussed how to deal with vacancies for student members on committees within Senate when there are not available student Senators; Faculty Councils may be approached for nominations.

d. Nominations and Governance

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

THAT Faculty Council nominate Takashi Sato to the Search Committee for the Associate Vice President Academic.

The motion carried.

e. Curriculum Committee Report

There were no Curriculum Committee items.

f. Academic Planning and Priorities

There were no items.

5. Other Business

Avtar reported that he is not on the Faculty Council mailing list. Barbara will make this correction.

Mike will circulate the report prepared by Colin.

We are expecting a visitor at the November meeting to discuss the topic "Global Competencies."

It was moved, seconded and carried

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Date of next meeting: November 15th, 2016