



FACULTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday, September 29th, 2015
4:15 pm in Rooms 2020 (Langley), 1420 (Richmond) and 322 Fir (Surrey)**

Present:

Michael Coombes (Chair)	Jennifer Au	Allyson Rozell
Jana Kolac	Jane Hobson	Cameron Lait
Betty Worobec	Betty Cunnin	Pat Duffy
Eric Wirsching	Graham Rankin	Avtar Sadhra
Mike Bomford	David Sud	Chris Hauta
Lily Liu	Melissa Bodner	Joel Murray
Terri Taylor	Karen Vance	Barbara Maloney, Recording

Quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was proposed to move the item 4.f. to the top of the list under Reports. It was **moved and seconded** (David Sud/Patrick Duffy).

THAT Faculty Council approve the Agenda as amended.

The **motion carried**.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was **moved and seconded** (Patrick Duffy/David Sud)

THAT Faculty Council approve the Minutes of May 19th, 2015, with the correction of the meeting date for January 2016 from January 18th to January 19th.

The question was called and the **motion carried**.

3. Business Arising

In order to formalize items discussed at the last Faculty Council meeting, it was **moved and seconded** (Mike Coombes/Betty Cunnin)

THAT the Dean be given a vote on Faculty Council.

Betty Worobec and Joel Murray left the room during the discussion. Following the discussion, the vote was called and the **motion failed**, 4 in favour, 6 opposed and 2 abstentions.

4. Reports

a. Faculty Academic Planning and Priorities

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

THAT Faculty Council accept the priorities and recommendations of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee on the Faculty of Science and Horticulture Budget Submission.

During discussion of the recommendations it was requested that the Faculty be provided with a list of who does what and who is responsible for which functions within the Dean's Office.

The vote was called and the **motion carried**, all in favour.

b. Chair's Report

Mike reported on a couple of items:

- i. The Bylaw changes approved at the Faculty of the Whole meeting will go forward to Senate.
- ii. Past Minutes of Faculty Council are now available on the Sharepoint site.

c. Dean's Report

Betty reported on the Richmond Open House which is one undertaking intended to address the recent lower enrollments at that campus.

The Science Around the Dome event will take place this weekend and a number of further lectures are planned together with the Faculty of Arts to take place at Science World.

The past month has been spent working on the budget. Our budget presentation will take place on October 30th.

A question was raised about the campus fire drills and current safety plans in place. Lana is bringing these issues up with Pablo Dobud who is planned to be a regular guest at future Faculty of the Whole meetings to bring updates to everyone.

d. Senate Reports

Jennifer Au reported on recent Senate activities.

The following two proposed policies have been reposted on the policy blog for comments:

- i. AC10 – Establishment, Revision, suspension and/or Discontinuance of Programs Policy and Procedures
- ii. GV9 – Establishment and/or discontinuance of Faculties and Departments Policy and Procedures

During the 6-week posting period, a representative from the Provost's Office and Jennifer will be attending all seven Faculty Curriculum Committees to consult on the proposed program development, revision and approval process that is a part of the AC10 procedures. They will

be attending the FSH Curriculum Committee meeting on October 15th at 4:15 PM. They expect that the AC10 and GV9 will be endorsed by Senate and approved by the Board in January of 2016.

Senate endorsed the proposed revisions to the Course Outline Template on June 22, 2015. After consulting with the Provost, it is recommended that the revisions be implemented in three phases:

- i. Phase 1 – Removal of the Essential Skills section from the template. This will be implemented after Senate approves of the revised template on October 26th.
- ii. Phase 2 – Implementation of all remaining pedagogical revisions, including those recommended by the Office of the Registrar. We expect the revised template to be approved by Senate in November or December, with implementation in January or February after the template has been thoroughly beta tested.
- iii. Phase 3 – Implementation of the technological revisions. Implementation date will be determined in consultation with the IT Executive Governance Committee.

e. **Faculty Nominations and Governance Committee**

Bylaw changes were discussed under above.

Faculty Council received for information the earlier nomination of Karen Davison to serve on the Search Advisory Committee for the Registrar position.

Prior to the next meeting, a Faculty Council member is needed to sit on the Nominations and Governance Committee.

Mike has completed a second two-year term now. Mike called for nominations from Faculty Council to serve as Chair; Mike was nominated and agreed to stand. As no further nominations were forthcoming, Mike was acclaimed as Chair.

Nominations to serve as Vice-Chair were called for. Mike Bomford agreed to serve and was declared elected.

f. **Curriculum Committee**

- i. The e-mail vote regarding the Brewing Admissions Changes Memo passed. A couple of notes accompanied the discussion on this item. First, objections raised by Patrick Duffy during the e-mail voting were withdrawn as no others within Chemistry shared his concerns. The second note concerned the issues raised by Terri Taylor in the process of the e-mail voting. These issues were discussed and answered prior to the passing of the recommendation in the memo.
- ii. With regard to the Health Science Major Revisions and Honours Program, following discussion it was **moved and seconded**

THAT Faculty Council accept these changes in principle as described in the memo of September 11, 2015, from Jane Hobson. Some language changes will be implemented and reported back to Faculty Council.

The vote was called and the **motion carried**, all in favour.

- iii. Horticulture PLA Assessment is proposed in order to provide the way for further opportunities for students to increase their level of education without needless repetition of coursework previously undertaken. It was **moved and seconded** (Betty Cunnin/Patrick Duffy)

THAT Faculty Council approve the PLA Assessment of ITA Horticulture Programs as presented in the memorandum of June 25, 2015, from Carol Barnett.

The question was called and the **motion carried**.

- iv. Sustainable Crop Production Diploma Name Change
The name change has been proposed so that the Program can be more clearly identified to our students. It was **moved and seconded** (Betty Cunnin/Patrick Duffy)

THAT the Diploma name be changed to **Diploma in Horticulture Technology Sustainable Production Horticulture Specialization** as described in the memo dated September 17th, 2015, from Carol Barnett.

The **motion carried**, all in favour.

5. Other Business

The Biology Hiring Standards Requirement topic is deferred until the next meeting.

It was **moved, seconded and carried**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.