



**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)**  
**4:15 PM – 6:15 PM**

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**Meeting Minutes**

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**Attendees:**

Amy Jeon; *Dean*  
Jeff Dyck; *Assoc. Dean*  
Leila Biu; *Recording*  
Allyson Rozell; *Chair*  
Mike Coombes; *Vice-Chair*  
Casey McConill  
Catherine Chow  
Christina Iggulden  
David Sud  
Dominic Bernard  
Ellen Pond  
Fergal Callaghan  
Jane Shin  
Kelsie Doering  
Korri Thorlacius  
Mary Hosseinyazdi  
Melissa Drury  
Muskandeep Kaur  
Nadia Henwood  
Tyron Tsui  
Xavier Ardez  
Brett Favaro; *Guest*

**Regrets:**

Alan Davis  
Alex Lyon  
Michelle Ikoma  
Nicole Tunbridge  
Russ Lyons  
Samaneh Ghanzafari Hashemi  
Sepideh Tahriri Abadi  
Suellen Zhou

**1. Approval of the Agenda of June 17, 2025**

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Korri Thorlacius), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

**2. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of May 20, 2025**

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Catherine Chow), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

**3. Business Arising:**

- No business arising.

**4. Chair's Report:**

- Nothing to report.

**5. Dean's Report:**

- Dr. Bruce Choy is the new president and vice-chancellor, effective September 2, 2025.
- Christina Heinrick will take on the Associate Dean *pro tem* position starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The search process will begin in the Fall. Please watch out for an announcement to serve on the search committee.
- Senate approved the suspension of the EPT program effective Fall 2026.

**6. Senate Reports:**

- From the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Senate voted in favour of suspending the Diploma of Technology in Environmental Protection effective September 1, 2026. There were 15 votes in favour, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention.
- Senate approved the revised academic schedule for 2025-26. The first day of classes for Spring 2026 is pushed back by one day to January 7<sup>th</sup>. The campus will not reopen until January 5<sup>th</sup>. All other important dates will also be pushed back by one day.
- Senate also approved an omnibus approach to policy revision to support graduate studies at KPU.
- Senate approved allowing the results of various tests to count as satisfying the requirements for English undergraduate proficiency, as well as, placement into English language studies courses and placement into the pathway to undergraduate studies. Some of these will run as pilots for one or three years and will be reviewed after that.

**6.1. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review (SSCPR):**

- Nothing to report.

**6.2. Senate Standing Committee on University Budget (SSCUB):**

- Joint meeting with SSCAPP.
- Carole Laplante, interim director of financial services, presented the principles and priorities that will guide the development of the 2026-27 budget. Both committees voted in favour of recommending that Senate endorse the principles and priorities with some amendment to the wording of the document that came out of the discussion.

- The timeline for the budget development was also presented. For the 2025-26 budget, the budget did not go to the Board until the end of March 2025. For next year, the draft budget will be presented to the Board in January 2026.

**6.3. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SSCAPP):**

- SSCAPP recommended that the Senate approve Institutional Recognition Request for DUNIS Africa effective July 1, 2025. This sets up the relationship to start examining courses to allow for transfer credit.

**6.4. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC):**

- Nothing to report.

**6.5. Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR):**

- Nothing to report.

**6.6. Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL):**

- On May 29<sup>th</sup>, the revised procedure AC15 on digital credentials was discussed. There were some concerns brought forward by the Melville School of Business about the level of faculty consultation. It passed this committee.

**6.7. Senate Standing Committee on Policy (SSCP):**

- Nothing to report.

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.1. Curriculum Committee:**

- Nothing to report.

**7.2. Academic Planning and Priorities:**

- Nothing to report.

**7.3. Research:**

- Nothing to report.

**7.4. Nominations and Governance:**

**Motion:** *That the Faculty Council endorse Fergal Callaghan to serve a second term on the Senate Subcommittee for Program Review (SSCPR), starting September 1, 2025.*

**Moved:** Mike Coombes; **Seconded:** Casey McConill. **Carried.**

**Motion:** *That the Faculty Council approve a 4-month extension to the term of the Science representative (Daniel Anvari) on the Senate Micro-credentials Committee (SMC), September thru December 2025.*

**Moved:** Mike Coombes; **Seconded:** Catherine Chow. **Carried.**

- NomGov is looking for representatives, one for Policy and one for Library. The Policy committee meets about eight or nine times a year while the Library committee meets about three or four times a year.
- Nominate students for the faculty-recommended awards and scholarships.

**8. New Business:**

- The Urban Ecosystems program suspension ends in August 2025. There was an early proposal that was brought to the School of Horticulture last year that would have involved really substantive changes. This includes a new acronym, possibly a new department, and it was complicated. One of the issues with this degree is the laddering from the diploma into a degree. The department is working on streamlining the laddering into a revised degree. For example, make use of courses in other programs like the Ecology courses in Biology.

**9. Guest: Climate Strategy – Brett Favaro**

- Diane Purvey, Provost, appointed Brett Favaro to a secondment starting September 2024. Brett went around the university and other universities to figure out what others are doing. The [climate strategy draft](#) has two things, strategic priorities that would establish a credible and ambitious position for KPU in the area of climate sustainability and the values that will inform how to get there.

***Meeting adjourned by Chair at 4:53 PM***

**Date of next Faculty Council: September 16, 2025**