

FACULTY COUNCIL Tuesday, May 20, 2025 Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online) 4:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jeff Dyck; Assoc. Dean Erika Eliason; Assoc. Dean Leila Biu; Recording Allyson Rozell; Chair Alex Lyon Casey McConill **Catherine Chow** Christina Iggulden **Dominic Bernard** Fergal Callaghan Jane Shin Kelsie Doering Mary Hosseinyazdi Melissa Drury Muskandeep Kaur **Russ Lyons** Samaneh Ghanzafari Hashemi Suellen Zhou

Regrets:

Tyron Tsui Xavier Ardez

Amy Jeon; *Dean*Mike Coombes; *Vice-Chair*Alan Davis
David Sud
Ellen Pond
Michelle Ikoma
Nadia Henwood
Nicole Tunbridge
Sepideh Tahriri Abadi

1. Approval of the Agenda of May 20, 2025

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

2. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of April 15, 2025

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

3. Business Arising:

No business arising.

4. Chair's Report:

In June, Brett Favaro will join us to discuss and get feedback on the Climate Strategy.

5. Dean's Report:

• As with the Dean's report last meeting, KPU is facing financial and operational challenges.

6. Senate Reports:

- Notice was given of the university Chancellor's term ending in 2026; a search advisory committee will be formed.
- The new Certificate in Brewing and Diploma in Engineering Physics were approved.
- Revisions to the Diploma in Brewing and Brewing Operations, and Bachelor of Science, Major in Physics for Modern Technology were approved, along with revisions to Political Science programs, and BBA in Accounting. Most of these were pending determination by the Degree Quality Assessment Board.
- Psychology had 3 new micro-credentials approved: Psychology and Organizational Behaviour; Psychology, Marketing and Design; Quantitative and Quality Psychology Research.
- Catherine Schwichtenberg was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of Senate, and Senators-elect were recognized: Laura Del Rio Torres and Catherine Schwichtenberg from the Faculty of Health, Richard Popoff elected from the Faculty of Science, and Raymond Chou, Sheena Dela Torre, Gurnoor Kaur, and Harkomalpreet Singh Gill elected from the student population.
- The next Senate meeting will be May 26th, and the suspension of EPT is on the agenda.

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.
- The main item on the meeting is the suspension of the EPT program. The points raised at faculty council last month were reiterated by Fergal and Allyson at the meeting. The motion passed and it will go to senate on Monday, May 26. Although there was disagreement about the suspension of the program, those who spoke recognized the importance of the program and sees it as an important part of KPU's offering in the future.



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

- Joint meeting with SSCUB.
- Schedule change: Christmas break was extended by a day, so all of Spring 2026 was pushed back by a day; Allyson sent out the revised schedule on May 12th.

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):

• Meeting was rescheduled, nothing to report.

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:

Nothing to report.

8. New Business:

No new business.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 4:27 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: June 17, 2025