

**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)**  
**4:15 PM – 6:15 PM**

## Meeting Minutes

Faculty Council Voting Member Quorum: 30% (7)		
Allyson Rozell – Chair Mike Coombes – Vice Chair Samaneh Ghanfari Hashemi – CADD Tyron Tsui – PHYS Sepideh Tahriri Adabi – Institute Rep Suellen Zhou – Rmd staff Rep Christina Iggulden – Sry Staff Rep Korri Thorlacius – Langley Staff Rep Kelsie Doering – BIOL Marjorie Sorenson – BIOL Nicole Tunbridge – BIOL alternate	Mary Hosseinyazdi – MATH Daniel Anvari – MATH Ellen Pond – HORT Russ Lyons – HORT Melissa Drury – EPT Alex Lyon – AGRI David Sud – CHEM Deepani Indurugalla – CHEM Xavier Ardez -St Rep (Alumni) Vacant – St Rep	<b>Non-voting</b> Brett Favaro Jeff Dyck Christina Heinrick Nadia Henwood Bruce Choy
Regrets		Guests
Dominic Bernard		

Recording: Michelle Ikoma

**1. Approval of the Agenda of October 21, 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 September 16, 2025**

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

**3. Business Arising:**

- None

**4. Chair's Report:**

- No report

**5. Dean's Report:**

- AGC has received \$1million from Genome BC
- Student Paul Virtue has won a silver medal at the BC Beer Awards, competing against professional breweries for his Belgian Dubbel.
  - At the same event, a robust policy conversation with a Senior person from Liquor Distribution Canada resulted in discovering that there is more we can do with student beer sampling. Further discussion is planned.
- Hort and Sust Ag bursaries are now available. There are 16- \$2000 bursaries. Students need to apply in January for Fall disbursements. <https://finaidssb->

[prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!welcome/5273/awardDetails](http://prod.ec.kpu.ca/BcFinaidSelfService/ssb/awardGuide#!welcome/5273/awardDetails)

- Dean noted that he has started an award, contributing monthly through the Family Giving process to a student studying to advance Climate Change Study or Conservation
- Faculty Town hall was well attended, and the discussion questions were thought provoking and will be looked into.
  - For the foreseeable future the Dean will be focusing on:
    - Recruitment on both active and systemic fronts
    - Retention
    - Progression
    - Partnerships
- Rapid PLAR wherein a prospective student submits a portfolio of a combination of education and work experience and receives credit for lower-level coursework so that they can enter 3rd and 4th year courses and fill those levels more.
  - Nadine Siriban will be coming to the All-Chairs meeting in early December to present on this.
- Dean encourages discussion and will be working on program by program, pre-reqs/co-reqs checking for 'traps' affecting retention. Are there items with less of an argument for now. The goal is to remove barriers to retention.

#### 6. Senate Reports - Allyson Rozell:

Senate held its first meeting of the 25/26 academic year at the Surrey Conference Centre, welcoming Senators and members of all Senate Standing Committees. The meeting opened with a land acknowledgement and a powerful welcome from Elder Lekeyten and his wife Cheryl, who among many things, told us to "be proud of KPU, be proud because you are carrying forward what the vision that our leader and the people who were sitting around that table had".

Dr. Choy provided an update that included who he has been meeting with and a general sketch of the external forces affecting KPU. He also discussed why Senate matters, and the purpose of bicameral governance and the essential role of Senate in upholding academic integrity. Senate, he said, is the "beating heart" of the university where diverse voices come together to uphold the values, standards, and responsibilities that define KPU as a university.

Senate approved the following:

- Revisions to the bylaws of the Graduate Studies Council, and the Faculty of ACP
- Academic schedules through to 2028/2029
- Search advisory Committees for three Associate Dean positions
- The list of graduates as of September 29, 2025

Past minutes and the upcoming agenda are available at <https://kpu.ca/senate>. Next Senate meeting is Oct 27; the removal of pre-reqs for HSCI 1115 is on that agenda.

##### 6.1. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review (SSCPR) Fergal Callaghan:

- No report

##### 6.2. Senate Standing Committee on University Budget (SSCUB) Fergal Callaghan:

- No report

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

- Delayed to Oct 31 to include up-to-date budgeting info.

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

- No report

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

- No report

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

- Committee met on Oct 2 2025
- We received a report from the AVP Teaching and Learning about their latest initiatives, including a multi-institution collaboration related to sustainability and digital pedagogy.
- We also heard a presentation about KPU's 'Stay the Course' (<https://www.kpu.ca/staythecourse>) pilot program, which supports retention of new domestic students in undeclared open-access programs (by incentivizing meeting with an Advisor, taking KPU 100, etc). Fall intake has closed, and the organizers are hoping to run another cohort in the Spring.

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

- No report

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.1. Curriculum Committee( Richard Popoff):**

- No report

**7.2. Academic Planning and Priorities (Allyson Rozell):**

- No report

**7.3. Research (Mike Bomford):**

- No report

**7.4. Nominations and Governance(Mike Coombes):**

- Motion to confirm Judy Bicep as the Science representative on SSCLibrary (*Mary Hosseinyazdi*), *seconded (Marjorie Sorenson)*. *Carried*
- Need to recruit two students. Note Xavier is now alumni and will be leaving.
- Science seat on SSCPolicy is still open.

**8. New Business:**

None

***Meeting adjourned by Chair at 4:38 PM***

**Date of next Faculty Council: November 18, 2025**