

**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)**  
**4:15 PM – 6:15 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Faculty Council Voting Member Quorum: 30% (7)</b>		
Allyson Rozell – Chair Mike Coombes – Vice Chair Samaneh Ghanfari Hashemi – CADD Tyron Tsui – PHYS Suellen Zhou – Rmd staff Rep Christina Iggulden – Sry Staff Rep Korri Thorlacius – Langley Staff Rep Kelsie Doering – BIOL Marjorie Sorenson – BIOL	Mary Hosseinyazdi – MATH Daniel Anvari – MATH Ellen Pond – HORT Russ Lyons – HORT Melissa Drury – EPT Alex Lyon – AGRI Deepani Indurugalla – CHEM	<b>Non-voting</b> Brett Favaro Jeff Dyck Christina Heinrick Nadia Henwood  Richard Popoff; <i>FC Senate</i> Michelle Ikoma, <i>Deans office</i>
<b>Regrets</b>		<b>Guests</b>
Bruce Choy Dominic Bernard – HOPS Sepideh Tahriri Adabi – Institute Rep Muskandeep Kaur; <i>FC Student Rep</i> Xavier Ardez; <i>FC Student Rep</i>	David Sud – CHEM  Nicole Tunbridge; <i>FC Biology ALT</i>	Guest: Nina Jauernig, faculty re 'Stay the Course' pilot program

**1. Approval of the Agenda of November 18, 2025**

*Addition to agenda:* Guest: Nina Jauernig, faculty re 'Stay the Course' pilot program

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Suellen Zhou), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.*

**2. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of October 21, 2025**

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Mary Hosseinyazdi), **and carried THAT** the minutes be approved as distributed.*

**3. Business Arising:**

- None

**4. Chair's Report:**

- Allyson is on the Ad Hoc Grading Practices Committee. Send any queries, comments, or ideas to Allyson for committee consideration.

**5. Dean's Report:**

- Dean noted that the guest presentation scheduled for today was highly relevant as he is looking at retention data, including DFW rates as they pertain to the 1<sup>st</sup> year experience.

Dean noted that the picture is very different from department to department. Pre-reqs for core sciences are quite complex. There are no student complaints because most students don't self advocate. Provincially KPU has the highest rates of attrition after 1<sup>st</sup> year. They leave and mostly go to BCIT. Faculty of Science really needs to look at learning outcomes in 1<sup>st</sup> year as they pertain to the next class. We want students struggling with hard materials, not with navigating the degree.

- *ACTION: Invite Andrea Fello to present re My MAP and typical conversations with students.*

## 6. Senate Reports:

- Pre-req removal for HSCI 1115 approved. Richard Popoff approved as our rep on SSCUB. The Senate Standing Committee on Academic Title Awards was dissolved.
- At Monday's Senate, the budget will be presented for endorsement. Both agenda packages are available at [kpu.ca/senate](http://kpu.ca/senate)

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

- No report

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

- At Nov 12 meeting, new budget was circulated

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

- Nov 12 special information meeting re the new budget

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

- Changed micro-credential requirements were approved and sent directly to Senate.
- BPN-pre-reqs, not including Biology now integrated in Nursing program.

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

- No report

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

- No report

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

- No report

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1. Curriculum Committee:

- **4 courses to look at: 2 courses approved with minor changes; one sent back to department; and one on our agenda today.**
- **THAT** the Faculty of Science Faculty Council approve the resolution THAT the Arts Standing Curriculum Committee recommend that the Senate Standing Committee for Curriculum recommend that Senate approve the removal of all pre-requisite course requirements from BIOL/INDG 1492, INDG 2100, INDG 2150, effective May 1, 2026  
***Seconded (Ellen Pond) and Carried***

### 7.2. Academic Planning and Priorities:

- No report

### 7.3. Research:

- No Report

### 7.4. Nominations and Governance:

- No report

## 8. New Business:

### Guest Nina Juaernig re 'Stay the Course' pilot project.

- Ms. Juaernig gave an overview of the pilot program after reviewing background statistics, introducing the team, announcing the first (SPR 2026) cohort, explaining the timeline that students will participate in and announcing an upcoming Faculty workshop being developed to roll out in Spring also.
- She noted that 61% of first year students do not graduate from KPU. As the Dean had mentioned, many leave after first year.
- The program will offer targeted wrap around support and is modelled after a similar program at City University of New York.
- The program is focused on ARTS, BUSI, SCIE, and Pathway 3 students. Thus far 190 students have applied for Spring. There are 1000 spaces.
- In addition to support from Advising, Counselling, The Learning Centre, students receive 2 tuition credits of \$350.00 during the program.
- For further information, refer to the Slide Deck and flyer sent out by Michelle Ikoma, or contact Michelle if you did not receive it.

***Meeting adjourned by Chair at 4:59 PM***

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