

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**  
Friday, February 3, 2023

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<b>Chair:</b>	Lucy Lee, Dean
<b>Present</b> (In Person):	Ian Affleck, Carin Bondar, Rafiqul Chowdhury, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Rhien Hare, Lin Long, Jed Mamish, Stan Manu, Mariano Mapili, Stefania Pizzirani, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzinski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Ben Vanderlei, Jane Webb
<b>Present</b> (Virtual):	Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Kseniya Garaschuk, Longlong Huang, J Hughes, Alida Janmaat, Jesper Johansen, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Justin Lee, Gillian Mimmack, Tony Stea, Jason Thomas, Natallia Varankovich, Frank Zhang
<b>Regrets:</b>	Cherie Enns, Anna Kuczynska
<b>Recorder:</b>	Janice Nagtegaal   Minutes: Caroline Majeau

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**1. WELCOME**

**2. AGENDA and MINUTES**

**2.1. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.  
*Alan R. / 2nd Vanessa R.; all in favour; adopted.*

**2.2. Approval of the Minutes – January 6, 2023**

Update Dean's Report: Lucy's official last day as Dean is August 31, 2023 and retirement date is September 30, 2023.

Follow up on action items:

- Lucy advised that she did speak to the Registrar regarding the waitlist and invited him to attend a future Department Head's meeting to discuss further.
- Jane followed up with the Chemistry Department Head regarding the lack of a stats requirement in the biochem major. The reason is due the number of lower-level credits already required. A stats course could be an elective.

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of January 6, 2023 with the update to the Dean's report as noted.

*Approved by consensus.*

**3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei**  
For Decision: N/A

4. **FSCC (Curriculum Committee)**

For Information: N/A

5. **DISCUSSION**

5.1. **Math and Stats Department proposed motion:**

**Proposed Motion:**

THAT motions submitted to the Science Faculty Council must include a memo that summarizes the consultation that was conducted regarding that motion. Motions lacking an appropriate level of consultation will not be included on meeting agendas.

*Ben V. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Kseniya G.*

- There was concern raised that the motion brought to SFC back in December did not reflect consultation. Discussion followed. It was suggested to amend the motion to include “Motions that affect a specific program or area be submitted with appropriate consultation.”
- School of Computing brought forward their concern of potential changes in Math courses and would like to be consulted and informed.
- Greg S. suggested a friendly amendment to strike the last sentence of the proposed motion. Discussion continued.

Ben accepted the friendly amendments to strike the second sentence and include “Motions that affect a specific program or area be submitted with appropriate consultation”

**AMENDED MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council agree that motions submitted to Science Faculty Council that affect a specific program or area be submitted with appropriate consultation.

*Ben V. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Kseniya G.; 2 abstentions; remainder in favour; passed.*

5.2. **Confirmation of Committee members to develop new Math course**

Ian provided an overview of the development of the new Math course. It was requested that the committee be forward thinkers with the objective of creating a one-semester course that would work well for the life sciences including SLUEC. Of the members to be selected, 50% must be from Math. Discussion followed. Once the course is developed, it will still need to be voted on at the Math department level.

**Committee Members:** Ben Vanderlei (Committee Chair), Math Reps: Robin Endelman, Kseniya Garaschuk, plus one as Ben is Chair; Biology Rep: Alan Reid; Chemistry Rep: Jake Spooner; SLUEC: Olav Lian; School of Computing (observer, non-voting): Frank Zhang.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. **Dean's Report** - Lucy Lee

- Lucy reminded council of the temporary changes in administration with President MacLean on leave. The Provost's office will be announcing other changes shortly.
- Dr. Teresa Kisilevich will be the next Dean for the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies effective August 1, 2023
- The new Dean of Science has still not been decided.

- 6.2. Advising** - Karen Cooper  
Nothing to report.
- 6.3. BSc Committee** - Stan Manu
- Stan met with the committee members individually to discuss their programs and see some of the work they have done. The BSc Committee has held off meeting as a group while waiting for the formation of the committee that was just passed.
  - The BSc Committee will be affected by the work currently being done on UFV's ILOs. There is a committee which includes some of our science faculty working on updating the ILOs which are over 12 years old. Discussion followed.
  - Lucy will invite Awneet Sivia as she is in charge of this ILO project.
- 6.4. Indigenization and EDI**
- Ian recently met with Darlene MacDonald who organized the Walking Forward Together back in September for the Abbotsford School District. They discussed possible reasons why there seems to be fewer Indigenous science students at UFV. It was mentioned that UBC and SFC start recruiting students beginning in Grade 10 so UFV likely misses out due to not recruiting. The upcoming Science Sampler event being held during spring break for grade 8s from the Abbotsford Traditional School may be a type of event the School District would like to see at UFV for the Indigenous students. Expect to see some opportunities late May, over the new fall reading break and the winter reading break to bring Indigenous students to UFV. For more information contact Ian.
  - The next Science Curriculum Indigenization Gathering to be held on February 10. Watch for an email from Caroline. They will be discussing the potential formation of an Indigenization Curriculum Committee.
- 6.5. Senate** - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas  
Nathan provided updates from the last Senate meeting. Lucy invited 3 science students to present at Senate and share their experience at UFV.
- 6.6. Students** - Rhien Hare | Jed Mamish  
Rhien advised that she has had many students approach her about LIYSF and suggested an information session would be helpful. Caroline will connect with Rhien to schedule a date.
- 6.7. Other Reports**  
March for Sustainability Events: There are 11 events being hosted throughout March. Stefania will share the details with the Dean's office to send out.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1.** Faculty Microlectures and publication celebration: The return of the annual faculty microlectures, followed by the biannual faculty publication celebration, happening live and in-person for the first time since 2019. Everyone welcome! **Thursday, FEB 9: 11:30-2 PM**, Microlectures: A219, Spirit Bear Cafe | Faculty Publication Celebration: A225. More info: <https://ufv.ca/research/faculty/faculty-publication-celebration/>

- 7.2. The TLC Learning Designers have designated some time on Fridays to get their help. This scheduled time is meant for you to ask questions about your online courses, and/or how to incorporate ed-tools into your teaching practice, Blackboard help, etc. Drop in for 10–15 minute sessions online (10 am–12 pm), or in person in G104 (1–3pm) on Fridays for the Winter 2023 semester (Jan–April). Of course, you can still drop by anytime, or email [asktlc@ufv.ca](mailto:asktlc@ufv.ca) to schedule appointments if need be. Info: [asktlc@ufv.ca](mailto:asktlc@ufv.ca) | <https://ufv.ca/teaching-and-learning/>
- 7.3. HR Learning Series has several offerings planned for Winter 2023. Upcoming Workshops: <https://www.ufv.ca/hr/learning-and-development/workshops/>
- 7.4. We are looking for a student enrolled in a science program at UFV, who is academically outstanding and has great leadership and communication skills, to represent UFV at the London International Youth Science Forum to be held July 26 - August 9, 2023. If you have a student(s) who fit the criteria, please encourage them to apply. Deadline for applications is February 27, 2023. More info: <https://bit.ly/3O3YMBs>
- 7.5. Monthly reports to the Provost from the Faculty of Science can be found here: <https://ufv.ca/science/deans-office/monthly-department-highlights/>. If you have news to share, please email Caroline so it can be included on our next report.

8. ADJOURNED – 2:17 PM

ACTION ITEMS		
Lucy	To invite Awneet Sivia to attend a future SFC Meeting and provide updates on UFV's ILOs.	Attending March 3, 2023