

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**
Friday, March 3, 2023 - D213

Chair:	Lucy Lee, Dean
Present (In Person):	Rafiqul Chowdhury, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Ali Fotouhi, Rhien Hare, Jesper Johansen, Stan Manu, Mariano Mapili, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzinski, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Ben Vanderlei,
Present (Virtual):	Jennifer Barrett, Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Kseniya Garaschuk, Longlong Huang, Alida Janmaat, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee, Tony Stea, Jason Thomas, Jane Webb, Frank Zhang
Regrets:	Ian Affleck, James Bedard, Carin Bondar, Cherie Enns, J Hughes, Olav Lian, Lin Long, Jed Mamish,
Recorder:	Caroline Majeau

1. WELCOME

2. PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1.** Dr. Awneet Sivia, VP Teaching & Learning presented her background. Although new to the position she has been with UFV for many years.
- She gave an overview of Teaching and Learning and how their office is here to help faculty. Awneet will send her slides to Caroline to share with the faculty.
 - She provided updates on the Institutional Outcomes project.
 - The faculty focused conference, ConnectED 2023 will be held on April 27, 2023, 9am-3pm and will be hybrid format. Proposals open until March 13. Registration to open soon. <https://blogs.ufv.ca/tlc/2023/02/07/connected-2023-teaching-and-learning-conference/>
- 2.2.** Rhien Hare, UFV's LIYSF Ambassador from last year presented on her experience at the forum. She encouraged faculty to have their students apply for this opportunity next time it's offered.

3. AGENDA and MINUTES

3.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

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

3.2. Approval of the Minutes - February 3, 2023

There was an addition to the Math Course Committee. As Ben V. is the Chair, and non-voting unless to break a tie, the additional member from Math is David Chu.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of February 3, 2023 as presented.
Ben V.; 2nd Stan M.; all in favour; approved.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

4.1. MATH/STAT 450: Statistical Theory (6-year review)

Ben presented the updates to the course. No questions or discussion.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the requested updates to MATH/STAT 450: Statistical Theory as presented.
Ben V. / 2nd David C.; all in favour; approved.

5. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: Nothing to report.

6. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS – N/A

7. REPORTS

7.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy congratulated everyone on the very successful Science Sampler event held on February 21st. The event made CTV and Global news and reached over 200K people in the area. Biology has been asked by the Mission School District to host a similar event on April 28th. Greg S. will be reaching out for volunteers. Senate had the Science Sampler as their number one news update.
- The new Science Dean has been announced. Dr. Michael Hitch will be starting September 1. Although Lucy's last day is August 31, she will continue until the end of September to help with the transition.
- The nomination deadline for emeritus status is today. Science only has one application. Lucy will be following up on software access for emeriti.
- Science only received two applications for sabbatical, and both have been approved - one from Math and the other from Chemistry. There was one postponed from last year so all three will begin September 1st.
- Lucy provided an update on the new faculty positions. Some are replacements and two are brand new approved positions. One is in biology and the other is SLUEC for an Environmental Studies' position.

7.2. Advising - Karen Cooper

- Advising is currently working on summer admissions for international students. There has been a significant increase in the Associate of Science and BSc this summer.

- Advising recently hosted an Advising Drop-in just outside the Science Student Centre. Students were able to stop by for quick questions, declarations, etc. They plan to host more of these events in the future.
- Graduation deadline is April 1, 2023.

7.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu

Nothing to report.

7.4. Indigenization and EDI

Lucy recently attended the Western Deans of Arts and Science meeting. There were many sessions on prioritizing EDI. One session discussed the issue of individuals who are faking their credentials or their Indigenous background - this has been very problematic.

7.5. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas

Nathan provided updates from the February 10 Senate meeting. The new Fall Reading Break was approved and will be November 11-15. Senate has open positions for non-senate members. If anyone is interested, please sign up.

7.6. Students - Rhien Hare | Jed Mamish

There are a lot of student events happening this month. March for Sustainability is happening all month. UFV West's 4th Annual Career Panel is being held on March 16. They are featuring 5 women in STEM. Rhien will forward the poster to Caroline to send out.

7.7. Other Reports

The Math 1XX Committee has met. The representatives are going back to their departments to gather feedback.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1.** The 2nd Annual March for Sustainability Series has begun. To view all the events scheduled for the month, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3S5F5eK>
- 8.2.** HR Learning Series has several offerings planned for Winter 2023. Upcoming Workshops: <https://www.ufv.ca/hr/learning-anddevelopment/workshops/>
- 8.3.** APR 4 | Student Research Day | It's back! The event that places UFV's student researchers firmly in the spotlight. Featuring student microlectures and the research poster competition, Student Research Day is truly the students' time to shine. Registration and poster submission by March 15. <https://www.ufv.ca/research/students/student-research-day/>
- 8.4.** The Board of Governors approved the revisions to the following policy and policy direction: **Board Policy BRP-250.01** - Board Policy on Betty Urquhart Community Service Award. **Board Policy direction BPD-240** Alumni Relations. Board policies can be found at <https://www.ufv.ca/board/>
- 8.5.** 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.

9. ADJOURN - 2:25 PM