

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**  
Friday, March 31, 2023 - D213

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**Chair:** Lucy Lee, Dean

**Present**  
(In Person): Ian Affleck, Carolyn Atkins, Rafiqul Chowdhury, David Chu, Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Ali Fotouhi, Grant Fritzke, Jesper Johansen, Hongfei Li, Olav Lian, Lin Long, Jed Mamish, Stan Manu, Stefania Pizzirani, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Ben Vanderlei,

**Present**  
(Virtual): Jennifer Barrett, James Bedard, Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Kseniya Garaschuk, Longlong Huang, Anna Kuczynska, Justin Lee

**Regrets:** Rhien Hare, J Hughes, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Frank Zhang

**Recorder:** Caroline Majeau

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**1. WELCOME / GUESTS**

Larissa Horne, Experiential Education Coordinator was invited to present on recent funding that the Centre received to promote experiential learning in the classroom. She provided an overview of both projects. They are looking for 138 students for the summer to participate and 200 students for the fall. Contact Larissa at [larissa.horne@ufv.ca](mailto:larissa.horne@ufv.ca) for more information.

**2. AGENDA and MINUTES**

**2.1. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

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

**2.2. Approval of the Minutes - March 3, 2023**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of March 3, 2023 as presented.  
*Grant F. / 2nd Greg S.; all in favour; approved.*

**3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei**

For Information/Decision: N/A

**4. PRESENTATION – MATH 111B/118**

Kseniya Garaschuk presented on the Math 111B/118 stream of courses which offers a life science application and may not be an obvious stream. Discussion followed. If anyone has any further comments or questions, please contact Kseniya or Ben.

**5. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS**

Lucy provided background for the restructuring of SLUEC. As there is no process in place, a motion to restructure the school into 2 separate departments so a motion must go through the proper channels.

SLUEC passed the following motion at their recent school meeting:

We, the members of the School of Land Use and Environmental Change (SLUEC) recommend that SLUEC be restructured effective before September 1, 2023 into two separate departments, following the details of the Memorandum of 21 March 2023 from Lucy Lee, Dean, Faculty of Science.

*Mover: Mariano M. / Seconder: Stefania P.; 11 in favour; 0 against; 3 no response; motion approved.*

**PROPOSED SFC MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve and recommend to Senate that the School of Land Use and Environmental Change be restructured into two separate departments effective before September 1, 2023.

*Afia R. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan R.*

Discussion followed. It was suggested to update the motion to include the distinction of the two departments:

**AMENDED SFC MOTION:**

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve and recommend to Senate that the School of Land Use and Environmental Change be restructured into two separate departments, **Department 1:** Physical Geography and GIS; and **Department 2:** Human Geography, Environmental Studies and Planning effective before September 1, 2023.

*Afia R. / 2<sup>nd</sup> Alan R.; 1 abstention; passed.*

**6. REPORTS**

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

- Congratulations to Steve Marsh, UFV's Teaching Excellence Award recipient and Stefania Pizzirani, UFV's Service Excellence Award recipient.
- Lucy is currently gathering nominations for the Faculty of Science AAA Awards to be awarded in May.
- Convocation has been set for June 13, 14, and 15 and will be held in the gym.
- Science has 3 new Associate Professors, Stefania Pizzirani, Afia Raja and Vanessa Radzinski.

**6.2. Advising - Karen Cooper**

- The graduation application deadline is Monday, April 3. So far 84 students have applied to graduate from the winter semester and 41 have already graduated from the summer and fall semesters.

- There has been an increase in international registrations for the summer.
- A course planning session will happen mid June for the incoming fall students. Contact Karen regarding dates.

**6.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu**

Nothing to report.

**6.4. Indigenization and EDI**

- Ian advised that with the assistance of Darlene MacDonald from the Abbotsford School District, the Faculty of Science has invited Indigenous grade 12 students from around Abbotsford to visit our campus on November 15. If anyone who would like to be involved, please let Ian know.
- The Faculty of Science is looking to set up a more formal FoS Indigenization sub-committee like Health Sciences and FECHD. This committee would include Terms of Reference and would report back to SFC. Ian has seen a copy of the FECHD ToR and has offered to bring it to the next meeting to review.

**6.5. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas**

Nathan provided a summary of the last senate meeting.

**6.6. Students - Rhien Hare | Jed Mamish**

Nothing to report.

**6.7. Other Reports**

- Fraser **Valley Regional Science Fair**: We are still looking for judges for Thursday, April 6. Divisional Judging 1-3 PM (Grades 7-12) and Special Awards 3:30-5 PM (Grades K-12). You can sign up for one or both timeslots. Please encourage your upper-level students to sign up too! Contact Caroline Majeau, Ian Affleck, Janice Nagtegaal or Jake Spooner if you have any questions. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2023-fraser-valley-regional-science-fair-judge-registration-tickets-454233824597>

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7.1.** 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.

**7.2.** As part of a five-week consultation, the University Secretariat invites the UFV community to submit collaborative or individual feedback on the revisions to the [Academic Program Review \(189\) Policy](#) (see attached). Please submit your comments to [policyconsult@ufv.ca](mailto:policyconsult@ufv.ca) by the deadline of 4 PM Thursday, April 20, 2023.

**8. ADJOURN - 2:30 PM**