

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**
Friday, April 28, 2023 - D213

Chair:	Lucy Lee, Dean
Present (In Person):	Karen Cooper, Robin Endelman, Golfam Ghafourifar, Javad Hadian, Jesper Johansen, Olav Lian, Lin Long, Alex Palameta, Renee Prasad, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Ben Vanderlei, Natallia Varankovich
Present (Virtual):	Jennifer Barrett, Nathan Bialas, Rafiqul Chowdhury, David Chu, Kseniya Garaschuk, Longlong Huang, Ruwan, Karunanayaka, Hongfei Li, Jed Mamish, Dina Navon, Stefania Pizzirani, Vanessa Radzimski, Jake Spooner, Frank Zhang
Regrets:	Ian Affleck, Carolyn Atkins, Cory Beshara
Recorder:	Caroline Majeau

1. GUESTS and INTRODUCTIONS

Sonia Harding, Senior Officer from Advancement Community Engagement was invited to meet our faculty as she is new to UFV and has been assigned to work with the Faculty of Science. She shared her background and what she brings with her to UFV. She can assist in finding funding for our programs, initiating student awards, etc. Lucy provided an overview of the FoS and its needs with space being the number one issue. It was also mentioned by Stefania that many departments within the FoS are quite involved in climate change and how this may be an avenue to visit with donors. Sonia will connect with Stefania directly to discuss further.

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

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

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - March 31, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of March 31, 2023 as presented.
Alan R. / 2nd Greg S.; all in favour; approved.

3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei
For Decision / Information: Nothing to report

4. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS

4.1. SFC student representative selection - Ben Vanderlei

As the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Ben V. requested clarification on which students should receive the call for student representatives on SFC as the Terms of Reference only indicate 2 students. Discussion followed. It was agreed to include the 2-year Agriculture Diploma and the Regional Planning Degree students in the current list of eligible programs for student representatives.

4.2. Science Indigenization Sub-Committee - Ian Affleck

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for a potential new sub-committee was presented to council for consultation. Although the FoS currently has a group who meet regularly to discuss Indigenizing the curriculum it has been suggested a formal Science Indigenization sub-committee be formed. Discussion followed. It was suggested to form the sub-committee first and then have a line of action to determine the ToR. Faculty do not want this committee to be restricted to only committee members but would like to have it open for others. It was noted that the mandate written is vague and should be more focused. Lucy will take back comments to Ian.

5. REPORTS

5.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy will be announcing the Faculty of Science AAA Award winners at the next SFC meeting on May 26.
- She is finishing off on the IPECs and then will begin on the Triannual reviews.
- Congratulations to the newest Associate Professors with Tenure in the Faculty Science: Vanessa Radzinski from Math and Stats, Afia Raja, and Stefania Pizzirani from SLUEC.
- Lucy provided an update on the new hires within the faculty. Math and Stats have 2 confirmed appointments; Biology has 5 positions, 3 have been selected and 2 are in the works. There is a new hire to support the Community Planning and she will announce the name at the next meeting. There is one more position in the works.
- Jake S. from Chemistry received major CFI funding in conjunction with Professor Emeritus, Noham Weinberg.
- The installation of the mural in A-Building has begun. Lucy encouraged everyone to stop by and look.

5.2. Advising - Karen Cooper

There are 183 grad applications from the Faculty of Science.

5.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu

Greg S. advised that the committee met last month. They are waiting for the MATH 1XX Committee to make some progress as well as updates to UFV's Institutional Learning Outcomes. They will be meeting again in the fall.

A question was raised regarding the external BSc review. Lucy will reach out to Claire Carolan for information.

5.4. Indigenization and EDI

- Dina shared Lorna Andrew's next workshop. Educators Journey Towards Reconciliation registration link:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/IndigenousWorkshops@ufv.ca/bookings/s/2YSxyPKOnUKdwRLVDJDYqw2>
- Stefania shared a personal reflection fostering safe spaces for Indigenous students.
- Lucy noted that the 3 Tri-Council granting agencies within Canada are very focused on implementing recommendations of Truth and Reconciliation. NSERC puts 1/3 of the weight of a grant proposal in statements of Indigenization and EDI and how it is accomplished.

5.5. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas
Nathan provided updates from the last Senate meeting.

5.6. Students - Rhien Hare | Jed Mamish
Nothing to report.

5.7. Other Reports

- **Science Rocks!** - Science Rocks is currently hiring facilitators for the summer. Robin asked faculty to consider volunteering to be a Faculty Member on Call for a week of Science Rocks over the summer.
- **Math Mania** – The next event is on Wednesday, May 10 at Windebank Elementary School in Mission. Volunteers are still needed. Vanessa asked faculty to encourage their students especially those going into Teacher Education and are in need volunteer hours, to sign up. Contact Vanessa if you would like to get involved.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1. The Engineering Transfer Certificate Program was passed at the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies Curriculum and Faculty Council on April 14, 2023.

6.2. 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.

6.3. The Faculty Standards Committee requires a Faculty of Science member. Any expressions of interest received will be on a first come first served basis.
<https://www.ufv.ca/secretariat/get-involved/standing-committee-vacancies/>

7. ADJOURN - 2:10 PM