

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES**
Friday, May 26, 2023 - D213

Chair:	Lucy Lee, Dean
Present (In Person):	Carolyn Atkins, Carin Bondar, Robin Endelman, David Fenske, Kseniya Garaschuk, Sandra Gillespie, Javad Hadian, Rhien Hare, J Hughes, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Stan Manu, Steve Marsh, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Dina Navon, Stefania Pizzirani, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, Jake Spooner, Ben Vanderlei
Present (Virtual):	Jennifer Barrett, Cory Beshara, Nathan Bialas, David Chu, Grant Fritzsche, Alida Janmaat, Jesper Johansen, Justin Lee, Jed Mamish, Tony Stea, Debbie Wheeler, Frank Zhang
Regrets:	Ian Affleck, Rafiqul Chowdhury, Longlong Huang, Olav Lian
Recorder:	Caroline Majeau

1. WELCOME & GUESTS

Tina Kerton, Director of Safety & Security joined UFV 6 months ago. She was invited to share her background and what experience she brings with her to UFV.

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 - April 28, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of April 28, 2023 as presented.
Carin B. / 2nd Alan R.; all in favour; approved.

3. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

Renee presented the proposed revisions to **AGRI 210**, **AGRI 390**, and **AGRI 490**. Although AGRI 210 is not used frequently it can help students complete their program. The poultry course is coupled with the swine – AGRI 210 would be an opportunity to welcome students into the program who are not able to work with swine for religious reasons and will be able to take a full-on poultry course.

- 3.1. **AGRI 210: Directed Studies in Agriculture** (6-year review) - *proposed new title "Directed Studies in Agriculture I"*
- 3.2. **AGRI 390: Directed Studies in Agriculture** (6-year review) - *proposed new title "Directed Studies in Agriculture II"*
- 3.3. **AGRI 490: Directed Studies in Agriculture** (6-year review) - *Proposed new title "Directed Studies in Agriculture III"*

OMNIBUS MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to **AGRI 210**, **AGRI 390** and **AGRI 490** as presented.

Alan R. / 2nd Stefania P.; all in favour; approved.

Ben spoke to the proposed calendar changes. The rationale is to keep them in line and make them consistent with other diplomas.

- 3.4. Proposed Calendar changes to the **Agriculture Technology Diploma (Horticulture or Livestock Option)**
- 3.5. Proposed changes to **Horticulture Crop Production and Protection Certificate**
- 3.6. Proposed changes to the **Livestock Production Certificate**

OMNIBUS MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the proposed calendar changes to the Agriculture Technology Diploma (Horticulture or Livestock Option), Horticulture Crop Production and Protection Certificate, and the Livestock Production Certificate as presented.

Vanessa R. / 2nd Carin B.; all in favour; approved.

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: N/A

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Faculty Vacation - Lucy Lee

Lucy reminded faculty that that faculty vacation begins June 22 through to August 18. Faculty are obliged to be in contact during the in-between, September to the end of term. All leaves during the in-between must be reported to the Department Head who will keep the Dean informed.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1. The 2023 Faculty of Science AAA Award Winners

Lucy announced the recipients of the 2023 Faculty of Science AAA Awards.

Congratulations to: **Greg Schmaltz** (Biology) recipient of the Awesome Achievement Award; **Vanessa Radzimski** (Math & Stats) Terrific Teaching Award; **Jake Spooner** (Chemistry) Remarkable Research Award; **Carin Bondar** (SLUEC/Biology) Outstanding Outreach Award; **Pedro Montoya-Pelaez** (Chemistry) Superb Service for Faculty; and **Michelle Morier** (Agriculture) Superb Service for Staff.

6.2. SFC Attendance winners for 2022-2023

Lucy recognized the following faculty who attended all faculty council meetings this year: Nathan Bialas, Robin Endelman, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzimski, Alan Reid, Greg Schmaltz, and Ben Vanderlei.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Dean's Report - Lucy Lee

- Lucy provided updates on the UFV Strategic Plan.
- Dr. Michael Hitch, the incoming Science Dean, will start September 1. Lucy will overlap with him to assist with the transition.
- Lucy will be on vacation May 27 - June 9, and then attending a conference in Norfolk, Virginia with two of her research students, and then giving a talk in Baltimore. Ian will be acting Dean while she is away and when he's away, Chris Schinckus, Dean from Faculty of Business and Computing will step in.

7.2. Advising

- Stan M. provided the graduation numbers for this year. BAS 5 | Agriculture Tech Diploma 6 | Horticulture Crop Production & Protection Certificate 8 | Other certificates 11 | Assoc. of Science 5 | BES 7 | BES-NS 5 | DAC 10 | GIS 6 | Eng. Mechatronics 6 | BSc 102
- Lucy provided updates to the number of international students coming this fall.

7.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu

Nothing to report.

7.4. Indigenization and EDI

- The Indigenous Science Curriculum gathering group will pick up again in August.
- Lucy shared information on the Xwelítém Siyáya: Allyship and Reconciliation Building workshop she has been taking with Dr. Keith Carlson <https://www.ufv.ca/peace-and-reconciliation/allyship-building-program/>
- To kick off pride month, Drag Bingo will be held on June 1, between 5-8:30 pm in StrEATS in the SUB. Tickets are \$3/each.

7.5. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas

Pedro provided updates from the last Senate meeting. Next year, UFV will be celebrating 50 years as a school and events are already being planned to help celebrate.

7.6. Students - Rhien Hare | Jed Mamish

- Rhien and Jed thanked the faculty for continuing to listen to the students and thanked Lucy for her service as Dean.
- The Faculty of Science will be sending 2 students to the London International Youth Science Forum this summer.
- The student speaker at Convocation this year is BSc Graduate, Physics major, Sydney Plante.
- The Science Dean's Medal of Excellence recipient is Paula Eraso. She graduated with a Bachelor of Agriculture Science with a 4.2 GPA.

7.7. Other Reports

Nothing to report.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1. Lorna Andrews will be hosting a Land Acknowledgement Workshop with the Chemistry department - date to be confirmed. If anyone else would be interested in joining Chemistry, please contact Cory Beshara directly. Lorna's available dates are the last two weeks of June or the last week of August beginning of September.

8.2. 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.

9. ADJOURN - 1:50 PM