

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

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| Chair: | Michael Hitch, Dean |
| Present (In Person): | Ian Affleck, Sanchit Arora, Jennifer Barrett, Cory Beshara, Margret Bollerup, Almaz Butaev, David Chu, Robin Endelman, Sandra Gillespie, Semir Hasic, Longlong Huang, J Hughes, Alida Janmaat, Cindy Loten, Stan Manu, Mariano Mapili, Steve Marsh, Pedro Montoya-Pelaez, Stefania Pizzirani, Renee Prasad, Vanessa Radzimski, Afia Raja, Alan Reid, Jake Spooner, Marina Tourlakis, Ben Vanderlei, Natallia Varankovich, Debbie Wheeler, Frank Zhang, Dylan Ziegler |
| Present (Virtual): | Nathan Bialas, Linus Chiang, Cherie Enns, Kseniya Garaschuk, Carmen Herman, Ruwan Karunanayaka, Anna Kuczynska, Hongfei Li, Olav Lian, Mitra Tabatabaee, Jason Thomas |
| Regrets: | Yvonne Dzal, Ali Fotouhi, Greg Schmaltz |
| Recorder: | Caroline Majeau |

1. WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council adopt the agenda as presented.
Adopted by consensus.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - October 6, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the minutes of October 6, 2023 as presented.
Approved by consensus.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

3.1. Science Faculty Council - Terms of Reference (in progress)

4. FSCC (Curriculum Committee) - Ben Vanderlei

For Decision:

4.1. FSCC Terms of Reference revisions for approval

Membership updated to add 4.1.a. Geoscience and Planning, Geography, and Environmental Studies to the voting membership; 4.1.b. remove Director of the School of Land Use and Environmental Change, or designate from voting membership; and revise 4.11.a to include or designate to Ex-officio and non-voting membership.

MOTION:

THAT the Science Faculty Council approve the revisions to the FSCC Terms of Reference as presented.

Approved by consensus.

5. FSCC (Curriculum Committee)

For Information: Nothing to report.

6. DISCUSSION / DECISIONS - N/A

7. REPORTS

7.1. Dean's Report - Michael Hitch

- Michael provided budget updates. The number one request from departments has been the need for more people to help alleviate some of the pressure. Hiring is underway or will be shortly for some positions. Budget requests are due on Tuesday, November 14.
- The Capital Renewal Planning request has been submitted.
- Clare Carolan will be attending December's SFC to talk about the BSc and look at curriculum efficiency.
- Dr. James Mandigo will also be attending December's SFC to speak to the priorities for 2023/2024 and to hear from the faculty.

7.2. Advising – Stan Manu, Faculty Advisor

Winter 2024 registration opens November 20.

7.3. BSc Committee - Stan Manu

Nothing to report. Stan thanked the Math 1XX Committee for bringing the draft Math 121 course forward for information.

7.4. Indigenization

- The Science Indigenization Group has 8 members including Lorna Andrews from TLC. Anyone who would be interested in joining is welcome to attend. The first meeting is scheduled for November 10. The meetings could be alternated from in-person and online.
- November 15 – 80 indigenous grade 11 and 12 students across the Abbotsford School District will be visiting UFV. There will be 6 featured posted activities. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time for this event.
- Ian recently attended the National Symposium on Indigenous Education held in Regina and provided feedback.

- Afia asked if funds would be available for give aways, swag bags, etc. for events such as the recent UFV Open House and the November 15 event. It was noted that Arts had career mapping posters at the Open House which helped parents and students. Ian would support funds being made available. Discussion followed. It was noted that Linda Pardy has the database for career mapping.

7.5. EDI - J Hughes

J has been compiling a list of UFV contacts to help funnel EDI information through. If anyone has potential contacts to add to the list, please contact J.

7.6. Senate - Pedro Montoya-Pelaez | Nathan Bialas

Pedro provided updates from the last Senate meeting. He raised the question why UFV cancelled the lab portion of the Open House. Going forward there will be a lab component. Pedro agreed to suggest that UFV include other campuses for future Open Houses.

7.7. Students - Sanchit Arora | Semir Hasic

- Students would be interested in bringing in instructors to the Science Student Centre (SSC) like the Math Centre. Since there is funding involved, faculty could offer to hold their office hours in A367. It was suggested that an online roster could be posted so students would know who will be there at any given time.
- A need was also recognized that SLG for Biology is underrepresented for this semester. BIO 111 is the only one available. It would be helpful to have BIO 112, 201, and 202. SLG is professor initiated. Discussion followed. Marina volunteered to hold her BIO 202 office hours in the SSC. Dylan volunteered to hold his office hours for BIO 201.

ACTION: Semir will reach out to the BCSA and bring back information to the next SFC meeting.

7.8. Other Reports

7.8.1. Faculty of Education, Community, and Human Development (FECHD) – Anna K. FECHD is forming the School of Education which will involve Teacher Education and Early Childhood Education. There will be a Master of Education available. FECHD will be moving to the Mission Campus in July.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1. MATH 121: Mathematic modelling for Life Sciences (Draft) - Ben Vanderlei, MATH 1XX Committee Chair

This course can now be referred to as MATH 121 going forward. It was noted that the memo brings up a lot of worthwhile considerations.

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. ADJOURNED: 2:15 PM