

**SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
MINUTES - APPROVED**

Friday, October 3, 2025 - 1:15 PM - D213

Chair

Michael Hitch

In Person

Ian Affleck, Almaz Butaev, Ali Fotouhi, Harnoor Garcha (Student Rep), Longlong Huang, Kashvi Dhawan (Student Guest), Alida Janmaat, Justin Lee, Stan Manu, Stefania Pizzirani, Simrat Sandhar (Student Rep), Kristen Switzer, Vahid Tadayon, Jason Thomas, Ben Vanderlei, Cherie Enns, John B. Acharibasam, Harley Gordon, Devon Mclellan (School of Nursing Rep)

Virtual

Trevor Beugelin, Jacob Spooner, Afia Raja, Frank Zhang (Business Rep), Sandra Gillespie, Yvonne Dial, Cindy Loten, Nathan Bialis, Dina Navon, Robin Endelmen, Natalia Varankovich, Olav Lian, Jennifer Barrett, Carrie Sim, Andrew Staal, Brenna Hay, Linus Chiang, Debbie Wheeler, Carolyn Atkins, Don Mayder, Ruwan Karunanayaka, James Bedard, Gillian Mimmack, Chris Bodnar Mitra Tabatabaee

Recorder

Alison Reeves

1. WELCOME

2. AGENDA and MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

Note: All Chemistry Courses with the exception of CHEM 114 were removed from the agenda at the start of the meeting, they need further review.

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the Agenda as presented.

1st Ian, 2nd Jason. Carried.

2.2. Approval of the Minutes - September 5, 2025

MOTION: that the Faculty Council approve the Minutes as presented.
Noted that Ian's name was missing from attendance and will be added.

1st Jason, 2nd Justin. Carried.

3. GUESTS

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- 3.1. Kashvi Dhawan - LIYSF 2025 Student Rep Presentation (15 mins)

Thank you for Kashvi for her presentation on her time at LIYSF this year.

For more information on this sponsored trip for science students please see our website: <https://www.ufv.ca/science/student-opportunities-information-and-news/london-international-youth-science-forum/>

4. FOR DECISION

- 4.1. Ecology and Biology of Organisms concentration – Program Changes

Approved with amendments: Review for the possible addition of Agriculture courses to be included to Appendix E. Jennifer and Renee to review and add courses where and if applicable.

1st Justin, 2nd Stefania. Carried.

- 4.2. GEOG/PLAN 160 – Cross listing

Only the cross listing form was reviewed as part of package went already to CWC, this was not included in original submission to CWC.

1st Ali, 2nd John. Carried.

- 4.3. BIOC/CHEM 404 – 6-year review and crosslisting

Not Reviewed

- 4.4. CHEM 241 – 6-year review

Not Reviewed

- 4.5. CHEM 320 – 6-year review

Not Reviewed

- 4.6. CHEM 341 – 6-year review

Not Reviewed

- 4.7. CHEM/BIOC 350 – 6-year review

Not Reviewed

- 4.8. CHEM 420 – 6-year review

Not Reviewed

- 4.9. CHEM 451 – 6-year review

Not Reviewed

5. FOR DISCUSSION

- 5.1. Physical Geography major, minor, and Geographical Information Systems certificate Discontinuance

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6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1. STAT 104 – 6-year review

Reviewed and approved.

6.2. CHEM 114 – 6-year review

6.3. CHEM 221 – 6-year review

Not Reviewed

6.4. FSCC Terms of Reference

6.5. Invitation to participate in a Community of Inquiry (CoI) on AI use cases in Teaching & Learning at UFV.

We invite you to participate in a Community of Inquiry (CoI) on AI use cases in Teaching & Learning at UFV. This CoI will bring together Arts and Science faculty who are currently using AI in their teaching and/or are interested in exploring how AI could be incorporated into their practice. Supported by Learning Designers and Specialists from the Teaching and Learning Centre, the group will meet monthly to discuss, debate, and explore how AI could be, should be, or shouldn't be used in teaching and learning at UFV. Together, we will share examples, tensions, successes, and outputs, with the goal of presenting insights during ConnectED 2026. Our first meeting will take place in mid-October (date TBA). **If you are interested in joining, please contact Marina at marina.tourlakis@ufv.ca.**

6.6. Monthly reports to the Provost from the Faculty of Science can be found below. If you have news to share, please email Science@ufv.ca so it can be included on our next report. <https://ufv.ca/science/deans-office/monthly-department-highlights/>

7. REPORTS

7.1. Teaching & Learning Advisory Council (TLAC) Report

7.2. September Senate Report

8. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: 31 OCT 2025 @ 1:15 PM, D213/Zoom

Quorum - 14 voting members