

Faculty of Science and Technology

Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, September 15, 2017

12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

MINUTES

Present: Don Noakes (Chair), Todd Barsby, Bill Beese, David Bigelow, Eric Demers, Brian Dick, Stefanie Duff, Liz Gillis, Jerome Lesemann, John Morgan, Gara Pruesse

Regrets: Erik Krogh

Approval of Agenda

CORRECTION: Correct draft minutes' date to June 9, 2017

ADDITIONS:

- Update on status of departmental accounts
- BSc in Fish & Aquaculture (Stefanie Duff)

APPROVED with correction and additions

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – June 9, 2017

APPROVED

Dean's Report

- Canada Research Chair – The CRC nomination and CFI application have been submitted. We hope to hear by late October or early November. If the nomination is successful the CRC would start in January 2018.
- NREP--NREP has updated a number of their shellfish courses, and may be delivering non-credit courses in Powell River as a group there has expressed interest.
- Woodlot—Road access agreement should be finalized in the next few weeks. Logging may commence sometime this winter.
- New building--Construction seems to be progressing well. Don will encourage the Registrar's office to include the building's classrooms in timetabling as soon as feasible--hopefully for Fall 2018, but certainly for Spring 2019.

Senators' Report

- Gara attended the Senate retreat and orientation. No report since Senate has not yet met for 2017-18 academic year.

Curriculum Committee Submissions

ENGR 110 course change and program change (handout 1)

Brian Dick

Course change:

- increase ENGR 110 to two credits instead of one credit, to better represent actual workload for students (SFU stream).

APPROVED

Program change:

- show change in credits and remove from calendar copy specific GPA entry points, to avoid having to revise calendar copy if receiving institutions change their admission requirements.
APPROVED

CSCI course changes and program changes (handouts 2, 2A)

Gara Pruesse

Course changes:

- CSCI 161 – update course description; no change to course.
APPROVED
- CSCI 251 –clarify that CSCI 161 and CSCI 162 are prerequisites for CSCI 251; may also be taken concurrently with CSCI 251.
APPROVED
- CSCI 261 –make CSCI 161 a prerequisite rather than a co-requisite, since CSCI 261 relies on material from CSCI 161.
APPROVED
- CSCI 310—change course name and make effective date Oct. 18, 2017.
APPROVED

Program changes:

- For Diploma in Computing Science, reverse the order of offering CSCI 261 and CSCI 251 to enable students to take CSCI 251 in Year 1 Spring semester, and CSCI 261 in the Year 2 Fall semester. Also update to reflect new name of CSCI 310.
APPROVED
- Reflect new name of CSCI 310 and new effective date.
APPROVED

CHEM proposed major (handouts 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D)

Todd Barsby

Program change and associated course changes:

- Proposal is 95% complete; the student survey section will be available soon. Stage 2 documents were circulated last spring to Faculty Council.

APPROVED program proposal and associated course changes

RMAP proposed post-degree diploma in Natural Resource Protection (handout 4)

Liz Gillis

Outline of concept:

- Intended to meet needs of prospective students who hold an applied science degree from another institution.
- The post-degree diploma would require no new courses, would take no students away from any other VIU program, and could fill some empty seats in existing courses.

FYI item: Science Literacy Week Sept. 18-22

Todd Barsby/Erik Krogh

- Science Literacy Week on campus will include tours of the AERL van outside the Library on Monday, Sept. 18, a cryptography documentary hosted by Mathematics on Wednesday, Sept. 20, and an ACER event on Thursday, Sept. 21.

Update on status of departmental accounts

- Don explained that at the end of each fiscal year, accounts are reset to zero, with the prior deficit or surplus posted later. This year the posting is especially late, as there has been some turnover in Financial Services.
- Marina is investigating options for S&T departments to use accounts set up with the Foundation to accept donations.

BSC in Fisheries & Aquaculture

Stefanie Duff

- The department does not plan to propose a major but instead modify the BSc to enable students to easily do a minor in another department.
- The proposal will be distributed to Faculty Council by the required date of September 29 in time for review before the next regular meeting (Oct. 6).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.