

Faculty of Science and Technology
Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
8:30 to 10:00 a.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

Present: Greg Crawford (Chair), David Bigelow, Duane Friesen, Eric Demers, Glen Pugh, Gara Pruesse, Mark Noyon, Greg Klimes, Kevin Jones (HORT Rep.), Tim Stokes, Todd Barsby, Ray Penner, Marise Wickman (FRST Rep.), Rosemarie Ganassin, Christine Couture (Recorder)

Regrets: Doug Corrin, Jim Wilkinson, Michael Girard

Guests: Steven Earle and John Amaral

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: G. Pugh.
Seconded: M. Noyon.
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes: March 27, 2012

Motion to approve with minor revisions: D. Bigelow.
Seconded: T. Barsby.
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Dean's Report: Budget Update

Although the VIU budget has not yet been presented to and approved by the Board, Greg Crawford's budget proposal appears to have been accepted (including a net 2.5% budget cut to the Faculty). He is presently wrapping up the 2011-12 budget.

A large number of unexpected adjustments were made to base budget cost centres near the end of the fiscal year, resulting in a net surplus of about \$160K at the end of the year.

<p>ACTION: <u>Greg Crawford</u> to look into the financial adjustments in more detail and to report his findings back to Faculty Council.</p>
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Curriculum Committee Submissions

Course Change: MATH 212

The course description was modified to better reflect the content of the course.

ACTION: Greg Crawford and Dave Bigelow to meet to discuss this course change proposal. They will then report the findings to Faculty Council.

B.Sc. Major in Geoscience:

Tim Stokes would like to submit his proposal to Curriculum Committee for approval next month. He worked closely with Kathryn Snow to improve his initial proposal. He mentioned that the external reviews were good, including valuable feedback; for example, the need for mandatory science courses). The Major will be welcomed by students who currently pursue a double Minor instead.

A lengthy discussion ensued where some recommendations were made, including revisions to admission requirement. There was also a discussion whether to consider a requirement for two Chemistry or two Physics courses. Timetabling must also be taken into consideration, so that students can take all required courses as shown in the matrices without any scheduling conflicts. Another recommendation was to include additional information from the Education Planning Office, and to clarify the APEG requirements.

MOTION to approve, subject to above revisions: T. Barsby.

Seconded: R. Ganassin.

Two abstentions. **CARRIED.**

Representation of Laboratory Demonstrators at Senate

Senate developed a procedure for non-instructional representation, and the Dean wants to present our Faculty's proposal at the May 3 Senate meeting. At that time, he will be informed of the next step(s).

MOTION that the Dean request Senate to recognize Laboratory Demonstrators in the Faculty of Science and Technology as "equivalent to instructional faculty": Gara Pruesse.

Seconded: Greg Klimes.

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Council members also agreed to include Computing Science Technicians to the above motion.

ACTION: Greg Crawford to present above motion to Senate.

Senators' Report

No report.

Academic Plan, Item #10: Faculty Scholarship, Evaluation and Recognition

ACTION: Council members to gather input from their departments and provide feedback to the Dean, who will then submit to Senate.

Science and Technology Teaching Awards

Tabled.

Additional Item: Summative Assessment

Greg Crawford provided timelines as follows:

- May 1-15 Dean to prepare a preliminary report
- May 23 All Deans to review preliminary report at Provost Council
- May 31 Dean to finalize reports with recommendations to the VPAP
- June 15 Review of all Deans' recommendations at Provost Council
- June 29 Dean to submit final reports

Greg recommended that Faculty Council review all documents, with some members taking on lead roles. Once reviewed, Council will provide feedback to the Dean.

ACTION: Christine Couture to schedule a Summative Assessment workshop for Department Chairs for next week. Greg Crawford to work on sharing draft reports with other Faculties.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.