

Faculty of Science and Technology
Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, April 6, 2018
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom - Building 395, Room 210

MINUTES

Present: Dan Baker, Todd Barsby, Jennifer Dawson, Eric Demers, Brian Dick, Don Noakes, Mark Noyon, Gara Pruesse, David Bigelow

Regrets: John Morgan, Sandra Johnstone, Doug Corrin, Daniela Fischer Russell, Caroline Josefsson

Joined by Phone: Liz Gillis

Comments Received by Email: Jerome Lesemann

Minutes: Jaye Salisbury

Approval of Agenda 12:30 pm

All in favour: Carried

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – March 9, 2018 12:35 pm

All in favour: Carried

Dean's Report 12:40 pm

- Plant Ecologist position in Biology has been posted and closes on April 18th; fills a gap in our current Biology program; new course in this area is on today's agenda is proposed
- Dr. Tim Green officially arrived on campus yesterday – office in the CSR
- Summer session – MATH 121, 122 and 123 – so far strong enrolments in each – please ensure students are aware of this option
- Another failed search for a Finance person so the position was reposted for one week and has just recently closed; we are hoping to complete the review of applicants early next week and then conduct interviews next week or the following week
- Payroll – message about pay to employees sent out; electronic form required to ensure your pay does not change (i.e. 1 week advance)
- Health and Science Building – RFP for landscaping closes next week; busy completing the roof membrane and other work – still on schedule
- Fiscal year end – very busy resolving a number of issues as well as other issues; Finance still busy finalizing last FY and hopefully FY 2018/19 budgets will be loaded by May
- Budget cycle for 2019/20 will begin in early June

Before Faculty leaves for summer break Don will send an email with information on the budget document for discussion at the Faculty Council in early September.

Senators' Report Gara Pruesse/Brian Dick 12:50 pm

- Elections are currently happening
- New Program Review processes are posted
- P&P – Educational Standards Committee – a sub-committee has been put together to evaluate communication between Senate and various committees

Biol 372 Plant Ecology – new course proposal Eric Demers 1:00 pm

As Don indicated the posting is currently up to hire a Plant Ecologist/Professor.

Eric moved to have the new Plant Ecology course proposal approved.

Gara 2nd – All in Favor - Carried

Science and Technology Strategic Plan Daniela Fischer Russell 1:15 pm

Brian moved to accept the change in the number of committee members as proposed in the email from Daniela.

Gara 2nd – All in Favor - Carried

Fisheries and Aquaculture BSc. Major redevelopment Noyon 1:30 pm

Motion: *"the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture requests the current fisheries and aquaculture degree be suspended for the fall of 2020 allowing for the development and thus, transition to a new Major in Fisheries and Aquaculture that aligns with other BSc degree programs"*.

Mark submitted the motion for discussion to Faculty Council, Gara 2nd

Discussion:

Don – there is no new money at the Department level

Brian – the current motion before Senate is to suspend intake in 2019 – if the motion is changing the suspension to 2020, there may be some concerns at Senate with the change.

Eric – there are currently over 30 students graduating with a Biology Major. Upper level courses are already full now.

The students that come in to take the current Diploma program are only guaranteed a spot for the two years, they are not guaranteed a degree spot to move to in their third year.

Todd – There may be some budget constraints and challenges - what are the costs and impacts to other programs with the potential of increased students in some courses.

Can Co-op options be used to offset costs – F&A have been working with Liesel in CIEL on this.

After discussion Eric proposed an amendment to the Motion wording: *“intake be suspended for the fall of 2019”*.

“The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture requests the current fisheries and aquaculture degree *intake be suspended for the fall of 2019* allowing for the development and thus, transition to a new Major in Fisheries and Aquaculture that aligns with other BSc degree programs.”

External Advisory Board – F&A are aware that they need to have an Advisory Board in place. There was an active Advisory Board in the past, and this will need to be reactivated. This is indicated in the Timeline in the proposal.

Eric – Students enter the program as general Science students with no guarantee that they will go into F&A, Biology, etc. Recruitment could be difficult and student numbers hard to determine.

Brian – Faculty Council will need to look at what the transition plan is and the impact on resources. He doesn't believe there is enough information presented at this time for Faculty Council to give approval on the new program.

Gara – what will the suspension look like – this needs to be discussed further to ensure it meets current student's needs. Does this need to reflect the new suspension format?

The amended wording matches the motion that is currently with Senate:

“The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture requests the current fisheries and aquaculture degree intake be suspended for the fall of 2019 allowing for the development and thus, transition to a new Major in Fisheries and Aquaculture that aligns with other BSc degree programs.”

Motion to accept the amended Motion

All in Favor - Carried

Don will take the following forward to Senate:

- First Slide
- Updated Motion
- Timelines