

Faculty of Science and Technology
Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2012
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

Present: Greg Crawford, Brian Dick, David Bigelow, Don Furnell, Duane Friesen, Gara Pruesse, Glen Pugh, John Amaral, Michael Girard, Paul Lucas, Todd Barsby, John Morgan (representing RMOT), Rae-Anne Savard (recorder)

Regrets: Rosemarie Ganassin, Steven Earle, Nathan Stefani

Approval of Agenda

Motion to move approval of agenda as first item for the meeting: D. Bigelow

Seconded: G. Pruesse

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Foundation for Success (Jean Maltesen, Interim Dean, Career & Academic Preparation)

Interim Dean Jean Maltesen, along with Tom Leavitt and several other instructors from the Faculty of Career & Academic Planning spoke about the draft proposal for the Foundations for Success (FS) non-degree program. The proposed program consists of 5 courses: Introduction to Calculus, Preparatory Statistics, Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology, Academic Writing Skills, as well as Reading, Speaking and Presentation. These courses have been designed to assist students transitioning from high school to post-secondary, as well as existing high-risk students and upgrading for current students. ABE would continue to offer students requiring prerequisites to post-secondary, while FS would focus on providing students with basic preparatory skills. These courses would be cost-recovery as well as be eligible for student loans. Students would receive a 15 non-credit certificate at the completion of all 5 courses. Students could use two courses (6 credits) as non-assigned electives, if Faculties choose to recognize these as credit towards their degrees.

Committee members discussed their concerns that resources would be taken away from our Faculty, the courses would further dilute the intentions of the breadth requirement, and questioned why we wouldn't teach our own preparatory courses. There was opposition from some of the Council members to recognize these courses meeting any requirements (elective or otherwise) in Science and Technology programs. Jean Maltesen indicated that would be a legitimate choice, and that program revisions could reflect that choice.

<p>ACTION: <u>Council members</u> to email the Dean with any other concerns. An electronic copy of the proposal will follow.</p>

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – November 26, 2012

Tabled until next Council meeting.

Dean's Report

Greg Crawford announced that there is an effort from Planning & Recruitment to create student success coaches (a type of peer mentor) for at-risk students in first year. Greg asked Council to forward to him the names of any interested third- or fourth-year students. Nominations of students that might have the ability to mentor are also welcomed. Training will be provided.

Senators' Report

Mark Egan, Health and Safety, proposed an initiative at Senate for a surveillance camera policy on campus. There were concerns of having cameras in classrooms and offices versus parking lots. There will be more discussion to follow at Senate.

The discussion on the Computing Science Diploma's proposed cancellation has been postponed for 3 years, pending additional data.

Faculty name change: Faculty of Pure and Applied Science OR Faculty of Science

Tabled until the next Council meeting.

Future items for discussion:

Tabled until the next Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn: D. Friesen

Seconded: D. Bigelow

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.