

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**  
**December 16, 2016**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210**

**Present:** Don Noakes (Chair), Caroline Josefsson, Todd Barsby, Erik Krogh, Stefanie Duff, Time Stokes, John Morgan and Christine Holt (Student Representative)

**Regrets:** Jerome Lesemann, Brian Dick, Doug Corrin, and Gara Pruesse

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***Approval of Agenda***

Agenda approved with curriculum items moved to the beginning of the meeting.

***Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – November 25, 2016***

Minutes from November 25, 2016 were approved as presented.

***Dean's Report***

Nothing to report.

***Senators' Report***

Nothing to report.

***Earthquake Preparedness***

Item tabled for a future Council meeting.

***MATH Major Proposal, Stage 2***

General comments:

- Strengthen the argument of the importance of a Math Major to VIU in general and, specifically, to Science and Technology.
- Need to add MATH 110 on the list of number of courses to be consistent and identify the longer term plan to incorporate the material in MATH 110 into other courses, and then discontinue MATH 110.

- Need detailed course descriptions – to be forwarded and reviewed at the special Faculty Council meeting on January 13, 2017.
- Need to identify admission requirements for the degree, as well as university breadth requirements.
- Need to add a 3-credit elective during the Spring semester of Year 1, bringing the total for the program to 123 credits.

There was general support for the proposal, but some details (such as the paperwork to support the new course proposals) are required before approval. This will be addressed at the Council meeting in January, and then the final proposal will be submitted for approval at Curriculum Committee at their February meeting.

### ***Curriculum Committee Submissions***

#### New Course Proposal: BIOL 345:

There was a general discussion on the lack of access to a computer lab for this course (a challenge) and the need for more “general” computer labs to support Science courses. An existing BIOL course (to be determined) is being retired to make room for this course (no additional workload).

Motion to approve.

All in Favour. **CARRIED.**

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Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.