

**Faculty of Science and Technology
Faculty Council Meeting
December 7, 2018
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210**

Present: Don Noakes, Todd Barsby, Daniela Fischer Russell, Liz Gillis, Caroline Josefsson, Gara Pruesse, Dan Baker, Eric Demers, Bill Beese, Sandra Johnstone, Samuelle Simard-Provencal

Regrets: Jerome Lesemann, Mark Noyon, Doug Corrin, Jennifer Dawson, David Bigelow, Brian Dick

**Approval of Agenda
Agenda**

MOTION: (Barsby/Demers)

Moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Carried.

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – November 2, 2018

Motion: (Gillis/Pruesse)

Moved that the November 2, 2018 meeting minutes be approved as presented. Carried.

1) Dean's Report

Don Noakes

12:35 pm

As of October, domestic enrolments are up approximately +2.4% and international student enrolment is up as well. To date, applications for 2019/20 are up +10.9% over last year and the number of students admitted and confirmed is up +12.3% (OUPA). Recruitment efforts will continue broadly but please let Don know if there are specific program areas that require a more directed recruitment effort.

There were two advisory committee meetings last week (Engineering and Aquaculture) and they provided feedback on new program proposals that are currently being developed in these two areas. Proposals for a new Diploma in Engineering Design and Practice and Minor in Aquaculture should be coming to Faculty Council for consideration next term.

Budgets: Results from the Q2 review suggest that VIU should end the year with a slight positive variance (i.e. no deficit) but funding is still very tight. Deliberations on budget submissions for next year are continuing with results expected sometime in January.

There was a successful search in Computing Science with the new recruits (one internal and one external candidate) starting in January 2019. A half time position in Forestry will be posted in the spring anticipating an August 1st start date.

Two expressions of interest for Canada Research Chairs have been submitted (one from Chemistry and one from Biology). We are expecting a decision in early January and if positive we would start the recruitment process as soon as possible.

A new job posting system (called Unit 4 Recruit) is being implemented. A number of information/training sessions are currently being offered. The new system will commence January 2019 with Dec 12th being last date for posting positions using the current system.

VIU and VIUFA have developed an LOA to facilitate teaching/training opportunities for graduate students associated with the Chemistry Department. The pilot is for the SPRING 2019 semester.

2) Senators' Report Gara Pruesse 12:45 pm

Bachelors of Education Admission process is changing. Students apply and they will only accept students for the number of seats available, rather than accepting all applicants which was the past practice. This will be done on a lottery system for next year, and then will move to selection based on GPA.

Student Attendance: the proposed changes to the policy and procedures were discussed, and returned to the Educations Standards committee for further review.

Senate By-law Review – it has been proposed that Chairs of Standing Committees can serve as Chair for a maximum of 3 years, and that Standing Committees will be open meetings unless designated to consider items in camera. The exception is the Honours and Awards Committee.

As the next meeting will be 2nd reading and vote, if you have any feedback on either of the above items, please send an email to Gara with your comments.

Science and Technology's Graduate Attributes document was presented for information.

3) Course Changes: CSCI 422 and CSCI 405 (Attachments 1&2) Gara Pruesse 1:00 p.m.

Motion: To approve the CSCI course changes. (Pruesse/Barsby)

Approved with the recommended amendments. Carried

4) Curriculum Changes for Biology (Attachment 4) Eric Demers 1:10 p.m.

Motion: To approve the Biology Program Changes. (Demers/Baker)

Approved with the recommended amendments. Carried

5) Chemistry Curriculum Committee Submissions –
Program Change and 5 course changes (Attachments 5-11) Todd Barsby 1:20 p.m.

Motion: To approve the Chemistry course changes as presented. (Barsby/Demers)

Approved with the recommended amendments. Carried

6) Role of Faculty Council (Attachment 3) 1:30 p.m.

Motion: Move that the changes as indicated on the Faculty Bylaws be taken to the next Faculty meeting for adoption. (Gillis/Pruesse)

The document was reviewed and several changes were recommended. The revised document will come back to the next Faculty Council meeting for review.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.