

Faculty of Science and Technology

Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, April 7, 2017
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Rom 210

Present: Don Noakes (Chair), Todd Barsby, Jerome Lesemann, John Morgan, Gara Pruesse, Eric Demers, Liz Gillis, Caroline Josefsson, Erik Krogh

Regrets: Doug Corrin, Stefanie Duff, Christine Holt (Student Representative), Brian Dick, Tim Stokes, Dave Bigelow

Guest: David Witty

David Witty provided a brief update of the recently approved Academic Plan.

Approval of Agenda

Moved curriculum items to beginning of meeting Approved
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – March 10, 2017

Motion to approve.
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Dean's Report

The Math Major was approved by Senate in their March meeting. There was praise for the initiative and a request that the budget portion of the proposal be revised prior to it being presented to the VIU Board. The budget was artificially high since it included the cost of all new courses not just the incremental cost to deliver the new Major. A number of staffing searches are currently underway with the hope that they will conclude prior to June 15th. Deborah Hopper will be the new Administrative Assistant to the Dean starting January 2018. A search for a temporary assistant from now until the end of December will begin shortly. A number contracts have already been awarded for the Health and Science building with the final significant contract expected to be awarded in July.

Senator's Report

Covered in Dean's report.

Course Changes

Course Change CSCI 251 – Systems and Networks – Gara Pruesse

Course changed approved, but it was noted that a separate program change related to the course change would be required in the future.

Strategic Planning Discussion – Daniela Fischer-Russell

There was discussion around previous attempts to create a strategic plan and other information (such as the new Academic Plan) that could provide useful material to support the creation of a strategic plan for Science and Technology. It was agreed that this information would be forwarded to Daniela to guide the revision of the documents and approach. This item was tabled for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM