

Faculty of Science and Technology
Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2013
4:30-5:30 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

Present: Greg Crawford, Michael Girard, Brian Dick, Duane Friesen, Gara Pruesse, Don Furnell, Marise Wickman, David Bigelow, Rosemarie Ganassin, John Amaral, Glen Pugh, Greg Klimes, Tim Stokes, Rae-Anne Savard (Recorder)

Absent: Nathan Stefani (Student Representative)

Approval of Agenda

No Curriculum submissions – remove from agenda.
Add discussion on scheduling.
Cancel January 21 Faculty Council meeting

Motion to approve: D. Friesen
Seconded: D. Bigelow
All in favour: **CARRIED**

Approval of November 26, 2012 Faculty Council Minutes

Motion to approve: D. Bigelow
Seconded: D. Friesen
All in favour: **CARRIED**

Approval of December 10, 2012 Faculty Council Minutes

Change sentence in Senators' Report to "The discussion on the Computing Science Diploma's proposed cancellation has been postponed for 3 years, pending additional data."

Motion to approve: R. Ganassin
Seconded: D. Bigelow
All in favour: **CARRIED**

Dean's Report

It was mentioned that the Faculty Council student representative, Nathan Stefani, has not been attending meetings. Greg Crawford has made an effort to contact Nathan regarding his role, and will try again to meet with him before the next faculty council meeting.

With very little time, the Deans were asked to prepare a draft FTE target report for their programs. Greg discovered that each program has a different definition of an FTE, and the cost per FTE is not always based on 30 credits. For example, the cost per FTE in Fisheries, Forestry and RMOT is based on 36 credits. The Deans will have more discussions on putting together a model to set targets. A suggestion was made to use a cost-per-credit/tuition model.

ACTION: Greg Crawford to email FTE Target Report to Faculty Council members.

Senators' Report

Senators have not met since the last Faculty Council meeting. At Planning & Priorities, David Witty discussed the prospect of horticulture/agriculture courses being taught at the Cowichan Campus. Also, as part of the Regional Plan, there was discussion on moving Horticulture to Milner or Cowichan and to develop the property at the Paine Centre.

Council discussed offering dual credit for high school students at the Cowichan Campus. Currently, Science and Technology does not offer dual credits. David Bigelow, Gara Pruesse and Brian Dick have agreed to meet with the Dean to discuss this further.

Faculty Vice-Chair

Brian Dick put his name forward for this position. Council was in favour of Brian acting as Interim Faculty Vice-Chair until an election is held at a future Faculty meeting.

ACTION: Formal election for Faculty Vice-Chair to take place at the next Faculty meeting.

Opportunity to review/revise Faculty By-laws

Council was asked to review the Faculty By-laws to address any issues or possible revisions, such as appointing our Faculty's Administrators as voting members, as well as the number of Faculty student representatives. David Bigelow and Gara Pruesse offered to review the By-laws and to present recommendations at the next Council meeting.

ACTION: David Bigelow and Gara Pruesse to report back to Council on By-laws.

Additional Item: Scheduling

Council discussed how missing two Mondays will affect some classes and labs (Family Day and first day of Study Days in February). Council asked if Deans had any input in scheduling VIU's Academic Calendar, and if so, could Study Days be moved up to include the Family Day holiday in February. Greg Crawford mentioned that this issue was brought up at Provost Council, and that he will bring it forward again.

Motion to adjourn: G. Klimes
Seconded: G. Pugh
Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.