

Faculty of Science and Technology
Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, June 6, 2014
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

Present: Dean Slonowsky (Vice-Chair and Member-at-Large), John Amaral, Todd Barsby, Bill Beese, Dave Bigelow, Doug Corrin, Eric Demers, Brian Dick, Don Furnell, Greg Klimes, Huizhu Liu, Tim Stokes, Rae-Anne Savard (Recorder)

Guest: Mike Thibodeau

Regrets: Greg Crawford

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: B. Dick

Seconded: T. Barsby

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – May 23, 2014

Under the topic “*Discussion: Science and Technology Department Feedback on B.Sc. MATH Requirement Proposal,*” remove the sentence that follows “UVic Science students don’t have a grade requirement...”

Motion to approve: D. Corrin

Seconded: G. Klimes

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

New Bookstore Information

Bookstore Manager, Mike Thibodeau, informed the members that the Bookstore will have digital products available for course delivery and course packs (lab manuals). In addition, they are introducing new transparent software for textbook purchases. Students will be able to use the textbook comparison tool, which will show VIU Bookstore prices and others. The software is being used at several other universities and colleges with positive reviews. Mike will forward more information as it becomes available.

Dean’s Report

Greg Crawford did not attend the meeting, so there is no report at this time.

Senators' Report

Brian Dick spoke to Council about the Business Fundamentals for Aboriginal Communities Certificate. This one-year program was passed by Senate, with the provision that MATH 151 be offered during the Spring term, and that there would be consultation with the Mathematics Department regarding the logistics and implications of offering MATH 151 as part of this program. (David Bigelow stated that, to date, there has been only limited consultation with the Mathematics Department on this offering of MATH 151.)

Curriculum Committee Submissions:

Program Change Proposal: Fundamentals of Engineering Certificate

Changes include Admission requirements, Core course change, and Calendar Copy. Under "What is the reason for this course change?" it was suggested to use bullets to separate the requirements for UBC and those for UVic.

Under "Reasons for Change," Council asked that ENGR 204 be changed to ENGL 204.

To correct typos, Council asked that the last sentence on the first page of the proposal read as follows: "If they do not need the English class, they will take a complementary studies course approved by the Engineering advisor on advice from UBC registration."

Council also asked that track changes be added to the Matrix.

Motion to approve with changes: D. Bigelow

Seconded: J. Amaral

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Course Change Proposals: GEOL 206 and 470

For GEOL 206, the class size was changed to 16. This is to be consistent with class sizes (typically 16 or 20 students) for other GEOL courses, which involve labs or field trips.

Under "What issues were raised regarding this course change?" the text should read "This class can accommodate 16 students."

Under "Who did you consult with for this course change?" the spelling of Sandra Johnstone's name should be corrected.

Motion to approve with changes: T. Stokes

Seconded: T. Barsby

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

For GEOL 470, the course consists of a 4-hour seminar. The hours were changed from 3 to 4 hours. Also, the class size was changed to 16. Again, this is to be consistent with class sizes for other GEOL courses, which involve labs or field trips.

A note should be added to mention that this extra hour will not require any additional resources.

In the course description, the spelling for “regional” should be corrected.

The Registrar should be contacted to find out how this course will show on transcripts, as students can enroll in it more than once and for different topics. It was suggested that a suffix be added to the course number (for example, “a, b, c,” etc.) or that the course be given different course numbers (for example, 471, 472, etc.).

Motion to approve with changes: G. Klimes

Seconded: D. Corrin

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

P&P Draft Terms of Reference

Council discussed whether P&P’s existing terms of reference could be adopted for our Subcommittee. It was recommended that the Faculty By-laws be reviewed.

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| <p>ACTION: <u>Todd Barsby</u> will revise our draft terms of reference and will bring a new draft at the next Council meeting.</p> |
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Motion to adjourn: D. Corrin

Seconded: T. Stokes

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.