

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 20, 2012  
8:30 to 10:00 a.m.  
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

**Present:** Greg Crawford (Chair), David Bigelow, Duane Friesen, Eric Demers, Glen Pugh, Mark Noyon, Greg Klimes, Anne Kivari (HORT Rep.), Tim Stokes, Todd Barsby, Ray Penner, Jim Wilkinson, Rosemarie Ganassin, Julie Beeston (CSCI Rep.), Christine Couture (Recorder)

**Guest:** Dave Witty

**Regrets:** Gara Pruesse, Doug Corrin, Michael Girard

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### *Approval of Agenda*

Motion to approve: D. Bigelow.

Seconded: G. Klimes.

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

### *VPAP Update*

Dave Witty summarized the following activities:

- There have been eight sessions to identify VIU niches (who we are, where we want to go, and what sets us apart). A summary of the discussions will be posted soon.
- Quality of education, which is critical to the health of post-secondary institutions in BC. It has been a topic of discussion with other VPAPs from across the province. Dave mentioned that Ralph Nilson was also involved.
- The budget is a challenging situation, and Witty hasn't heard from the Ministry yet regarding our 2012-13 budget. He hopes that decanal areas will find out about their budgets in May, once the University Board approves it. Witty mentioned that Ralph Nilson and other university Presidents sent a letter to the Ministry of Advanced Education to identify the urgent need for more funding in the Education sector.
- The Enrollment Management Plan is now complete and will be posted on the VIU website next week.
- The Regional Plan, which includes all satellite campuses and Milner Gardens and Woodland, discusses the potential for science offerings at the Cowichan Campus and the need to focus on Aboriginal education.
- Witty hopes to go through Summative Assessment every three years. It will provide us information and ammunition to show our strengths and identify programs that need more support. It will also help us articulate what we do and how. We are leading the way in BC – so far, we are the only ones doing this.

- Department Chair responsibilities need to be examined and changed, and training is required. Witty mentioned that sessions will be scheduled for next May or June.

### ***Approval of Faculty Council Minutes: February 28, 2012***

Motion to approve: D. Bigelow.

Seconded: R. Penner.

All in favour **CARRIED.**

### ***Dean's Report***

Greg Crawford said there was nothing to report, except Summative Assessment, which will be discussed later at this meeting.

### ***Senators' Report***

Eric Demers reported that the Education Standards Committee is looking at a policy for scheduling of academic dates. He will circulate the Committee's proposed policy to Faculty Council for feedback.

Eric also reported that Registration Priority is somewhat on hold for now, but the Registrar approved a Pilot Project for the Biology Department: 25% of the seats will be reserved based on students' GPA. The students will be selected in descending order, and will register with permission of the instructor.

### ***Summative Assessment***

Greg Crawford stated that the draft summative assessment exercise shouldn't be seen as the responsibility of department Chairs, but of the department as a whole.

A draft for all the Science and Technology programs is due in the Dean's Office by the end of April, at which time it will be reviewed at Faculty Council, and then submitted (still in draft form) no later than the end of May to Witty's Office. Greg hopes to have final versions ready to submit to Witty by June 15, that is, before most faculty leave for the summer holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.