

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**  
**Friday, March 21, 2014**  
**12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210**

**Present:** Greg Crawford (Chair), John Amaral, Todd Barsby, Dave Bigelow, Eric Demers, Don Furnell, Dustin Howie (Student Representative), Greg Klimes, Huizhu Liu, Tim Stokes, Greg Arkos (Physics Representative), Rae-Anne Savard (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Doug Corrin, Brian Dick, Dean Slonowsky

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***Approval of Agenda***

Motion to approve: G. Klimes

Seconded: T. Barsby

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

***Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – February 21, 2014***

Motion to approve: D. Howie

Seconded: T. Barsby

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

***Dean's Report***

Greg Crawford thanked faculty and their departments for participating in Spring Break activities. The day's activities were well attended, but there were no attendees for the evening session. Enrollment Management must reassess whether to have evening session for this group.

At Provost Council, there is more discussion around associate degrees. Steve Lane is leading another push to bring importance towards having associate degrees at VIU. An associate degree would be equivalent to a diploma, with the same basic credentials, but with more specifications.

Greg mentioned that Cowichan Campus Innovation Lab Representative, Richard Lane, was developing some interesting science and technology innovation-wise material tied to digital imagining.

Greg reported that Registration is creating a new category called Exploratory University Studies for 1<sup>st</sup> year students starting next month. This category is an improvement to "Undeclared." It will be for students who haven't committed to a B.A. or for those that don't have prerequisites. This new category will assist in better tracking programmatically and will de-clutters B.A.

## *Senators' Report*

Dave Bigelow reported that VIU is searching for a new Chancellor, as Shawn Atleo's term is over, and there's an opportunity to nominate someone.

### *Curriculum Committee Submissions:*

#### B.Sc. Admission Requirements Change Proposal

Motion by Eric Demers: To request information on changing admission requirements for Bachelors of Science.

A discussion followed. Council members were asked to discuss the proposal with their departments and to bring back their comments for the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Dustin Howie to forward the Provincial Grading Scale to Rae-Anne Savard. She will then forward to all Council members.

#### New Course Proposal: GEOL 307

The following minor corrections were identified, and accepted by the proponent and seconder.

- Amend the first sentence in the description to “An introduction to the principles of geophysics including magnetic, gravity, seismic, electrical, electromagnetic, and radar methods.
- Amend all references to Physics from PHY to PHYS. In “How were these issues addressed?” amend the sentence to read “These were discussed with the respective departments.”
- Amend the course outline prerequisites to “9 credits of 200 level GEOL courses and PHYS 122.”
- It was suggested to give advanced notice in the Calendar when the course will be offered, and to note that it is a recommended course.

Motion to approve with amendments: T. Stokes

Seconded: G. Klimes

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

#### Course Change Proposals

##### CHEM 321

The prerequisite of MATH 122 was removed to clarify. No amendments.

CHEM 490

Prerequisite language was added to the Calendar to clarify. After discussion, it was recommend amending the official class size to 1 student.

Motion to approve with amendment to CHEM 490: T. Barsby

Seconded: D. Howie

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

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Motion to adjourn: D. Howie

Seconded: G. Klimes

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.