

## **Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**

**April 22, 2010**

**4:00 p.m.**

**CSR Conference Room, Bldg. 373, Room 206**

**Present:** Greg Crawford (Chair), Doug Corrin, Duane Barker, Don Furnell, Erick Groot, Jim Wilkinson, Debbie Hearn, Rosemarie Ganassin, Greg Klimes, Sandy Patrick, Gara Pruesse, Dave Wessels, Tim Stokes, Christine Couture (Recording)

**Regrets:** Eric Demers, Michael Girard, Dave Bigelow, Mark Noyon

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### ***Approval of Agenda:***

Motion to approve: Sandy Patrick. Seconded: Doug Corrin. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

### ***Minutes of April 13:***

Draft minutes for this meeting are not yet available.

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

Greg mentioned that he is currently working on workloads and budget.

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

No report, as there have been no recent meetings of the Senate.

### ***Curriculum Committee Submissions:***

FISH course changes and new courses: Don Furnell summarized the proposals. Following a program review, the Review Committee decided that too many AQUA and not enough FISH courses were offered. In a nutshell, all AQUA courses were renamed as FISH courses. Also, minor changes were made to existing FISH courses. Don answered a few questions from Council members to explain some of the proposals. Council was satisfied with his responses.

Council went through all proposals and approved with the condition that a Program Change Proposal be submitted along with the course proposals. Mark Noyon will complete and submit a Program Change proposal to go along with these course changes and new courses.

Greg suggested that the "T" designation be discussed at a future Faculty Council meeting.

Motion to approve: Duane Barker. Seconded: Jim Wilkinson. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

FRST course changes and Program Change Proposal: Jim Wilkinson summarized these. Jim answered a few questions from Council members to explain some of the proposals. Council was satisfied with his responses.

Motion to approve: Duane Barker. Seconded: Greg Klimes. All in favour. **CARRIED.**

***Department Chair Selection Policy – Guiding Principles:***

Greg said that department Chairs are to finalize the Principles with their departments no later than May 15, 2010, and then Chairs to submit electronically to Christine, also no later than May 15, 2010. These will be posted on the Faculty's website in early Fall of 2010.

***Topics for future discussion:***

1. Currency of prerequisites.
2. Advising.
3. Developing standards. Currently, prerequisites are all over the map in Science and Technology. There doesn't seem to be a way to prevent students to register into courses without the prerequisites.
4. Large class sizes. We might want to admit the best possible students. This would help with the issue of class size. Greg said that the rule of thumb at most post-secondary institutions is first-come first-served. Greg would like departments to work out what they want to do about this item.

**Action Item:** Greg to contact Fred Jacklin to address this concern. (So that he has a better idea, Chairs are to send an example to Greg before he approaches Fred.)

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.