

*Faculty of Science and Technology*

**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**

**March 8, 2011**

**8:30 to 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Present:** Greg Crawford (Chair), Doug Corrin, Duane Friesen, Jim Wilkinson, Debbie Hearn, Rosemarie Ganassin, Greg Klimes, Gara Pruesse, Tim Stokes, Eric Demers, Michael Girard, Dave Bigelow, Mark Noyon, Christine Couture (Recording)

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***Approval of Agenda:***

Motion to approve: David Bigelow.  
Seconded: Greg Klimes.

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

***Approval of Minutes of February 22 Meeting:***

This will be done via electronic vote.

Motion to approve: David Bigelow.  
Seconded: Doug Corrin.

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

***Dean's Report:***

Greg is making rounds with Chairs re budget and workloads to share potential impacts due to possible cuts. No official budget has been released yet. The proposed cuts by various Faculties still don't meet institutional budget expectations. The possible job action is also slowing down decisions. Greg was apologetic with the state of affairs and uncertainties.

***Senators' Report:***

Eric Demers mentioned that some discussion at Senate focused on the need for improvement in communication at a variety of levels. Rumours regarding cuts are going around, but there is little clear information. This is leading to a lot of frustration and concern.

Doug Corrin mentioned that a three-year budget plan is in the works.

***Lead Time for Curriculum Committee Submissions:***

There has been a high volume of curriculum submissions lately. This leaves very little time for Faculty Council to review and approve submissions in order to get them to Curriculum Committee in time for implementation for next year (or next semester).

Todd Barsby suggested that deadlines be set based on Curriculum Committee deadlines. He noted that if we are a few days late, there was still some flexibility, as long as people communicated promptly with Kyla Bruce.

**ACTION:** Christine Couture to bring forward in May.

***Curriculum Committee Submissions:***

MATH Course Changes:

Dave Bigelow announced that the revisions are because the courses are stats offerings. Course descriptions were revised, there were a few name changes, and prerequisites were updated to make them a bit better. (improved).

**ACTION:** Dave to make slight revisions to existing proposals. The proposals can then be submitted for Curriculum Committee approval.

Motion to approve: All but MATH 212, which needs more revisions. Doug Corrin.  
Seconded: Rosemarie Ganassin.

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

FRST Program Change and Course Changes:

Jim Wilkinson mentioned that changes were as a result of the Advisory Committee meeting and directives from accreditation board to make improvements. Proposed changes include updates to course descriptions, changes to some contact hours, removing some courses and offering others, as well as shifting the order of some course deliveries.

**ACTION:** Jim to revise program change proposal and resubmit to Christine for Curriculum Committee approval.

**ACTION:** Greg Crawford and Todd Barsby to review course proposals before they are submitted for approval.

Dave Bigelow stressed that he feels uncomfortable with cutting the MATH course due to cuts, especially since we still don't know the budget situation. Will the reductions actually be necessary?

Motion to approve: Subject to minor revisions as noted during the meeting. Doug Corrin.  
Seconded: Greg Klimes.

**CARRIED.** (Two abstentions.)

***Bus Replacement Update:***

Will be moved to the next Faculty Council meeting due to early adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.