

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**  
**Friday, November 20, 2015**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210**

**Present:** Brian Dick (Chair), Todd Barsby, Bill Beese, Eric Demers, Stefanie Duff, Jerome Lesemann, Huizhu Liu, John Morgan, Aubrey Robertson (Student Representative), Dean Slonowsky, Venessa Sheehan (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Don Noakes, David Bigelow, Caroline Josefsson, Erik Krogh

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

Motion to approve: A. Robertson  
Seconded: T. Barsby  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

### ***Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – October 30, 2015***

Todd Barsby requested an amendment to the 2015-2016 Budget Submission Update to include “as part of the institutional commitment on an IM CFI Grant.”

Motion to approve: D. Slonowsky  
Seconded: T. Barsby  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

### ***Dean’s Report***

The Dean sent his regrets that he could not attend this Council meeting. He will give his updates at the next Council meeting.

Council members were reminded about the Spring Discovery Days for Grade 10 students. This is scheduled for February 23 to 25. Those interested must register by completing the online form ([www.viu.ca/discoverydaysregistration](http://www.viu.ca/discoverydaysregistration)) by December 11, 2015.

Program Highlights for Fundraising are due in Christine Couture’s office by November 25, 2015.

### ***Senators’ Report***

Planning & Pirorities is evaluating the Summative Program Assessment results. These will be provided once presented at Senate (likely in February).

The new program proposal *Master of Arts and International Development Administration and Management* was approved at Senate. This is a cost recovery program.

A discussion ensued regarding Masters programs in Science.

Senate approved Education Standards' recommendation for the 2016-2017 Schedule of dates. Effective the 2016-2017 academic year, an additional Study Day will be provided (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) and the term will be extended by one day. The first day of final exams will be a Friday; the last day will be on December 20.

MOTION: Council seeks clarification from the Registrar regarding the implementation of Policy 33.05 (Schedule of Dates) for the 2016-2017 academic year, especially as it relates to the first day of the Spring semester.

Motion to approve: T. Barsby

Seconded: E. Demers

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

ACTION: Don Noakes to get clarification from the Education Standards.

### *Curriculum Committee Submissions*

#### Course Change Proposals: MATH 121, 122, 131, 191, 223 and 310

Background: Minor change in 2005 course description never reflected exactly the topics in the course; doesn't match articulation; no change to the course material.

Comments/Concerns: This won't affect BCCAT and transfers will be fine. In line with articulation. Courses have not changed at all. Descriptions were not reflecting transfers. Will facilitate transfers. Course outlines will reflect new descriptions.

#### Course Change Proposal: MATH 331

Title change to Cryptography.

Background: No program change required. Previous title was Coding Theory, but did not reflect the actual subject matter. Minor change to description.

#### Course Change Proposal: MATH 362

Prerequisites changed to exclude all statistics courses (e.g., MATH 211 and 254 additional exclusions).

Background: MATH 203, 211, 254, and 234 are not prerequisites for MATH 362.

Comments/Concerns: It takes one year for the prerequisites to take effect. This course is offered in the Fall.

Motion to approve: T. Barsby  
Seconded: E. Demers  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

***Revision to Faculty By-Laws***

Item tabled until the next Council meeting.

ACTION: <u>Don Noakes</u> to get cancel the December 18, 2015 Council meeting.
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Motion to adjourn: E. Demers  
Seconded: A. Robertson  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.