

Faculty of Science and Technology
Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, November 25, 2016
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

Present: Don Noakes (Chair), Caroline Josefsson, Todd Barsby, Erik Krogh, Gara Pruesse, Stefanie Duff, John Morgan, and Christine Holt (Student Representative)

Regrets: Jerome Lesemann, Brian Dick, and Doug Corrin

Guest: Lorna Millard

Approval of Agenda

Approved.
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – October 28, 2016

Approved as amended.
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Dean's Report

- Interviews for the Associate Dean's position have been completed and the Selection Committee will meet on Monday to discuss the 4 candidates.
- Continuing to review the plans for the proposed Health & Science building.

Senators' Report

Concerns were expressed at the last Senate meeting about the cost of the Dental Hygiene proposal, so this item was deferred until the December Senate meeting

There was a request to clarify the role of the Program Planning and Priority Committee with respect to providing advice on program budgets.

Earthquake Preparedness

Tabled until the December Council meeting.

Major in Chemistry Program Concept

The proposal is for a single Major with students able to choose their electives to focus on one of three areas: Environmental, Biological and General Chemistry. There was general agreement that the number of credits required for the program should be the same as other Science Majors (126), recognizing that adding specific Minors to this Major may add additional credits and time for degree completion.

Student Advising Update

Lorna Millard stated that Enrolment Management is now dealing with prospective students. Student Advising works with students once they have applied to provide advice and answer specific questions. Over this past summer, Advising contacted all students registered in VIU's 5 main program areas to provide feedback on their timetables.

Lorna will provide contact information for enrolment management and student advising. Information provided on early alert to help students that are experiencing difficulties. It is important for instructors to provide information to students so that this support can be offered and provided as soon as possible.

Information was provided on INTP 300 (Internship Course) open to students in second or third year. This will be offered in the Spring semester. Lynda Robinson is the contact person.

Degree advisors will also receive information on transfer students to ensure these students are registered in the courses they need.

Curriculum Committee Submissions

New Course Proposal: BIOL 375

Approved. (It was noted that the Animal Care Committee should be consulted.)
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Course Change Proposal: BIOL 156

Approved.
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

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Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.