

Faculty of Science and Technology
Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, October 12, 2018
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom - Building 395, Room 210

MINUTES

Present: Don Noakes, Todd Barsby Daniela Fischer Russell, Caroline Josefsson, Gara Pruesse, Dan Baker, Eric Demers, Samuelle Simard-Provencal, Brian Dick, Liz Gillis, Doug Corrin, Sandra Johnstone, Jennifer Dawson, Bill Beese

Regrets: Mark Noyon, Jerome Lesemann, David Bigelow

Approval of Agenda 12:30 pm

Motion to Approve – Doug Corrin, 2nd Eric Demers, Carried

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – September 14, 2018

Motion to Approve – Liz Gillis, 2nd Sandra Johnstone, Carried

1) Dean's Report 12:35 pm

Space. A decision has been made on space vacated by Chemistry's move to the Health and Science Centre. Engineering will be moving into the old Chemistry lab space and Bill Floyd's Cryosphere project will be moving into the space vacated by the Dean's Office as well as the AERL lab space. Brian has started working on plans for the Engineering space. The Cryosphere project will not move into the AERL space until it has been fully vacated.

Discussion:

- 2 additional offices will be needed in the future for Engineering
- Could the space that was vacated by the Dean's office in 360 be used as student space?

Next Steps:

Don will send an email to Faculty with offices in bldg. 359 to ask if anyone would like to move into the vacant offices in bldg. 360.

The Biology Honors proposal has been reviewed and supported by Provost Council and will now proceed through the approval process. The Computing Science Honors proposal was passed by Senate and will now go to the board for consideration and approval.

Work is starting on the \$750,000 CFI/BCKDF project (involves both the CSR and Deep Bay) and Centre for Innovation in Fish Health (CSR). Some of the requisitions for equipment have or are in the process of being submitted to Purchasing and we are starting to work with Facilities to implement the physical changes required for each of these projects.

Budgets. The 30 institutional budget holders will make presentations on October 18th and 19th. Science and Technologies requests will focus on additional resources to support the new Majors in Mathematics and Chemistry, the Computing Science Honors, an Innovation Lab to support a number of programs including an expanded Engineering program and other S&T programs as well as programs in Trades & Technology, Arts & Humanities and Health & Human Services. Decisions on budget requests are not

expected until January 2019.

The official opening for the Health and Science Building was on October 10th and went very well. Faculty that have not toured the new facilities are encouraged to do so.

Interviews for the new Dean of International are currently underway. The Presidential search has also commenced.

2) Senators' Report Gara Pruesse/Brian Dick 12:45 pm

- The 5 year Capital Plan was discussed and the Phase II Science building is on the top of the list
- Global Teaching Award – McMaster won
- Education Standards email from Alexandra Weissfloch – the deadline for feedback is October 16th
- The Library Strategic Plan was submitted
- The Centre for Intercultural Language Studies is now part of the Faculty of International Education
- Educational Standards Committee – passed the Grade 12 Equivalencies
- Spring Break Date Changes – Alexandra is looking for feedback
- The committee is always looking for nominations for Honorary Doctorates

3) Strategic Plan Steering Committee Update Daniela Fischer Russell 12:55 p.m

The Committee is moving forward with putting the Strategic Plan document together, as well as reviewing the Mission and Values statements.

4) Graduate Attributes (Attachments 1-4) Don Noakes 1:00 p.m.

Senate is wanting an update on our progress in developing the Graduate Attributes for each of our programs. The Majors in Chemistry and Math Degree completed this during the development of the new degree documents. The Forestry Learning Outcomes, and the Biology Program Review have also been linked to the Graduate Attributes.

The report does not have to include detailed course-by-course links to graduate attributes for every program. For those programs that have not completed a review, we need to describe the process by which this information will be generated. That may include generating this information during the self-study phase of program review or through the generation of information required for accreditation.

Next Steps:

Don would like to provide the information at the next Senate meeting so will send out an email request to Chairs for any documentation that is available.

5) Course Scheduling (Attachments 5 & 6) Don Noakes 1:15 p.m.

Next Steps:

Email Don, by mid-November, with any comments or concerns with the recommendations or other scheduling concerns within the Faculty.

- 6) Forestry Department Diploma Program Changes
(Attachments 7-15)

Doug Corrin/
Bill Beese

1:30 p.m.

Motion from the meeting on September 14th was re-tabled for discussion: **Motion: “To approve the proposed Diploma Program Changes.” 2nd Gara**

Doug reviewed the proposed program changes. There were some comments/updates suggested. Doug will update the documents with the suggested updates before being submitted.

All in Favor with the “housekeeping” updates – Carried

- 7) Fundamentals of Engineering Diploma
(Attachments 16 & 17)

Brian Dick

1:45 p.m.

Motion: **“To approve the Fundamentals of Engineering Diploma Proposal” 2nd Doug Corrin**

Brian reviewed the 2 documents circulated.

- With this program change, students can register for the 2 year program
- It is anticipated that two-thirds of students will take the program in 1 year, and the other one-third will take the 2 year program
- There is a meeting scheduled with Finance to review the proposed budget

All in favor – Carried

Adjourned – 2:00 p.m.

Deferred to November 2, 2018

- 1) Curriculum Committee Changes
ENGE 250 and PHYS 216

Brian Dick