

Faculty of Science and Technology
Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, September 12, 2014
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

Present: Don Noakes (Chair), Bill Beese, Brian Dick, Dave Bigelow, Dean Slonowsky, Don Furnell, Eric Demers, Greg Klimes, Huizhu Liu, Jerome Lesemann (Earth Science Representative), Todd Barsby, Aubrey Robertson (Student Representative), Rae-Anne Savard (Recorder)

Regrets: Tim Stokes

Don Noakes, Dean of Science and Technology, and Aubrey Robertson, Student Representative, introduced themselves as new Council members.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: D. Bigelow

Seconded: H. Liu

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – June 6, 2014

Motion to approve: D. Slonowsky

Seconded: G. Klimes

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Dean's Report

Don Noakes noted that there wasn't much to report as he has only been Dean for two weeks.

Computing Science is in the midst of establishing a Help Centre effective this term. There will be four student Work-Op positions: two positions fully funded through the Campus Career Centre (CCC), and two positions funded 50%-50% between the CCC and our Dean. The Help Centre will be located in the computer lab in Building 315, Room 102. Huizhu Liu will follow up with a schedule.

Don is working on the 2015-2016 budget submission with Sarie Cooke-Yarborough. He will revisit last year's budget and will contact the Department Chairs to discuss any adjustments. Don is scheduled to present the budget in November followed by the Board's approval in early January. It was mentioned that approved capital funds are charged directly to a department's cost centre to reflect the cost of the program. (Sarie transfers the funds from the Dean's budget to the department cost centre. In some cost centres, it may seem that there is a deficit until the funds are transferred.)

Next week, Don will be attending a meeting to discuss the concept plan for the new Health and Science Building. He will forward more information as it becomes available.

ACTION: Don Noakes to present budget suggestions at the October 10, 2014 Council meeting.

Senators' Report

There has not been a Senate meeting since Council last met; however, there was a Senate Retreat. At the Retreat, the discussion was mainly around dual-credit courses funded by the Ministry of Education for trade skills training, particularly through the Cowichan School District, for grade 12 students that have not graduated and are under the age of 19.

Brian Dick reported that the possible opportunities for our Faculty could be introductory courses to Science, extended 1st year certificates, 1st year foundation and 1st year general science courses at the Cowichan campus. The Cowichan campus focused on trades and the goal of introducing students to post-secondary institutions, but is pushing the envelope with interpreting the dual-credit policy.

Also mentioned was the issue around the timing for high school students to take university courses; they would be required to fulfill the grade 12 requirements by the end of the Fall semester; however, their second semester does not coincide with VIU's Spring semester.

Curriculum Committee Submissions

There were no submissions at the meeting.

P&P Draft Terms of Reference

At the last Council meeting, Todd Barsby was asked to edit the draft terms of reference. A discussion ensued around the intent of this sub-committee and its members' role. The group would be advisory in nature: members would examine new programs carefully and bring forward recommendations to Council for approval.

Todd suggested that the number of members be from a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 8. RMOT should read RMAP under the membership from a technology-focused department.

ACTION: Todd Barsby to clarify on what the sub-committee members will and will not do, on the frequency of the meetings, and on a schedule for proposal submission.

Math Major Concept Proposal

Dave Bigelow, Department Chair, presented a proposal to Council and requested approval, which was granted, with the addition to offer the Major to B.A. students, as well as to B.Sc. students. The next step is Stage 1 of the New Program Degree Proposal process.

Motion to accept program concept with amendment: T. Barsby
Seconded: D. Furnell
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

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Motion to adjourn: D. Furnell  
Seconded: G. Klimes  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:30