

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**  
Monday, September 17, 2012  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

**Present:** Greg Crawford (Chair and Recorder), Rosemarie Ganassin, John Amaral, Duane Friesen, Gara Pruesse, Steve Earle, Don Furnell, Marise Wickman, Michael Girard, Dave Bigelow, Glen Pugh, Brian Dick, Greg Klimes, Nathan Stefani

**Regrets:** Todd Barsby

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### *Approval of Agenda*

It was requested that two additional items be added to the agenda: the Foundations for Success Program Proposal (from CAP) and the procedure for curriculum changes, in particular the protocols for use of CMS (the in-house course management system that supplies data to SAWS and SRS).

Motion to approve: D. Friesen  
Seconded: S. Earle  
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

### *Approval of Faculty Council Minutes: June 5, 2012*

Motion to approve: D. Bigelow  
Seconded: G. Klimes  
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

### *Dean's Report*

Greg Crawford reviewed the VPAP's email describing the recommendations arising from the Summative Assessment process.

There were some questions and concerns raised about the process, both in terms of Dave Witty's methods for arriving at these recommendations (given what was submitted by the Deans) and what will happen from this point on. Crawford indicated that Witty's recommendations had been vetted through Provost Council and that next steps would include bringing those recommendations to the Planning and Priorities Committee and then on to Senate. Brian Dick noted that, to help address these recommendations, a special meeting of Planning and Priorities was just recently announced for early October.

Some Council members wanted more information about what recommendations for "expansion" and "enhancement" might mean. In particular, the issue of the long-standing Chemistry Major proposal(s) arose, with arguments for and against those proposals discussed. Crawford reminded Council that the principle behind the Summative Assessment process was to evaluate programs

across the institution, neither as a cost-cutting exercise nor as an opportunity to spend additional funds that do not presently exist, but to assess programs more broadly, based on the six criteria set out in the process.

### ***Senators' Report***

Brian Dick, Dave Bigelow and Greg Crawford talked briefly about the Senate Retreat at the Cowichan last August. Brian and Greg both attended the first Planning and Priorities meeting, most of which revolved around framing the activities of the Committee for the upcoming year.

### ***Interim Vice-Chair***

Greg indicated the need for a new Vice-Chair of the Faculty, as Doug Corrin has finished his term. As the Faculty as a whole will need to see nominations and vote on a Vice-Chair, Greg noted we should have an Interim Vice-Chair, probably best selected from the Faculty Council (since the Vice-Chair sits on the Council anyhow). Greg noted one possibility was that the Vice-Chair could provide more direct faculty input in setting Faculty Council and Faculty agendas, but that this was not a required role.

There were no immediate nominations; some Council members sought more information on the role of Vice-Chair and a little more time to consider.

<p>ACTION: <u>Greg Crawford</u> agreed to provide more information on the Vice-Chair role, based on the Bylaws.</p>
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### ***Curriculum Committee Submissions:***

#### Course Change Proposal – CSCI 400 (Gara Pruesse):

This course change proposal sought to correct an apparent error in the delivery modes for this course to bring them in line with the way the course has been historically taught. There were no additional resource issues.

Motion to approve the course change proposal: B. Dick  
Seconded: D. Bigelow  
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

### ***Opting out of Graduating “With Distinction” for Bachelor’s Programs***

There was general agreement that all of the degree programs arising out of Science and Technology (Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Aquaculture; Bachelors in Natural Resource Protection) should continue to participate in the “with distinction” option for students.

ACTION: Greg Crawford agreed to convey this information to the Registrar's Office (as well as to fix a typographical error associated with the NRP Degree).

### ***Grading and Evaluation Practices***

Item to be discussed at a future Council meeting.

### ***Additional Item: Foundations for Success (FoS) Program Proposal***

Gara Pruesse brought forward concerns about this Program Proposal, which would allow up to 15 university credits to be granted to students taking a collection of courses (including Math and Biology-related courses) through CAP. A substantial discussion ensued. Specific concerns were raised around what the criteria for determining whether a course can be considered eligible for university credit, whether these courses would meet those criteria, and whether students might have a “watered-down” university degree experience, if they took these courses instead of more traditional university elective courses.

It became clear that Faculty Council desired more information.

ACTION: Greg Crawford agreed to determine where, in the Program Proposal review and approval process, the FoS Program is.

### ***Additional Item: Procedure for Curriculum Changes and CMS Protocols***

Tabled. Item to be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Motion to adjourn: G. Klimes

Seconded: D. Bigelow

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at around 5:30 p.m.