

Faculty of Science and Technology
Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, September 23, 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, Doug Corrin, Stefanie Duff, Brian Dick, John Morgan

Regrets: Eric Demers, Jerome Lesemann, David Bigelow

Guest: Christine Holt (Student)

Approval of Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda:

- Combining a Minor with the current B.Sc. in Fisheries and Aquaculture, and
- Foundation and preparatory courses for students entering Science.

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

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – April 29, 2016

Motion to approve.
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Dean's Report

Deep Bay:

The Phase I report was completed.

- The focus is on applied research and educational training (K to 12, PD&T, and supporting credit courses/programs).
- There are 12 strategic goals and associated objectives that must be prioritized, and a need to create a business plan to implement these over the next five years.
- Some current activities will not continue and others will change.
- Facilities is looking at deferred maintenance issues that must be addressed, as well as changes to some systems.
- Discussions are needed between key stakeholders, faculty and others at VIU.

NREP:

Paige Karczynski was hired as our new NREP Coordinator, and Chris Godfreyson was hired as our new NREP Assistant.

- A number of courses were advertised and they are working on delivering First Nations Stewardship training courses.
- They hope to expand and diversify NREP offerings. Meetings were held with a number of people regarding new program ideas (aquaculture, etc.).
- They are trying to coordinate all PD&T activities, including those at Deep Bay.
- They are hoping for a closer working relationship with other PD&T activities at VIU.

New/Returning Employees:

- Marina Rispin (Walker) – Financial Assistant starting on Monday, September 26.
- Jamie Gorrell – full-time, regular Professor, Biology Department.
- Krystyn Dubicki – full-time, regular Technician, Biology Department.
- Sarah Carruthers – Two-year Limited Term Contract, Computing Science.
- Carl Butterworth – Interim Manager at Deep Bay until March 31, 2017.
- A number of new and returning Sessional Instructors.

Announcements:

- Associate Dean – The posting is current and we hope to have a short list in early October, with interviews in early November. We are working with the recruiting firm Harbour West Consulting Inc.
- Helen Gurney-Smith accepted a position with Fisheries and Oceans Canada in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Her last day at VIU was September 14.
- A number of searches for senior leadership positions at VIU are currently underway, including University Librarian, Associate VP Academic, Associate VP Scholarship/Research/Community Engagement, Dean of Management, Dean of Social Sciences, Dean of Education, and Executive Director of Human Resources.
- A short list has been developed for the Associate VP Scholarship/Research/Creative Activity, with interviews likely in November.
- Two CFI AERL proposals were submitted or under development:
 - \$585K – JELF-CFI submitted in June, with a decision in November.
 - \$8.6M – CFI proposal to be submitted in October, with a decision in June 2017.
- JELF – development of a marine probe for use with mass spectrometer.
- Large CFI proposal to expand the CSR and repurpose some of the space for medical

applications of mass spectrometry research.

- Three faculty submitting NSERC DG applications, one RTI (Research Tools and Infrastructure Proposal) and possibly an application of Operating and Maintenance funding for ICSS (new NSERC funding).
- A number of other projects are underway.

Mathematics Major:

The Stage II proposal is in progress. The hope is to submit it this fall.

Chemistry Major:

Must start from square one, but it would be useful to submit the Stages I and II proposals as soon as practical, given the new degree requirements will take 16-18 months. The hope is to have the Major in place by Fall 2018.

Senators' Report

The updated Academic Plan has been posted and information/consultation sessions are currently underway.

Curriculum Committee Submissions

Course Change Proposals – FRST 256 and CSCI 310:

Both course change proposals were approved.

There was a general discussion regarding the need to ensure students are prepared to take 3rd year courses, and whether a general note such as “3rd year standing” should be considered for programs or courses. A discussion as to what constitutes 3rd year standing is required.

Additional Agenda Items

Combining a Minor with the current B.Sc. in Fisheries and Aquaculture:

It was noted that, in general, students can undertake a minor with any B.A. or B.Sc. degree, and that specific requirements for unique combinations should be outlined for students.

Foundation and preparatory courses for students entering Science:

There was general consensus that some 1st year students would benefit from additional preparation in some basic skills such as mathematics, writing, and thinking skills. Several ideas were discussed, but it was agreed this would be a topic for discussion at an upcoming Council meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.