

Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting

**September 29, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.
CSR Boardroom, Bldg. 373, Room 206**

Present: Greg Crawford (Chair), Doug Corrin (Recording), Duane Friesen, Mark Noyon, Gara Pruesse, Eric Demers, John Amaral (BIOL rep.), Laura-Jean Kelly (HORT rep.), Dave Bigelow, Greg Klimes, and Tim Stokes

Guest: Dave Witty

Regrets: Rosemarie Ganassin and Todd Barsby

Dave Witty

Witty asked that Council discuss how science classes could be taught at the Cowichan Campus, as they have the lab facilities and a student base. Suggested courses included first-year, and possibly second-year, Biology, Chemistry and Math, or possibly the entire first-year. It was mentioned that the Faculty of Science and Technology has shrinking resources, that diverting classes to Cowichan would “cost extra,” and it was unclear who would be expected to bear the cost. There was general agreement that the Council needed more information (e.g., including the number of potential science students coming from the Cowichan area, the current science offerings at Cowichan, proposed additional offerings, and the demand for science courses at Cowichan), in order further debate this issue.

Witty provided an overview of the Summative Assessment process:

- At present, the proposed Summative Assessment process is with the Bylaws Committee. It will then be referred to Senate, and finally to the Board.
- The process will use six criteria to measure the “health” of a program. Each criterion has a number of metrics.
- Data will be required to conduct the Assessment. The data will cover several years of enrollments and be made available to the Faculty.
- Program changes will be known by November 2012.
- Transfer programs are not formally covered under this process. Brian Dick plans to address Senate in November on this issue.

<p>ACTION: <u>Brian Dick</u> to seek to address Senate in November regarding Summative Assessment for transfer programs.</p>

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

The 2011 minutes of the February 8 and 28, May 3 and 17, and August 25 meetings were approved, with the condition that Greg Crawford check with Dave Witty regarding the 3rd bullet (BC Transfer System “being lost” when we became a university) on page 1 of the May 17 meeting.

ACTION: <u>Greg Crawford</u> to contact Dave Witty regarding his comment on the BC Transfer System.
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Dean’s Report

Budget update:

- Pat Eagar’s Environmental Scan presentation is scheduled for October 11 (Greg believe the institution is planning for a 3.5% cut for 2012/13).
- Deans and other budget holders are to submit their budget plans in November.
- We need funding to renew work on the plans for the new Science and Health Building.
- Need to find minutes from the last Faculty Meeting – there was a motion regarding access to budget data. Seeking permission to circulate a summary of changes to the VIUFA contract
- Nancy Twynam in Student Services is involved in groups on campus that deal with crisis.
- Previous CCS courses were presented at the G.R. Paine Horticulture Centre.
- There might be changes coming regarding student graduation with distinction. For example, only the top 5-10% of students in a Faculty can earn “with distinction.” Oddly, there is a Faculty at VIU where most students graduate with distinction, which really means that only those who do NOT graduate with distinction are actually distinct. Anyone wishing to comment on this topic can contact Eric Demers or Alexandra Weissfloch.

ACTION: <u>Greg Crawford</u> to provide minutes of June 13 Faculty Meeting, as well as the budget data. <u>Greg Crawford</u> to consolidate and share information on groups dealing with crisis on campus.
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Senators' Report

Not much to report as Senate has yet to meet; however, it was noted that, at the last P&P meeting, transfer programs are not included in the Summative Assessment process. This issue was discussed earlier in the meeting with Dave Witty.

The Education Standards Committee was forwarded the Science and Technology Faculty-recommended proposal that grades (and “time in a program”) will be used to help prioritize registration date (vs. only total credits earned). .

Discovery Days: November 8-10 (Grade 12)

Peter Diamente is the contact person for this event.

Request for Program Change – New High School Math Curriculum

There are still some changes required in the VIU Calendar to better reflect the new Math offerings in BC High Schools.

Curriculum Committee Submissions

Mark Noyon mentioned that FISH 423 is being replaced with FISH 453. Both courses have the same workload hours, so there will be no financial impact. There was a question regarding the delivery of a fourth-year course in a two-year diploma program. Mark said that the course will be delivered at the fourth-year level.

Motion to approve new course and program change proposals: Mark Noyon

Seconded: Greg Klimes.

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned.