

Faculty Council Meeting Surrey D 326, 2010 01 08

Meeting called to order 16h50.

Regrets:

Paul Richard

Alex Liu

In attendance:

Don Mathewson

Patrick Duffy

Jan Verster

Takashi Sato

Astrid Opsetmoen

Korri Thorlacius

Xin Liu

Brian Carr

Shelley Murley

Jim Matteoni

Carol Barnett

Pam McDonald

Pat Thomas

Warren Stokes

Betty Cunnin

John Inglis

Jana Kolac

Pat Thomas

1.0 Approval of agenda

To be added after business arising from Minutes.

Brian suggested a couple of additions as standing items:

- Report from Chair
- Report from Dean
- Report from Senate, SSCC and SCC
- Report from Curriculum Committee.

Approved as amended.

2.0 Approval of Minutes dates January 18 2010

Moved: Astrid to approve the minutes as amended.

Seconded: Patrick

Motion carried.

3.0 Business Arising from Minutes

3.1 Status of bylaws...

Jan discussed options available to obtain approval of the DRAFT bylaws.

It was agreed that Senate would require Faculty approval prior to seeking Senate approval. It was noted that at the last Senate meeting it was made clear that if a Faculty voted on their governance model, it was not the business of Senate to question their model.

Motion: Pat moved to put the Bylaws to Faculty for a vote.

Seconded: Patrick

Motion Carried.

Action: Jan to talk to Heather about setting this up for a Faculty vote.

Action: Jan will then send to Senate once/if approved.

3.2 Committees

Brian has circulated an e-mail requesting names of faculty interested in serving on the *Standing Committee for Academic Planning and Priorities* and the *Standing Committee on Nominations and Governance*. Deadline for names is January 19, 2010.

Academic Planning and Priorities

To date, Jennifer Au (Chemistry), Leah DeBella (Biology), Fergal Callaghan (Physics), Theresa Hofstedt (Mathematics), and Paul Richard (EPT) have been selected.

Senate Governance Committee

Pat Duffy (Chemistry) and Stan Kazymierchuk (Horticulture) have offered their names so far.

Action: Brian to gather names and proceed as necessary after January 19.

4.0 Faculty Council Chair and Dean update

4.1 Miscellaneous request

For internal email using the listserv, put FCSH at the start of the subject matter to help Lotus Notes filter.

Action: All to use the FCSH at the start of the subject matter to filter mail.

4.2 Brian Carr

Budget exercise.

Budget exercise was not seamless this year as it should be in the future since our internal standing committees are not yet in place. Budget presentations were made a week ago by each Dean to the President's Group. We are now in a waiting period (this includes operating, capital, and renovation budget requests). Targeted budget timeline for Board approval is the March 24 meeting. This will then confirm the educational plan for the 2010/2011 budget year.

Science Fair

Brian handed out bookmarks that are an invite to the SFU / Kwantlen Science Fair for the Surrey / Delta SDs. Brian is also soliciting for judgesw from faculty since the event is here at Kwantlen. It requires a commitment of a couple of hours on Thursday night; asking questions of the participants and ranking projects. Some of the big winners get to go to the national competition and are invited to three or more special events.

It would be relevant to put this out to Horticulture Faculty, as well. It is notable that there is NOT a single Kwantlen Scholarship as one of the awards.

Action: Brian to continue to push with the Kwantlen Foundation to get a scholarship for this event next time.

5.0 Committee Update

5.1 Senate update

Task Force

At their last meeting, Senate approved the establishment of a “Senate Task Force on Academic Rank and Advancement” with two members from each Faculty, and without administrators. Nominations Committee will send letters to Faculty Council. There was a question about just what Senate could say that might be in contravention of the Union Agreement.

Action: Patrick Duffy to get a list of names for people to serve on this committee.

Senior Administration as faculty

Senate also approved recommending to the Board that academic administrators be considered faculty. This would put Kwantlen in line with other universities.

EPT Program Revisions

EPT program revisions were approved by Senate.

5.2 Curriculum committee

- Associate of Science in Psychology was tabled at S2C2 because it did not seem to have been reviewed by the Psych department. There is another underlying factor in that Arts does not want to promote associate degrees for fear of losing students, whereas science believes that this is a marketing tool to recruit students who can then be convinced to stay..
- Associate of Science in Geography will not (likely) run into similar problems.

6.0 Future of Faculty of Science and Horticulture (Consequences of Meetings with David Atkinson)

Updates and discussion arising from the meetings on 22 January and 14 January with Sciences and Horticulture...

- Certain criteria must be met by Sciences. There must be a proposal for a science degree to Senate by January 22 2011. There was some confusion as to whether this was a degree concept or a full proposal. Science must clarify with the President what is expected. The belief is that it is a full proposal. In the context of what might qualify, the B.Sc. in Health Science and the B.Sc. in Applied Psychology are not the “science” degrees he is referring to – nor are the other two undergoing approval stages.
- Atkinson stressed that we should investigate what other institutions have done or are doing in response to declining demand. There may be money to visit other institutions or bring in a consultant, and for degree proposal development.
- Brian commented that from his conversations with the President, the perception is that science has not endorsed becoming a part of Kwantlen’s new mandate as a university or attached itself to the degrees under development, so he wants them to identify what degrees they **would** endorse (suggesting, perhaps, a general science). He believes the task can be done with the lab space we have, and is looking for something unique, that will attract enrolment, and will fit our polytechnic mandate.

- New degrees must be done within existing laboratory space.
- The Degree must be unique and but fill seats.

There have been two science faculty meetings since this to discuss the matter. A Steering Committee has been appointed. There will be a meeting 24 February 2010 to present findings, with the goal to make a decision on what should go forward on degree proposals. Science would then approach to Atkinson to see if the direction would meet with his approval. A balance of uniqueness and marketability must be met.

The Degree must pass the B.Sc. Framework, but the Framework itself might need to be reviewed so that it is not overly restrictive..

Action: Sciences to clarify due date and deliverable(s) with President Atkinson.

Action: Pat to get motion for release time and all prepared before next Faculty Council meeting.

What Horticulture is doing:

- Horticulture is proceeding with developing the idea of becoming a separate Faculty. This idea was originally proposed by President Atkinson at a School of Horticulture Department meeting 14 January 2010.
- After communications with Judith McGillivray, it is really up to Horticulture to do all of the 'original positioning'. This will NOT then appear as a suggestion from Atkinson.
- We have to write a proposal to Wade Deisman, for 'permission' to proceed.

Then the School of Horticulture is to submit a full proposal to Senate.

7.0 Program Proposals

7.1 B.Sc. mathematics major

John Inglis discussed a possible concurrent B.A. and B.Sc. with major in Mathematics.

There was a question of assurances of filling seats.

John submitted a document for review, "Proposed Major in Mathematics"

Motion: John that Don's steering committee see what comes out of 24 February meeting.

Seconded: Patrick

Carried.

8.0 Next regular meeting

Monday 15 March 2010

The Sustainability Science Concept will be on the agenda.

Let's try to get this to Faculty before the break.

Action: Jan to get electronic copy of Kent's concept to all Faculty Council Members to review over the Olympic break.

9.0 Adjourn

Motion: Patrick to adjourn meeting.

Seconded: Carol

Carried.