

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND HORTICULTURE
Faculty Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, February 21st, 2011
4:45 p.m. in Rooms D322/2020/2565

Present:	<u>In Langley (Room 2020):</u> Warren Stokes	Shelley Murley	Carol Barnett
	<u>In Richmond (Room 2565):</u> Patrick Duffy Don Mathewson (Chair) Betty Cunnin Pam McDonald	Korri Thorlacius Paul Richard Pat Duffy	Pam McDonald Alex Liu Takashi Sato
	<u>In Surrey (D322):</u> Astrid Opsetmoen Graham Rankin	Jana Kolac Pat Thomas	John Inglis Barbara Maloney (Recording)
Regrets:	Jim Matteoni	Xin Liu	
Visitors:	Jane Hobson	Fergal Callaghan	Jennifer Au

1. Approval of the Agenda

It was **moved and seconded** (Astrid Opsetmoen/Paul Richard) to approve the agenda. It was requested to add an item under Other Business: Search for a New Dean.

The vote was called and the Agenda was **approved as amended**.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was **moved and seconded** (Astrid Opsetmoen/Patrick Duffy) to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 17th, 2011. The **motion carried**.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Class sizes

Graham prepared a report entitled “How important is class size on learning?” which has been distributed to members of Faculty Council. Following discussion, it was suggested that this could be taken back to departments for their discussion and consideration.

4. The Physics and Instrumentation Degree

A description of the new degree currently being developed was distributed to members of Faculty Council for their information. The development committee would appreciate hearing of support from Faculty Council.

It was **moved and seconded** (Paul Richard/Patrick Duffy)

THAT the Faculty Council of Science and Horticulture endorses the proposed degree in Applied Physics to the strongest extent and without reservation.

Funding has been requested to support development up to the Full Program Proposal.

The **motion was amended** with the agreement of the mover and seconder as follows:

THAT the Faculty Council of Science and Horticulture re-affirms our support for the development of the proposed degree in Applied Physics, despite the degree moratorium.

The vote was called and the **motion carried unanimously**.

In response to a question, Fergal confirmed that they will be consulting closely with the Mathematics Department.

5. Mathematics Request to Change Teaching Qualifications

The Mathematics Department wants to change the previously stated qualifications from a “master’s in Mathematics or Statistics” to read “Ph.D. in Mathematics or Statistics.”

It was **moved and seconded** (Alex Liu/Patrick Duffy)

THAT qualifications for new faculty be changed to include “Ph.D. preferred, subject matter specialization may be required.”

The process under the new policy to effect this change requires the Department to forward the recommendation to Faculty Council and then on to Senate.

The question was called; **all in favour with one abstention**.

6. Report from Nominations and Governance Committee regarding Student Representation

In a report from the Faculty Council Nominations and Governance Committee, Patrick identified the methods employed in other faculties in order to find student representatives. Most faculties are having problems identifying student participants.

We also still need a Faculty representative for the Senate Committee on the Library. This is especially important since there are several new degrees being implemented.

We will proceed with putting up the poster prior to the next Faculty Council meeting, advertising for student representatives and see whether there is any response.

Paul Richard stated that his term on SSCC will be finished soon and he would be interested in sitting on the Library Committee if he is no longer on the SSCC.

7. New Faculty Proposal for Horticulture-ISH-EPT

The document distributed to members of Faculty Council has already gone forward to the President and was presented at the Senate Academic Planning and Priorities Committee meeting last week. Jane informed the Senate Committee that Sciences had not yet seen the document nor had a chance to comment on it.

As the document has just recently been received by Faculty Council, members have not yet had a chance to read it. Members would like to have the opportunity to take the document back to departments for discussion.

The following **Notice of Motion** was prepared to accompany the Proposal document when presenting it to Departments:

THAT Faculty Council will be considering the Proposal from the School of Horticulture, the Institute for Sustainable Horticulture, and the Environmental Protection Technology Program with regard to the creation of a new Faculty and will recommend its approval at our next meeting of March 21st, 2011.

Individuals who may be consulted regarding the document are David Davidson and Paul Richard.

8. Other Business

a. Dean's Search

There is some feeling that the next search should begin now and others feel it is too soon as we do not know whether we are looking for one dean or two. This would be dependent upon whether Horticulture-ISH-EPT splits from Sciences.

This is another item that members could take back to departments for discussion.

b. Committee Reports

Jane asked whether she should be making regular reports regarding the Senate Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities which she attends.

As Chair, Don will request regular reports from others who sit on University committees.

c. Faculty Council Chair

As Don is unable to attend the April meeting, a Chair will have to be elected at the next meeting.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next Meeting is Monday, March 21st, 2011.

It was **moved, seconded** (Astrid Opsetmoen/Korri Thorlacius); **and carried** to adjourn the meeting.