

Faculty Council
Monday, June 14, 2010
Cedar 2110 at 3 pm
MINUTES

PRESENT: Jan Verster (Chair), Carol Barnett, Brian Carr, Betty Cunnin, John Inglis, Jana Kolac, Alex Liu, Xin Liu, Pam McDonald, Don Mathewson, Jim Matteoni, Shelley Murley, Astrid Opsetmoen, Paul Richard, Takashi Sato, Pat Thomas, Korri Thorlacius

REGRETS: Patrick Duffy

GUEST: Jennifer Au

1. Approval of the June 14, 2010 Agenda:

Moved by Korri Thorlacius and seconded by Astrid Opsetmoen to accept the Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the May 17, 2010 Minutes:

Moved by Pat Thomas and seconded by Don Mathewson to approve the minutes of May 17, 2010 with the following amendments thereto:

- a) *Add Andrea Sussmann as a Guest.*
- b) *Item #3(a) – add the word “an” between the words “As” and “example”.*
- c) *Item 7(b) – add the following sentence, “It was decided that a letter be sent to the President explaining the reasoning behind the decision to table the BSc in Health Science.”*

CARRIED

3. Business Arising:

- a) Status of Governance Bylaws – The status of the Bylaws is still in limbo. Takashi suggested that he and Patrick meet in an attempt to seek resolution.
- b) School of Horticulture – There has been no further activity regarding the School of Horticulture becoming a separate Faculty. A meeting of the SSC AP&P Committee is scheduled for June 25, 2010.
- c) Meeting with Judith McGillivray, VP Academic; and John McKendry, incoming Interim VP Academic – Jennifer Au distributed a written summary of a recent meeting with Judith and John. The President will secure the services of a special Advisor for science; and further, possible conditional offers of support were outlined.

Moved by Don Mathewson and seconded by Astrid Opsetmoen that Faculty Council request the services of a Consultant to help with current, and future, degree proposals.

DEFEATED

The Writing Teams will be asked if they require the services of a Consultant; and if they do, the matter will be referred to FCSC on Academic Planning & Priorities.

- d) Health Science Letter – Suggested revisions were made; and a revised letter will be circulated to Faculty Council members via email prior to sending to Wade Deisman (Senate AP&P), with copies to Judith McGillivray and John McKendry.
- e) Bachelor of Horticulture Science – Carol Barnett provided a status update of the Full Degree Proposal. External letters of support are being sought from industry and universities.

4. Reports:

- a) Chair – Jan reported that Heather Hamilton and Kulvir Gill need copies of all agendas and minutes. Brian noted that secretariat services should be in place for Faculty Council before its September meeting.
- b) Dean – Brian outlined key findings of Swift Marketing toward Kwantlen’s rebranding efforts.
- c) Curriculum Committee – Approved a revised version of the BSc Framework (which is on today’s agenda).
- d) President’s Vision Task Force – Jim Matteoni reported on efforts to date; which included drafting a Vision Statement and writing a Green Paper for the Ministry on Kwantlen becoming a Polytechnic University; and the report is due late August.
- e) Biology and Mathematics Degree Program Concepts – Both are works-in-progress.
- f) Academic Rank and Advancement Committee – The first meeting will be held Friday, June 18, 2010.
- g) Humanities Hiring Proposal – Senate tabled discussion on this proposal, and referred the matter back to its Governance Committee.

5. Bachelor of Science Framework:

Moved by Don Mathewson and seconded by Astrid Opsetmoen that the Bachelor of Science Framework be approved as submitted.

A concern was raised that the language was too restrictive and might have a negative impact on attracting students to science at Kwantlen. Another concern was raised that while Senior Leadership was supporting unique applied degrees in science, in line with Kwantlen being a polytechnic university, the proposed Framework favoured traditional core science degrees. Paul commented that the Framework did not support environmental; agriculture; horticulture; or computer science degrees. It was countered that it supported psychology and geography. It was pointed out that the existing Framework had faculty endorsement, and could be altered if necessary, in the future, as need arises.

The vote was then called on the Motion and it was

CARRIED
10 For and 2 Against

6. *Moved by John Inglis and seconded by Don Mathewson that Senate be asked to request that Kwantlen post a course timetable for the full year (summer, fall and spring) in April.* **CARRIED**
7. *Moved by Pam McDonald and seconded by John Inglis that a special arrangement be made for Paul Richard to allow him proxy representation, or proxy vote, for the fall semester due to class conflict with Faculty council meetings.* **CARRIED**
8. *Moved by Don Mathewson and seconded by Shelley Murley that the four meetings in the fall be held at the Surrey Campus on Monday, September 20, 2010 from 4:45 – 6:45 pm; Monday, October 18, 2010 from 4:45 – 6:45 pm; Monday, November 15, 2010 from 4:45 – 6:45 pm; and Monday, December 20, 2010 from 4:45 – 6:45 pm.* **CARRIED**
9. *Moved by Astrid Opsetmoen and seconded by John Inglis that the meeting be adjourned.* **CARRIED**