

DRAFT MINUTES

Faculty Council Meeting

2009 09 10, Surrey G2110

Special Meeting

1.0 In attendance

Brain Carr, Shelley Murley, Jim Matteoni, Carol Barnett, Betty Cummin, Pam McDonald, Pat Thomes, Korri Thorlacius, Pat Duffy, Xin Liu, Astrid Opsetmoen, John Inglis, Don Mathewson,

2.0 Agenda

2.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Don Mathewson moved:

That Brian act as Chair for this special meeting

Approved unanimously.

2.2 Meeting times

Pam moved:

That we follow the existing schedule for the Fall 2009 semester, But change the meeting time to start at 16h45; and agree later this semester to meeting date, time and place patterns for subsequent semesters.

One opposed, one abstention, nine in favour.

2.3 Alternates

Can we have alternates to the Faculty council Representatives?

TBD as part of the review and finalization of the governance Bylaws. It was noted that existing Monday meetings conflict with Paul Richard's teaching.

2.4 What is Faculty Council vision of itself

Faculty Council serves as a representative council for the Faculty as a Whole on academic matters. It does NOT deal with nonacademic issues outside the realm of Senate. The Chairs Committee handles non-academic matters. Academic issues vetted, approved, and are then referred to Senate. What needs to be determined in the Bylaws is whether all decisions approved by Standing Committees need go through Faculty Council, or if Faculty Council will delegate power of authority in certain cases. .

2.5 Faculty Governance Bylaws review – Draft 3

Four documents were circulated:

Doc #1: Faculty of Social Sciences Bylaws

Doc #2: August 05 Memo from Dana Cserepes (Senate Governance Committee)

Doc #3: Faculty of Science and Horticulture (DRAFT 2)

Doc #4: Revisions in colour suggested by the Dean

2.5.1 Patrick's memo

Pam, Patrick and Jan had taken a stab of revising DRAFT 1 of the Bylaws that the Senate Governance Committee had not approved. Their work is referenced as DRAFT 2).

- 1: Page 7, 9.1 We agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair would be elected.
- 2: Page 7, 9.1 We agreed that the Vice Chair would be elected.
- 3: Set the quorum at 20 Faculty for meetings of the faculty meetings as a whole.
- 4: Associate Dean could serve as an alternate for the Dean, although neither can vote. Associate Dean is not a standing member of the Faculty Council, but could be elected as a voting faculty member if on a qualified teaching list within the Faculty programs/departments.
- 5: Agree to have the "Role of Faculty" in the document, but to consider the changes that Brian suggests.
- 6: Faculty Council shall meet as necessary, with a minimum of one meeting of Council per semester.
- 7: We need to deal with alternates. Deferred.
Maybe have an elected alternate for each faculty (e.g. Chemistry). Deferred.
- 8: Are staggered terms 1 and 2 years, or 2 and 3 years? Deferred.

2.5.2 Brian Carr's suggestions

- 1: Role of Faculty: Brian declared that as Dean, his duties involve management of the Faculty, its budget, its education plan, hiring, evaluation and many other roles. He cautioned using the term "manage, " or any similar terminology, in describing the role of Faculty Council.
- 2: Other suggestions from Brian were deferred to the Bylaw review.

2.5.3 Smaller working group

Brian Carr, Jan Verster, Patrick Duffy, and Betty Cunnin will meet to complete the Bylaw review, and submit to Faculty Council for approval. Once done, it will be voted on by the Faculty as a Whole, then back to the Senate Governance Committee for approval.

2.6 Nominating and Governance committee - deferred

Members

Chair

2.7 Other Committees - deferred

TBD by smaller working group

2.8 Student representatives – deferred

One year or two years? TBD

2.9 Outlook of upcoming issues – deferred.

Adjourned at 18h05.