

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND HORTICULTURE**  
**Faculty Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**4:45 p.m. in Rooms D322/2020/2565**

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Present: In Langley (Room 2020):  
Carol Barnett

In Richmond (Room 2565):

Patrick Duffy  
Takashi Sato  
Betty Cunnin

Korri Thorlacius  
Xin Liu

Pam McDonald  
Don Mathewson (Chair)

In Surrey (D322):

Astrid Opsetmoen  
John Inglis

Jana Kolac  
Graham Rankin  
Barbara Maloney (Recording)

Lin Hammill  
Pat Thomas

Visitor: Jane Hobson (in Richmond)

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**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved, by consensus, as distributed.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

It was **moved, seconded and carried:** (Patrick Duffy/Korri Thorlacius)

**THAT** the Minutes of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, be approved with the following corrections:

Jane Hobson should be recorded as a visitor; both Jane and Jennifer Au were in attendance at the Richmond campus.

**3. Selection of Replacement Chair, Faculty Council of Science and Horticulture**

A number of people were nominated to be the continuing Chair, however, all declined the nomination.

It was **moved and seconded** (Pam McDonald/Korri Thorlacius)

**THAT** Don Mathewson, current Vice-Chair, continue to act as Faculty Council Chair, up to and including the December meeting.

All in favour; the **motion carried**.

#### 4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

#### 5. Reports

No reports have been received.

#### 6. New Business

##### a. Change to Horticulture Technology – Turf Management Diploma program

The School of Horticulture has approved and forwarded to Faculty Council a program change.

It was **moved, seconded and carried:** (Pat Duffy/Korri Thorlaciuss)

**THAT** the turf management diploma program be changed by dropping HORT 1223 (Basic Landscape Operations) and adding HORT 2426 (Landscape Construction).

##### b. Transfer Credit Issues

Pam McDonald raised some issues relating to the approval of transfer credit such as who should decide on transfer credit assignment – the Department or Registrar’s Office. As well, recently we have received requests from outside BC including some courses not taught in English. Other Faculties may be experiencing the same issues.

It was **moved and seconded:** (Don Mathewson/Pam McDonald)

**THAT** at a future meeting, Faculty Council will discuss the current practice with respect to issues of transfer credit.

The **motion carried**, all in favour.

##### c. Vision Document

Each area reported feedback on the Vision and Commitments; overall the feedback was not positive.

An alternative statement has been circulated from the Faculty of Humanities and was read out to members.

It was **moved and seconded:** (John Inglis/Lin Hammill)

**THAT** the Faculty Council of Science and Horticulture express support for the Faculty of Humanities’ response to the Vision Statement, with a change in the last paragraph to include “and the natural sciences” and to add further concerns of our own.

Betty agreed to co-ordinate input and to carry forward a final version to the Task Force on Institutional Vision and Commitments. The Faculty of Humanities will also be informed of this action.

The question was called on the motion; the **motion carried** (11-0-0).

d. Student Representation on Faculty Council

There are presently two vacant student seats on Faculty Council. In order to fill the seats, we need to define who is eligible and advertise the availability. to address these questions.

It was **moved and seconded:** (Don Mathewson/Patrick Duffy)

**THAT** the issue of student representatives to serve on Faculty Council be directed to the Nominations and Governance Committee to prepare criteria for nomination of students.

The **motion carried:** 11-0-0 in favour.

7. Date of the Next Meeting

It may not be necessary to have a meeting in December.

It was **moved and seconded:** (Jana Kolac/Lin Hammill)

**THAT** the date of the December meeting be changed to **December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 4:45 p.m.**

The **motion carried:** 11-0-0.

There was discussion regarding continuing with the video-conferencing format for meetings. A question was raised concerning the prospect of audio back-up, in case of video failure.

It was **moved and seconded:** (Don Mathewson/Astrid Opsetmoen)

**THAT** Faculty Council thank Jan Verster for his service as Chair.

All were in favour; the **motion carried.**