



FACULTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 20th, 2023
Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brett Favaro; *Dean*
Jeff Dyck; *Assoc. Dean*
Erika Eliason; *Assoc. Dean*
Ashley Schneider; *Recording*
Allyson Rozell; *Chair*
Mike Coombes; *Vice-Chair*
Casey McConill
Catherine Chow
Cameron Lait
Christina Iggulden
Fergal Callaghan
Kaylee Magee
Nick Inglis
Martina Solano Bielen
Melissa Bodner
Melissa Drury
Michael Kiraly
Muskandeep Kaur
Nadia Henwood
Tyron Tsui
Xavier Ardez

Regrets:

Alan Davis
Alex Lyon
Laura Bryce
Mary Hosseinyazdi
Michael Adams
Nicole Tunbridge
Samaneh Ghanzafari Hashemi
Sepideh Tahriri Adabi

1. Approval of the Agenda of February 20, 2024

*It was **moved** (Catherine Chow), **seconded** (Mike Coombes), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

2. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of January 16, 2024

*It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Catherine Chow), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

3. Business Arising:

- Nothing arising

4. Reports:

a. Chair's Report:

- Daniel Bernstein etc. to visit and discuss KPU's Research Advancement Strategy
- Ashley just emailed out a list of our Grads for convocation next week - take a look!

b. Dean's Report:

- Discussion and updates on what we know now regarding the cap on International Students.
- Canada is in the process of making changes that makes it much more difficult for international students to study in Canada.
- Many universities across Canada have the need for international student tuition baked into the budget.
- We can't predict what the changes will be because we don't know what the provincial government will be allotting to each university for seats.
- Budget will get tighter with this restriction.
- Let's keep working on making connections when we do events so we can try to convert those interested parties into future applicants
- We'll be taking a look at the structure of the website to make it easier for students to apply. We'll be working on this and other projects with marketing.
- We'll be keeping a closer eye on fill rates for classes to make sure we're matching demand. We're trying to be proactive on this aspect as well.
- Robust discussion from Faculty council followed.
- When hosting events, please reach out to DeAnn Bremner and Triona King for support with the recruitment side of things.
- Brief review of the Future Student's Office CRM contact cards
The contact cards are the same as the "Connect with us" on the Future Student's page here: <https://www.kpu.ca/future-students#get-started>
- Our advisors will be hosting "declaration sessions" to help land the plane on students that are already here.
- Student representatives discussed their experience with communication from the university before and during their application process.

c. Senate Reports:

Senate:

At the start of the meeting, President Davis acknowledged the federal government's [announcement](#) of a cap on the number of study permits for international students coming to Canada. He reassured us that KPU leadership is advocating strongly for KPU and working hard to make sure the government understands how a decrease in international enrollments (and therefore tuition revenue) would affect us and the services we provide. He will make sure that the university community is kept informed of this issue as it evolves.

Senate voted in favour of recommending that the Board of Governors approve revisions to the BSc, Major in Biology, Cooperative Education Option and the BSc (Honours), Major in Biology, Cooperative Education Option.

Senate approved extending the suspension of the Bachelor of Horticulture Science, Major in Urban Ecosystems program until August 2025.

The draft university budget for fiscal year 2024/25 was presented and Senate voted in favour of endorsing the budget.

Senate approved the first KPU micro-credential (in medication management for Health Care Assistant students).

Notice was given of Spring 2024 elections to the Board and to Senate, including a seat for a Faculty of Science Senator for the term Sept 1 2024 to Aug 31 2027.

- **Senate Standing Committee on Program Review (SSCPR):**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Senate Standing Committee on University Budget (SSCUB):**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (SSCAPP):**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC):**
 - Sustainable Agriculture's program revisions were approved.
- **Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR):**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL):**
 - Nothing to report.

d. Science Committee Reports

- **Curriculum Committee:**
 - **MOTION:** THAT Faculty Council approve the PHYS 4901 new course outline.
Moved: Mike Coombes; **Seconded:** Casey McConill; **Motion Carried.**
- **Academic Planning and Priorities:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Research:**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Nominations and Governance:**
 - Updated Faculty Bylaws. Replacing "Faculty of Science and Horticulture" to "Faculty of Science" and fixing one typo.
This is more of an FYI and will need to go to Senate for approval.
 - Nom Gov still has a vacant seat.
 - Nom gov will do scholarship recommendations in the next few months



- KSA elections are coming up. Suggestion to consider inviting the Faculty of Science Student rep from the KSA to serve on Faculty Council.

5. New Business:

- Nothing arising.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 12:55 PM

Moved: Mike Coombes; Seconded: Kaylee Magee

Date of next Faculty Council: March 19, 2024