



FACULTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 19th, 2023
Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)
4:15 PM – 6:15 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
Christina Iggulden
Dominic Bernard; *Guest*
Fergal Callaghan
Kaylee Magee
Laura Bryce
Nick Inglis
Martina Solano Bielen
Mary Hosseinyazdi
Melissa Drury
Mehdi Salimi; *Guest*
Michael Adams
Russ Lyons; *Guest*
Samaneh Ghanzafari Hashemi
Tyron Tsui
Xavier Ardez
Daniel Bernstein; *Guest*
Victor Martinez; *Guest*
Bernadine Sengalrayan; *Guest*
James Hoyland; *Guest*

Regrets:

Alan Davis
Alex Lyon
Nicole Tunbridge
Sepideh Tahriri Adabi
Muskandeep Kaur
Melissa Bodner
Michael Kiraly
Nadia Henwood

1. Approval of the Agenda of March 19, 2024

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

2. Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of February 20, 2024

*It was **moved** (Michael Coombes), **seconded** (Nick Inglis), **and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as distributed.*

3. Business Arising:

- Update to the proposed revisions to the BA double minor:
Jennifer Au and Allyson Rozell met with Greg Millard, chair of the Arts AP&P committee regarding the proposed revision to the BA double minor, in order to add the option of Science minors. Jennifer will be doing the forms, and Greg has agreed to help with consultations in Arts, planning to go to committees in the Fall.

4. Reports:

a. Chair's Report:

- Nothing to report.

b. Dean's Report:

- Faculty of the Whole meeting is May 3rd – please attend if you can!
Theme this year will be about alignment (working with non-academic departments at KPU to better understand and align our activities with theirs)
- International Student situation update: we are keeping an eye on Summer enrolment; no huge unexpected red flags have arisen. But, we expected the hit to come in the fall. We are more concerned about the message about Canada as a place to study as opposed to the cap – more concern lies in filling those seats available than what total seats we have.
- Working with chairs to improve ability to recruit. This has led to a really good start of a conversation with marketing to look at an overhaul of our website as a whole.
- Still in the works conversation about FSO regarding faculty or chairs being able to call potential students etc. If you would like to put your name forward to volunteer for this initiative, or if you know someone who would, please let Brett know.

c. Senate Reports:

February 20th:

- President Davis updated us on the changes to international admissions; watching for more details.
- Of particular interest to Science was the approval of the revisions to the Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Agriculture, effective 01Sep 2024. Congrats to SustAg! There was also a consent agenda of courses from SSCC; no Science courses were included.
- A new list of graduates (to graduate in June) was approved. No other motions were made.
- The Senate meeting was quite short. It was followed by Senate Engage, featuring the Entertainment Arts program.

March 18th:

- Another short senate meeting
- A new physics course, and revisions to 6 biology courses were approved

- **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):**
 - Program Discontinuance: Bachelor of Arts, Major in Community Criminal Justice was approved

- **Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC):**
 - Some program changes in Design went through.
 - New physics course and 6 biology course outlines were approved and went to Senate.

- **Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR):**
 - Most of the meeting spent discussing the research advancement strategy
 - A survey needs to be made to look at how this will move forward. Our guests this afternoon will be starting this conversation

- **Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL):**
 - Space refresh to Teaching and Learning, inviting faculty to drop in.
 - Updating their resources on generative AI.
 - Moodle upgrade is being planned for the end of the Spring term.
 - Received a report from the natural spaces advisory committee.
 - Climate change workshop happening on May 9th.
 - Received a report from Academic Integrity Office, they are also working on updating their resources for faculty and students.
 - Turn-It-In Draft Coach is available for students and faculty with support provided by Teaching and Learning commons.
 - New asynchronous moodle course training on restorative justice in dealing with academic integrity violations.
 - Report from the Learning Centre asking for any recommendations on students you feel would make great Peer Tutors as our current group is graduating.
 - Also a reminder about the Early Alert system available if you notice students struggling in your classes.

d. **Science Committee Reports**

- **Curriculum Committee:**
 - **MOTION:** That Faculty Council support the Program Change Proposal – Diploma in Brewing and Brewery Operations
Moved: Mike Coombes; **Seconded:** Martina Solano Bielen; **Motion carries.**

- **MOTION:** That Faculty Council support the Program Change Proposal – Associate of Science Degree Framework
Moved: Mike Coombes; **Seconded:** Kaylee Magee; **Motion carries with request for clerical amendments to “SCIH” acronym.**
- **MOTION:** That Faculty Council support the new course outline for MATH 1170: Introduction to Data Science
Moved: Mike Coombes; **Seconded:** Mary Hosseinyazdi; **Motion carries.**
- Other course outlines on the agenda are minor revisions so will go directly to SSCC from Science Curriculum.

- **Academic Planning and Priorities:**
 - Nothing to report.

- **Research:**
 - The committee met with Daniel Bernstein (Arts), Bernadine Sengalrayan (Arts) and Victor Martinez (Design) on February 16th as part of their consultation leading to development of an updated research advancement strategy for KPU.
 - Forwarded a synthesis of the results of the Faculty of Science Research Survey conducted in 2019 to Daniel, Bernardine, and Victor.
 - Research currently has reps only from AGRI, MATH, PHYS and the research institutes. Reps from 2 more academic departments are needed.

- **Nominations and Governance:**
 - Nothing to report.

- 5. **New Business:**
 - Discussion to clarify the role of Faculty of Science Academic Planning and Priorities committee.
 - Multidisciplinary space for student/faculty research as a priority.

- 6. **Guest Discussion:**

Senate Subcommittee on Research is overseeing the creation of a Research Advancement Strategy. We will be joined by Daniel Bernstein, Victor Martinez, and Bernadine Sengalrayan, who are soliciting input that will be used to formulate the strategy.

 - SSCR hopes to have this report done in late April or early May with strategies to advance research at KPU. They have been meeting with various Faculty Councils and research committees for feedback.
 - Faculty noted that they need funding, time, and space to do research. KPU has an inordinate amount of bureaucracy to get any of these. The group working on the research advancement strategy is planning to put together a few different models of how things might work, in order to balance out teaching, service, and research. Townhalls will be announced soon to provide another opportunity for input.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 5:46 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: April 16, 2024