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FACULTY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 21st, 2023
Microsoft Teams Meeting (Online)
4:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:
Brett Favaro; *Dean*
Jeff Dyck; *Associate Dean*
Erika Eliason; *Associate Dean*
Tammy Hulstra; *Recording*
Michelle Ikoma; *Writing Minutes*
Allyson Rozell; *Chair*
Mike Coombes; *Vice-Chair*
Alex Lyon
Casey McConill
Catherine Chow
Christina Iggulden
Kaylee Magee
Laura Bryce
Korri Thorlacius; *Alternate*
Muskandeep Kaur
Nadia Henwood
Mary Hosseinyazdi
Melissa Drury
Nick Inglis
Samaneh Ghanzafari Hashemi
Tyron Tsui
Xavier Ardez

Regrets:
Alan Davis
Fergal Callaghan
Martina Solano Bielen
Melissa Bodner
Michael Adams
Michael Kiraly
Nicole Tunbridge; *Alternate*
Sepideh Tahriri Adabi

1. **Approval of the Agenda of May 21, 2024**

    *It was **moved** (Mike Coombes), **seconded** (Kaylee Magee)**, and carried THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.*

2. *Approval of the Faculty Council Minutes of April 16, 2024*

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

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3. **Business Arising:**
   - Nothing arising.

4. **Reports:**
   a. **Chair's Report:**
      - Nothing to report.

   b. **Dean's Report:**
      - Re: Faculty of the Whole, we are forecasting that it will be the same time next year.
        We are planning for Richmond campus next, but the location will depend on space availability.
      - Happy to announce that there is a set of 15 new bursaries for Horticulture and Sustainable agriculture. Because they are based on an endowment, they will continue in perpetuity.
      - Science Rendezvous was a great event. Some stats from the event were provided:
        - 3461 registrants
        - 849 on waitlist for tickets
        - 1500 attended (43% attendance rate)
        - We have 761 emails from registrations and 242 from the waitlist – good for enrolment contact potential and have been forwarded to FSO.
        - Please contact DeAnn and Triona Re: events to increase enrolment potential.
      - Regarding Enrolment – International is down for fall and projected to fall further.
        This will lead to a reduced fiscal budget. There is no magic formula for deciding if courses will run. It will be decided on a case by case basis.
      - Federal government may be changing how work permits are implemented, so Science 2-year programs may be of greater interest.
        Departments are encouraged to consider how or if 2-year degrees can be created.

   c. **Senate Reports:**

   We had a Senate meeting Monday April 22, 2024.
      - The Full Proposal for the Establishment of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was approved, along with an omnibus update to multiple policies with minor changes to make the policies apply to graduate studies. It is anticipated there will be a half-time Dean of Graduate Studies starting in September.
      - The admissions change for Brewing and Brewery Operations was approved.
      - The update to the Associate of Science framework adding GEOG 1102 was approved.
      - New Science courses approved:
        - BIOL 1492 Indigenous Perspectives in Biology
        - AGRI 1130 Indigenous Perspectives in Food Systems
        - MATH 1170 Introduction to Data Science
        - STAT 2342 Introduction to Statistics for Business (Update of MATH 2341)
      - Revised Science course approved:
        - HSCI 3225
      - Catherine Schwichtenberg was acclaimed as Vice Chair of Senate for another term.

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- The Senate Engage afterward was presented by Dean of Health Sharmen Lee with a broad discussion of the health system in BC. She encouraged all of us to consider how our departments might be able to put forward programs that would facilitate filling the shortage of medical and medical-related workers in our province.

- **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):**
  - Allyson missed the May 3rd meeting; the agenda was brief and the minutes aren't out yet. Included were: Intro to the CIM for programs software, usual report from Teaching & Learning, and a discussion about food insecurity for international students at KPU. Lana sends out information on Support for Students' Basic Needs every term, and I encourage instructors to include this info on their course websites and draw students' attention to it, so they will know about the resources that are available.

- **Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC):**
  - There were a number of approvals which were mentioned in the Senate Report.
  - The STAT designation was approved and there will be a number of MATH courses changing to this new STAT designation next year. The new CIM Programs software will generate a list of all programs affected so that the calendar and department websites will be able to be updated accordingly.
  - The Registrar recommended bringing all courses through together for maximum efficiency. Chair noted there will be a double designation for 5 years or so.

- **Senate Standing Committee on Research (SSCR):**
  - There was a discussion of research advancement strategy.
  - Everyone is reminded to do the survey from SSCR.

- **Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning (SSCTL):**
  - The committee fully supported the turn on of Closed captioning by default in Kaltura to enhance accessibility.

d. **Science Committee Reports**
   - **Curriculum Committee:**
     - Recommended the EPT program change regarding the admission requirements to delete 1 line.
     - **MOTION**
       Curriculum Committee recommends that the Science Faculty Council approve the proposed changes to the Diploma of Technology in Environmental Protection program, effective September 1, 2025.
       Seconded: Mike Coombes; *Carried.*

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

- **Research:**
  - Nothing to report.

- **Nominations and Governance:**
  - Mike Coombes noted that there is a list of scholarships that are faculty nominated. Nom Gov will be naming people for these, but please send names of students you recommend to Mike. The deadline is Friday June 7th.

5. **New Business:**
   - Nothing arising.

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 4:47 PM

Date of next Faculty Council: June 18, 2024