

Faculty of Science

FACULTY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2015

MINUTES

Guest Speaker: Cindy James, Senior Assessment Centre Coordinator and Jeannette Robertson from Disability Services

re: survey related to disability services coming to faculty in February – information attached as a separate pdf document

Guest Speaker: Susan Purdy **re: Community Innovation Lab (CIL) in February**

Please visit the link below and complete the online CIL evaluation survey. It will only take a few minutes, and will truly help us make future events more meaningful and productive. AND, if you complete the survey before February 20th, you could also win a free registration to a future Fresh Outlook Foundation event!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJ72TRR>

Please continue or start a conversation with event participants through our online community forum. The 'Your Say FOF' site can be found at <http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab>. Topic-specific information/working groups can be found at the following links:

Environmental Protection: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/environmental-protection-table-talk

Climate Action: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/climate-action-table-talk

Smart Growth: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/smart-growth-table-talk

Zero waste: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/zero-waste-table-talk

Social Resources: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/social-resources

Food Security: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/food-security

Sustainable Mobility: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/sustainable-mobility

Cultural Abundance: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/cultural-abundance

Resilient Local Economies: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/resilient-local-economies-table-talk

Entrepreneurial Opportunities: http://yoursay-fof.com/kamloops-community-innovation-lab/forum_topics/entrepreneurial-opportunities-table-talk

1. **Announcements:**

International Sweater Day – Wednesday, Feb 4th

Honours Update Showcase – next Thursday, Jan 22nd at 1:00 pm

Environmental Science Seminars starting up again – Thursdays at 4:00 pm in S203

Teaching Practices Colloquium – Monday, February 16th

Family Night of Science – Tuesday, February 17th

Campus Wide Professional Development Day – Wednesday, February 18th

MSc Showcase – Thursday, March 5th

UGrad Conference – Saturday, March 28th

Eureka needs your recycling, either drop off to Janice Karpluk or email her and she'll come pick it up – thanks!

2. **Adoption of Agenda/Minutes**

3. **Old Items**

Discussion, actions and motion from December 17th, 2014 meeting:

re: Senate Report from December verbal by: Dave Sheets and Cynthia Ross Friedman –

1) Policy ED 16-0 (see motion below); and 2) wording “expected enrolments” rather than “section capacity” in the new CurricUNET system.

Motion: That the Chair of Faculty Council will send a letter (content to be forwarded by Dave Sheets, Senator to the Chair) was moved by Lyn Baldwin and seconded by Cindy Ross Friedman, unanimously approved at this December 17th, 2014 meeting.

It was agreed upon at this January Faculty Council meeting that the letter will be sent to the Chair of Senate and Gord Tarzwell, that the preamble be included with the policy (see attached letter. The modified policy was approved at Senate).

4. **New Items**

5. **Reports**

i) **Senate Report** – Dave Sheets & Cynthia Ross Friedman (**no report but discussion from past minutes needed**)

There will be an announcement soon (with a short window if you are interested) to put your name forward to be on the search committee for the next Provost

Other Senate Committees:

(a) **Budget Committee of Senate** – Normand Fortier & Dave Tomkins (no report)

(b) **Senate Educational Programs Committee** – Joanne Rosvick (no report)

(c) **Senate Instructional Development and Support Committee** – Nancy Van Wagoner (no report)
Tabled – to bring document

(d) **Senate Promotion Committee** – Norm Reed (no report)

ii) **Committee Reports:**

(a) **MSc Coordinating Committee** – Wendy Gardner (**report attached**)

(b) **Education Planning Committee** – Eric Littley (no report)

(c) **Academic Standards Committee** – Troy Welch (no report)

(d) **OL Report** – Mike Looney/Dave Sheets (verbal report)

The Instructional development group have recently approved 4 or 5 years' worth of courses. Below are the OL science courses in development:

ASTR 1151 - Introductory Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies

BIOL 3201 – Immunology (revised)

GEOL 2051 - Geological Time

GEOL 2071 - Geologic Hazards and Forensic Geology

COMP 2681 - Web Site Design and Development

COMP 3541 - Web Site Design & Programming

COMP 4911 - Computing Science Project

COMP 3141 - Object-Oriented Design and Programming

COMP 4621 - Web-based Information Systems

(e) **Recruitment and Retention Committee** – S. Purdy/M. Lemphers (no report)

(f) **Science Health and Safety Committee** – Janine Chan (no report)

(g) **Steering Committee** – Tom Dorval (no report)

(h) **Awards Committee** – Nancy Flood (no report)

(i) **Research Committee** – Surinder Dhanjal/Sean McGuinness (no report)

iii) **Dean's Report** – Bean Counting, Problem Solving, Planning, and Rumours

Bean Counting: I have been primarily working through the budget, and as soon as I get approval from the Provost, I will put it up a summary on the Faculty of Science website

Enrolments/Problem Solving:

- It showed a decline in the first reports for Science, but it's coming back up (part of it is was a waitlist issue). Biology/Astronomy/COMP – showed empty seats and a waitlist increased cap size in lecture but not in the lab. There has been discussion about the new process and how to prevent this problem in the future.

RUMOURS:

- Is it true you accepted a re-appointment for another 5 years Tom? Yes, but haven't received letter yet

REPORTS

MSc Program Information for Faculty Council Jan 2015 (by: Wendy Gardner)

The MSc program continues to grow. We now have a total of 43 students currently registered in the program and 31 that have successfully defended and completed the program. Of the current students 25 are in the first 2 years of their program (as of the winter 2015 semester). More international students have been applying and currently 9 of our continuing students are international students. We had 6 new students start in the fall 2014 semester and another 6 started in the winter 2015 semester.

While this growth is encouraging the program continues to struggle with space issues (seating for graduate students). Also we would like to see an increase in the number of Graduate Approved Faculty members to help add diversity to student committee and to support the program in other ways. Faculty interested in becoming approved should contact Wendy Gardner (MSc Coordinator) for information on the process.

Also several MSc Committee members are on sabbatical this term. We are looking for graduate approved faculty members to fill the vacancies left by Kingsley Donkor and Mila Kwiatkowska.

There have been changes made to the MSc program with an overall program change as of fall 2014. As well there has been progress at a Graduate Program level to develop a set of forms and procedures for the defence that are used across all Masters Programs. At a Graduate Program level, Troy Fuller is now the Acting Director of Graduate Studies.

Upcoming Events:

- Defence Workshop for MSc Students (Jan 27, 2015 time/location TBA)
- MSc Showcase (March 5, 2015 3 to 6 pm, location TBA)

Please see the MSc website for details on the program and for upcoming events.