

Faculty of Science

FACULTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2015

Approved Minutes

1. **Announcements:**

- Tom – Interim Provost from July 1st until successful candidate can start
- Wednesday, June 10th is *Science Convocation* – 2 pm - Post-party – Christina Mohr’s place
- Thanks to everyone who helped with Trash Bash
- New Moodle upgrade (June 23rd)
- Co-Chair – Physical Sciences: George Weremczuk

2. **Adoption of Agenda/Minutes** – nothing to change/add

3. **New Business**

- Open House Working Group – looking for a volunteer Science representative. Please contact: Kyri Alves at kalves@tru.ca
- FYI: Science fume hoods (email was sent out) – upgrading, replacing motors (preventative maintenance) return heat to boilers (Sustainability pushing this through a different budget) – this summer is the timeline NOT 2016
ACTION: Faculty need more info about this please and timelines
- We are looking for representatives for a TRU booth at the Roots and Blues Festival (August 15/16th) –if interested please contact Kyri Alves at: kalves@tru.ca

4. **Reports**

i) **Senate Report** – Cynthia Ross Friedman (**report attached**)

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

ii) **Committee Reports:**

- (a) **MSc Coordinating Committee** – Wendy Gardner (no report)
- (b) **Education Planning Committee** – Eric Littley (**report attached**)
- (c) **Academic Standards Committee** – Troy Welch (no report)
- (d) **OL Report** – Bryan Daly (**report attached as separate document**) – basically enrolments are up
- (e) **Recruitment and Retention Committee** – S. Purdy/M. Lemphers (**verbal report**)

Orientation for fall: in late August we will be asking for student help and volunteers, so please watch for that email. It is the same format as before, and first day of classes, so this year it's Sept 8th – we'll be meeting in S203 before going over to the gym (probably around 9 – 9:30 am) but we will keep you updated

(f) Science Health and Safety Committee – Janine Chan (no report – see info below)

In an attempt to continue to support a proactive approach to safety while also keeping everyone aware of the current issues the Health and Safety Committee are dealing with, monthly minutes will be delivered directly to all Faculty/Staff emails from our committee. Committee minutes will still be posted on the Faculty of Science website as well. Should there ever be any safety questions/concerns that you can't find answers to yourself, please funnel your questions/concerns through your committee representative who will ensure it is addressed at our next monthly meeting, June 25th or contact me! Cheers! Janine

(g) Steering Committee – Tom Dorval (verbal report)

The standing committee memberships have been updated and I have sent an email to ARET for new people. We also need a new Chair for the Academic Standards Committee.

(h) Awards Committee – Nancy Flood (**report attached**)

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

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

Bean Counting: We asked for an increase of \$400,000 for this year, and in recognition of our growing enrolments they accepted our submission. The only provision is that they don't want us building in this long term maintenance budget line. It is exceptional that we got all we asked for in the operational budget, the hirings have been going ahead

Problems: One of the top students in Kamloops school district was not being offered an entry scholarships due to a rule (that needs to be changed). It stated that a student could only receive the scholarship if applying into a diploma or degree program, and this student had applied to the Engineering Transfer program so it fell through the cracks

Planning: Williams Lake, there will be some program changes as to what's most useful for that community. There will be an Academic Planning Council made up of Deans and interested faculty. Watch for that announcement and please suggest training, particularly the NRS faculty, suggestions may be non-credit as well

It is not a rumour: I accepted the position of Interim Provost/VP Academic until the successful candidate of the search can start. Dennis Acreman has agreed to be the Interim Dean during this period and we will keep having our regular meetings to stay in touch and with the transition back.

REPORTS

Senators' Report from May 25, 2015 Senate Meeting (By: Cynthia Ross Friedman, Faculty of Science Senator – Faculty Member; David Sheets had an excused absence from Senate)

Items of significance for Science Faculty:

- 1) **Budget Committee of Senate (BCOS).** A change was made to the BCOS Terms of Reference whereby the Provost and VP Academic will now chair BCOS and be given a vote, where as the VP Finance will remain a member with no vote. This change essentially places the academic lead in a true Provostial role, ultimately in charge of budget decisions. Senators regard this move as a very positive one.

2) **Policy Changes.**

- a) Minor changes were made to policies ED 16-2 “Honorary Degrees”, ED 2-4 “Transferability of University Credits”, and ED 3-1 “Student Attendance”. With regard to ED 3-1, a revision initially proposed to remove an instructor’s ability to manage attendance at the start of classes (and to instead transfer that ability to the Dean or Chair) was repealed. Senators are pleased with the final policy.
- b) Notice of Motions were given for:
 - i) ED 3-5 “Grading Systems” (no major concerns)
 - ii) ED 3-8 “Course Subject Acronym and Numbering” (no major concerns)
 - iii) ED 3-6 “Scheduling of Course Conflicts” (to be repealed! This proposed change is good – will allow bypassing of the electronic system for, say, problematic seminar/lab scheduling e.g., Cell Biology and Genetics).
 - iv) ED 3-11 “Submission of Final Grades” (possibly contentious, but not as bad as originally proposed). Newest suggested (compromise) wording “that Faculties, Schools, and Departments reserve the right to correct or adjust unofficial grades, after consultation with the instructor, and with the approval of the Dean or designate.” Original policy did not require input from the Department, Faculty, or Dean, whereas the highly contentious wording first proposed did not include consultation with the Instructor or Department. See <https://tru.civicweb.net/FileStorage/AC70AE6F99A44DCEAB455AF75A2E8464-05%20ED%203-11%20Submission%20of%20Final%20Grades.pdf>

3) **Master of Nursing.** TRU now formally has a Master of Nursing program. Neat.

4) **Institutional Learning Outcomes Recommendations.** The recommendations passed at Senate (see <https://tru.civicweb.net/FileStorage/50BEC1DD9EB548CD9A910C4CA7128BAB-10%20Instutional%20Learning%20Outcomes%20Recommendations%20.pdf>). This means we are one step closer to mandating and instituting Learning Outcomes. CRF voted against the motion to accept the recommendations, as she feels that we should not be prescribing the attributes of a TRU graduate, especially in light of diversity and equity issues (she spoke to these issues). She also stated that the recommendations compromise academic freedom, and, moreover, establish a new yardstick by which to measure the perceived failings of faculty whose students do not meet the prescribed Learning Outcomes. CRF recommends that we at least compose our own learning outcomes before someone does it for us.

5) **New Course Approvals.** If you read anything, please read this one:

<https://tru.civicweb.net/Documents/DocumentList.aspx?ID=75795> and go to PAGES 111-123. TRU is planning some sweeping changes to the ways courses are approved through the various levels and the Educational Programs Committee. CRF made a motion (motion passed) to postpone this discussion until the Fall, as the proposed recommendations were moved at this May meeting without Notice of Motion. **Please read the proposed changes.**

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New course – apply and lag, so don’t have to give course outline – some flexibility there.

6) **Instructional Development and Support Committee.** This committee is now called the “Teaching and Learning Committee”.

7) **Budget.** The Budget was proposed to Senate and will be presented to the Board Friday May 29, 2013. See <https://tru.civicweb.net/FileStorage/B01C75760AAE4B07AA2ABEBCDFCD1B55A-BOG%20-%20Budget%20Presentation%20May%202015%20-%20with%20Assumpti.pdf> CRF does not really understand the 0-based budgeting, so hopefully someone else can explain...

8) **Next meeting:** June 22, 2015 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, if necessary. CRF was appointed to the Summer Executive.

Science EPC Report to Faculty Council – May 2015 (by: Eric Littlely)

A number of new courses were approved for the Open Learning Anesthesia Assistant Program. They are part of a revised OL program where theory courses are delivered via distance, followed by a 4 month clinical experience in a hospital. The program change documents that incorporate these courses will be considered at the next Science EPC meeting.

ANES 4001 – Anesthesia Workstations: a name change for the course, although the name change was not actually included on the forms. The committee will accept the proposal pending correcting the forms.

ANES 4003 – Airway Management: a new course. Approved.

ANES 4005 – Anesthesia Adjunct Equipment: a new course. Approved.

ANES 4021 – Pharmacology and Principles of Anesthesia: a course change, updating the outcomes. Approved.

ANES 4031 – Clinical Anesthesia and Special Considerations: a course change, updating the outcomes. Approved.

ANES 4061 – Anesthesia Professional Skills: a new course. Approved.

ANES 4071 – a new course called Research Skills for Anesthesia Assistants. Shane Rollans stated that the list of topics read like a statistics course, and he was concerned that the content experts hired to develop this course may not have appropriate statistical expertise. Dave Sheets stated that he didn't think the course was intended to be very statistical, but would endeavour to make sure that appropriate expertise was involved in developing the course. The committee voted to reject the proposal pending clarification of the list of topics and the course outcomes to be clear on the level of statistics involved in the course.

ANES 4101 – Clinical Anesthesia: a change in credits from 4 to 9. The committee noted that on p. 2 of the form, it still listed it as being 4 credits. The proposal will be returned for correction.

HLTH 2501 – Pathophysiology: this is a course revision of an OL course that is not part of the Anesthesia Assistant program. The changes bring consistency between the OL and Campus versions of the course. Approved.

The committee requested that the Chair invite the Dean to our next meeting to discuss process and the role of EPC in the academic life of the Faculty of Science.

Faculty of Science Awards Committee Report: Just FYI (by: Nancy Flood)

Ken Lepin Award for Excellence in Science: Kelsie Sallis - \$2,500

Ken Lepin Award for Academic Achievement in Science

- o Biological, Corrie Belanger - \$1,250
- o Chemistry/Physics, Matthew Drayton - \$1,250

Ken Lepin Prize of Excellence in Animal Health Technology: Melissa Moen - \$1,250

Awards to be presented at Convocation:

B.Sc. Medal winner: Ariga Avanesian

BNRS Medal winner: Colin Bailey

Respiratory Therapy:

Although the Awards Committee had nothing to do with it, it is worth celebrating the fact that Respiratory Therapist alumni Mark Carolan ('14) and Bhavjinder (Bobby) Hara ('14) received the gold and bronze medals respectively in January for achieving the highest marks nationally on the 2015 Canadian Board of Respiratory Care (CBRC) credentialing exam.