MINUTES OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE
COUNCIL MEETING NO. 146
held on Monday, January 15TH, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.
Ad-Hum Boardroom, AH 527
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Representatives from other Faculties/Units: J. Bazzul, S. Davies, B. Elich, K. Herman, C. Phelps, S. Rheault, L. Sykes Tottenham

Regrets: A. Bais, K. Bethune, J. Coleman, A. Fizzard
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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Move to approve the agenda
Papandreou/Hall CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 145 HELD November 29TH, 2017
Weger/Volodin CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
No business arising.

4. CHAIR’S REMARKS
- Enrolment of registered students in 201810 was up 24.1% compared to 201710. Enrolment is also up at the Federated Colleges.
- The University Exam Security Task Force is developing the best practices in exam security protocol, encompassing exam development, storage of exams, security of exams during printing, during and after exams, and disposal of exams.
- Please familiarize yourself with University Undergraduate Calendar Section 5.15 Appeals and Petitions.
- Reminder that the University Safety Program will assist when studying or working alone after hours.

5. REPORTS FROM DEAN’S OFFICE
5.1 Associate Dean (Research)
5.1.1 Graduate Admissions & Studies (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the GA & S Report).

1.0 Department of Computer Science

1.1 Approved that CS 890 EQ – Topics in Geographic Information Systems (GIS): Spatial Analysis, Geoprocessing and Programming (3) be created effective Spring/Summer 2018.
Butz/Hoeber CARRIED

2.0 Department of Biology
2.1 Approved to change the name of BIOL 835AM from “Quantitative Methods in Biology” to “Modelling Biological Data”.
Butz/Weger CARRIED
2.2 Approved to modify the course description of BIOL 835AM from: “A guide to contemporary methods for fitting quantitative models to biological data. Emphasizes practical skills in using software for implementing models, testing hypotheses, and making predictions about biological and ecological systems. Students will independently analyze a dataset using methods presented in the course”, to: “A guide to contemporary statistical models for biological data. Emphasizes practical skills in using software for implementing models, testing hypotheses, and making predictions about biological and ecological systems. Prior programming experience is recommended.”
Butz/Weger

CARRIED

2.3 Approved to renumber BIOL 835AM to BIOL 810.
Butz/Weger

CARRIED

5.1.2. The FGSR deadline for NSERC USRA applications is Friday, January 19, 2018.

5.2 Associate Dean (Academic)
5.2.1 Admissions and Studies Committee (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the A & S Report).
1.0 Approval of 2017 Spring Graduands List
Mobed/Raina-Fulton

CARRIED

2.0 Department of Economics in conjunction with the Faculty of Science

2.1 Approved to revise the BA Honours and BSc Honours majors in Economics to require ECON 307 and ECON 310 in lieu of ECON 308 and 309, AND to remove 396 and 496 from the list of “One of ECON 311, 341, 353, 354, 361, 363, 364, 372,”.
Mobed/Sterenberg

CARRIED

2.2 Approved to revise the BSc Major in Economics and the BSc Combined Major in Statistics and Economics to require ECON 307 and ECON 310 in lieu of “Two of ECON 308, 309, 401, 402,”.
Mobed/Strenberg

CARRIED

5.3 Faculty Administrator
- Cheryl Risling began a one year leave effective January 1, 2018.
- Pamela Sparvier is on a one year term to fill Cheryl’s position in the Physics/Dean’s Office.
- Jamie Kraushaar has been hired to fill Pam’s position in the Math & Stats Office.
- The College West Building renovations are ongoing. With that in mind there will be minor disruptions and construction noise for the next ten months.
- The Lab Building renovations are also ongoing. Again, there will be minor disruptions and construction noise for the next ten months. The LB renovations will be more disruptive overall, simply due to the nature of the work being done to the HVAC and lighting.
- Banner Workflow will now include postings for Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants.
- Bi-Weekly pay will began January 1, 2018. If you have Teaching Assistants, Invigilators, Research Assistants, etc. that you supervise, you will need to approve time cards every second week.

6. NEW BUSINESS
No new business.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION
7.1 Dennis Fitzpatrick provided an update on bargaining.

8. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER FACULTIES/UNITS/COMMITTEES
   No reports.

9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER FACULTIES, SENATE AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
   9.1 Charles Phelps (Library) reported there are literary sessions available for information and class reserve.
   9.2 Jesse Bazzul reported Dr. Jerome Cranston has been appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Education.
   There are two ongoing searches in the Faculty.
   9.3 Katya Herman reported the Kinesiology and Health Studies Research Seminar Series is Wednesdays at 3:30 pm. Everyone welcome.
   There are two searches underway in the Faculty. Criteria documents are being reviewed and revised.
   9.4 Dr. Laurie Sykes Tottenham reported the next Faculty of Arts Council meeting is scheduled for January 17.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
    10.1 Biology
        Search for a Tenure-Track Laboratory Instructor is ongoing.
        Luther College has a search in progress for a Computational Biologist.
    10.2 Chemistry and Biochemistry
        Increased enrolments in less typical service courses.
    10.3 Computer Science
        Search for a three-year term Assistant Professor in Cyber Security is ongoing.
    10.4 Geology
        Search for a Tenure-Track Laboratory Instructor is ongoing.
        Our undergraduate students successfully hosted the Western Inter-University Geoscience/Geology Conference (WIUGS) this past week. The D.M. Kent Club did a fantastic job – attendance was good, various events (presentations, short courses, field trips etc.) went smoothly and the conference was capped off by an excellent banquet on Saturday night. The conference involves talks and keynote addresses by several U of R Geology alumni, including banquet keynote by U of R alumnus Glen McCrimmon, Chief Geologist for Husky Energy (Calgary).
    10.5 Mathematics and Statistics
        Search for a tenure-track Actuarial Scientist is ongoing.
        Gupta Memorial Lecture Series first lecture will be March 2.
        Welcome Jamie Kraushaar, new administrative assistant.
    10.6 Physics
        Introduction of Geoffrey-Fathom Grinyer, new Assistant Professor in the department.

11. OTHER BUSINESS
    Next Faculty of Science Council Meeting will be held date Monday, March 19, 2018.

12. ADJOURNMENT
    Papandreou
    The meeting adjourned at time 3:08 pm.