Minutes of the Faculty of Science
Council Meeting No. 135

held on
Tuesday, January 20th, 2015
in the AdHum Boardroom, AH 527


Senate Representatives: B. Krismer

Representatives from other Faculties/Units: L. Bradshaw, G. Donnelly, A. Fizzard, D. Halabuzza, P. Hart, K. Herman, C. Oriet, R. Petry, C. Phelps, S. Lukasewich, M. Vetter

Regrets: M. Argerami, N. Ashton, M. Brigham, T. Dahms, K. Leyton-Brown, R. Manzon

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of BASAC Committee under “New Business”.
   Coulson/Murphy
   CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 133 HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2014
   Farenick/Coulson
   CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 134 HELD DECEMBER 5, 2014
   MacKnight/Weger
   CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING
   No business arising

5. CHAIR’S REMARKS
   • The Faculty of Science budget submission for FY 2016 will be submitted on February 2, 2015. It will include two required budget cut scenarios: a 1% cut scenario and a 3% cut scenario. There is also an Appendix page to describe the Master of Health Information Management (MHIM) program (see item 6). We will take on the creation and implementation of this new program only if fully funded.
   • The provincial budget will come out in mid March 2015. We expect a 0% to 1% increase in the University’s grant from the province. The University’s budget grows by 2% each year simply by inflation (goods and services purchased) and collective agreement regulated salary increases. The total Science budget is approx. $15.2 M, of which roughly 95.3% are salaries bound by collective agreements (cannot be cut). This leaves about 4.7% of $15.2 M (approx. $715 K) that is our operating budget. An unfilled position from a
retirement would represent a contribution to the required cut, thus lessening its impact on the Science budget.

I will be making a Science budget presentation to the University Budget Committee on March 13, 2015.

- At the request of Minister Kevin Doherty, the University will be implementing financial restraint measures until the end of the current fiscal year (April 30, 2015). Among several measures, we intend to freeze all outside province travel funds from Department or the Faculty, and there will be a freeze on all new hires. However, we have several ongoing searches, and these will not be affected. Similarly, travel paid from APEA account or any research account (NSERC, CIHR, etc.) will not be affected.
- We will be working this semester on a new Faculty of Science organizational chart that better reflects our true organization and reporting structure. We will report on this at the next Faculty of Science Council meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Science Budget & Space Allocation Committee (BASAC). This committee was created by the former Dean (B. Maguire) and met once or twice. Faculty committees are created and dissolved at the discretion of the Dean.
- Brian Christie and Martin Lopez presented the proposal for a Master of Health Information Management program. This course-based, entirely online, Master’s program could start in September 2017. We would have 2 years to develop it. It could be of interest to several faculty members in Computer Science, who may wish to become involved. The program will charge professional program tuition fees and should be entirely self-funded and generating revenue in 4 to 5 years after starting (will also have reimbursed the initial development costs, from July 2015 to August 2017). This program does not require additional infrastructure. (Attached as Appendix I).
- Livia Castellanos & Harvey King presented the Internationalization Strategy Task Force’s report. (Attached as Appendix II).

7. ASSOCIATE DEAN (ACADEMIC) REPORT

7.1 Admissions and Studies Committee (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the A & S Reports). (Attached as Appendix III).

7.1.1 (1.0) Faculty of Science

Approval of Graduands
Mobed/Coulson CARRIED

(2.1) Department of Biology

(2.1.1) Approval to remove BIOL 315, BIOL 455, and BIOL 465 from all Biology programs.
Mobed/Weger CARRIED

(2.1.2) Approval to add BIOL 407 as one of the 300/400-level Biology options to the BSc and BSc Honours in Biology, Cell & Molecular Biology Area of Concentration programs and the BSc Combined Major in Biology and Biochemistry program. BIOL 407 should also be added to the list of approved 300/400-level courses offered by Biology.
Mobed/Weger CARRIED

(2.1.3) Approval to add BIOL 316 to the BSc and BSc Honours in Biology, Ecology & Environmental Biology Area of Concentration programs and the BSc and BSc Honours in Biology, Environmental Biology (Joint) programs.
Mobed/Weger  CARRIED

(2.1.4) Approval to add BIOL 456 to the BSc Honours in Biology, Ecology & Environmental Biology Area of Concentration program.
Mobed/Weger  CARRIED

(2.1.5) Approval to add BIOL 457 as well as change the name from SIAST to Saskatchewan Polytechnic in the BSc and BSc Honours in Biology, Environmental Biology (Joint) programs.
Mobed/Weger  CARRIED

(2.1.6) Approval to add BIOL 376 and remove BIOL 475 as one of the 300/400-level Biology options in the BSc and BSc Honours Ecology & Environmental Biology Area of Concentration programs and BSc the Combined Major in Biology and Geography program.
Mobed/Weger  CARRIED

(3.1) Department of Geology
Approval to add a note to the GEOL 270 requirement in the Minor in Geology program
Mobed/Coulson  CARRIED

(3.2) Department of Geology
Approval to amend the BSc Honours in Environmental Geoscience program as indicated below.
Mobed/Dale  CARRIED

(3.3) Department of Geology
Approval to amend the BSc in Geology program as indicated below.
Mobed/Coulson  CARRIED

(4.1) Department of Computer Science
Approval to remove CS 375 and add CS 476 in the BSc and BSc Honours in Computer Science programs and amend the BSc in Computer Science further as indicated below.
Mobed/Hamilton  CARRIED

Pages 22-25 are for information only.

8. ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES) REPORT
- The NSERC URSA deadline in FGSR is February 2, 2015.
- The Science Graduate Scholarship Committee will adjudicate the 2015 Graduate Research Fellowships. Science will have a maximum of 6 awards.
- The Graduate Student Association is organizing the UoF’s first ever 3-Minute Thesis Conference on March 21, 2015. Students summarize their research findings in 3 minutes. They can win various awards and a $1500 scholarship. The student who gives the best presentation can move on to present regionally and nationally at 3MT competitions.

9. FACULTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
(Attached as Appendix IV).

10. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER FACULTIES/UNITS/COMMITTEES
No Reports.
11. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER FACULTIES, SENATE AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

12. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

12.1 *Department of Biology*
- Search in progress for a Lab Instructor (Tenure-Track)

12.2 *Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry*
- Welcome Olena Lukoyanova as a 1 year Term Lab Instructor
- Search in progress for a Technician
- CHEM 104 added to Winter 2015 semester

12.3 *Department of Computer Science*
- No Report

12.4 *Department of Geology*
- Conditional Offer in place for a Lecturer (Tenure-Track)

12.5 *Department of Mathematics and Statistics*
- No Report

12.6 *Department of Physics*
- Search in progress for a Sylvia Fedoruk - U of R bridged Assistant/Associate Professor (Tenure-Track) position.
- The University is a member of the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA). SURA consists of universities from the United States and the University of Regina. Regina was asked to join due to working relationship with Jefferson Lab. SURA research includes working with computer science corporations, information technology, coastal ocean and environmental research. SURA provides some financial support for faculty, students, Post Doctoral Fellows and workshops.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dale
The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.