Minutes of the Faculty of Science
Council Meeting No. 132
held on
Monday, September 22nd, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Classroom Building Room 125


Senate Representatives: B. Krismer

Representatives from other Faculties/Units: J. D’arcy, G. Donnelly, S. Lukasewich, R. Petry, C. Phelps

Regrets: M. Argerami, M. Dagenais, A. Fizzard, D. Halabuza, K. Herman, K. Naqvi, C. Oriet, H. Weger

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Moved approval of the agenda as posted on the Faculty of Science website.
   Leavitt/Somers
   CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 131 HELD JUNE 18TH, 2014
   Brigham/Yost
   CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING
   N/A

4. NEW BUSINESS
   • Registrar James D’Arcy discussed the Class Scheduling Policy (Attached as Appendix I)
   • Vice-President (Research) Malloy discussed Research in Context

5. CHAIR’S REMARKS
   • Audrey Perra is retiring effective December 31, 2014. Lee Aument will be the Acting Faculty Administrator November 1, 2014, and will assume the role permanently January 1, 2015.
   • The updated Science Criteria documents are drafted and will be circulated shortly.
   • Motion: That the Faculty of Science call for the abandonment of the automatic time-tableing process and for the reinstatement of the previous method of scheduling classes.
   Kozdron/Yost
   CARRIED
6. ASSOCIATE DEAN (ACADEMIC) REPORT

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

6.1.1 (1.0) Faculty of Science
Approval of Graduands
Mobed/Hall CARRIED

(2.1) Department of Biology
Approval to add course BIOL 406 and remove course BIOL 490BG as one of the 300/400-level Biology options from the BSc and BSc Honours program Cell & Molecular Biology Area of Concentration in Biology, and add BIOL 406 to the list of approved 300/400-level courses offered by Biology.
Mobed/Brigham CARRIED

6.1.2 Page 5 is for information only.

6.1.3 Addendum to the Report from the Associate Dean (Academic) (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the Addendum memo). (Attached as Appendix III).

(1.1) Department of Computer Science
Approval to change the prerequisites of the course CS 361.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.2) Department of Computer Science
Approval to change the prerequisites of the course CS 461.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.3) Department of Computer Science
Approval to update the content and description of the course CS 335.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.4) Department of Computer Science
Approval to update the content and description of the course CS 475.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.5) Department of Computer Science
Approval to change the number of the course CS 305 to CS 428, eliminate the lab portion, and change the prerequisites.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.6) Department of Computer Science
Approval to change the number of the course CS 325 to CS 205 and make the lab hours variable.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED
(1.7) Department of Computer Science
Approval to change the number of the course CS 327 to CS 427, eliminate the lab portion, update the description, and change prerequisites.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.8) Department of Computer Science
Approval to add course 427 and remove course CS 327, add CS 428 and remove CS 305, add CS 205 and remove CS 325 as one of the approved electives in the Minor in Creative Technologies in Computer Science.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.9) Department of Computer Science
Approval to add course CS 428 and remove course CS 305 in the BSc Software Systems Development in Computer Science.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.10) Department of Computer Science
Approval to add course CS 428 and remove course CS 305 in the Post-Diploma BSc in Computer Science.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.11) Department of Computer Science
Approval to add course CS 205 and remove course CS 325 in the BSc Business Area of Concentration in Computer Science.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.12) Department of Computer Science
Approval to create course CS 455.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.13) Department of Computer Science
Approval to eliminate the lab portion of the course CS 405.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.14) Department of Computer Science
Approval to make the lab hours variable for the course CS 425.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

(1.15) Department of Computer Science
Approval to inactivate the courses CS 104, CS 250, CS 345, CS 373, and CS 474.
Mobed/Hamilton CARRIED

6.1.4 Addendum to the Report from the Associate Dean (Academic) (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the Addendum memo). (Attached as Appendix IV).

(1.1) Department of Biology
Approval to change the Course Catalogue descriptions of BIOL 490-495 from “1-3:3-0” to “1-3:3-3”.
Mobed/Finlay CARRIED
7. ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES) REPORT
   • Science has 12 NSERC Discovery Grant applications submitted in this cycle.
   • The UofR quota for NSERC RTI (Research Tools and Instruments) is 5.
     The ORIP deadline is September 25th.
   • The VPR is holding a Research Forum on September 23rd at 2pm in AH 527.

8. FACULTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
   (Attached as Appendix V).

9. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER FACULTIES/UNITS/COMMITTEES
   9.1 Teaching and Learning Advisory Group
   • The University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association is hosting an Academic Freedom Event on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. An invitation is extended to all URFA members to attend. To that end, URFA will be chartering a bus to Saskatoon. For details and to sign up, contact the URFA office. Bargaining sessions were held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, and Thursday, September 18, 2014. Both sides exchanged their entire proposal packages and the discussion on these days centred around understanding each other's positions. The next scheduled sessions are for Thursday evening and Saturday morning of this week. The bargaining committee will be scheduling a meeting with academic staff for Thursday, October 2 from 9:00 - 11:00 in ED 191 to discuss the details of the proposals and the importance of member mobilization.

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER FACULTIES, SENATE AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
    • The Faculty of Business Administration had their Hill Legacy Pinning Ceremony on September 19, 2014.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
   11.1 Department of Biology
    • The Department welcomes Dr. Mark Vanderwel and Marianne Jacob sen.

   11.2 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
    • CHEM 104 has a high enrolment.

   11.3 Department of Computer Science
    • Graduate Co-Op Program has 12 grads placed for Fall.

   11.4 Department of Geology
    • 2 field trips this summer.
    • Field trip to Iceland was very successful.

   11.5 Department of Mathematics and Statistics
    • Dr. Donald Stanley has been named to the NSERC Evaluation Group for Math & Stats, effective January 2015.
    • Dr. Andrei Volodin was recognized with two awards in June 2014 from Thammasat University in Thailand. The first award is the Certification of Prestige Honorary Award, for Dr. Volodin’s outstanding contributions to the
University in research and graduate co-supervision; the second award is from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Thammasat University, in recognition of Dr. Volodin’s work with colleagues in Thailand, which has enhanced the reputation of the department.

- Four of the Department’s graduate courses are being offered via distance education to students and the University of Saskatchewan.

11.6 Department of Physics

- No report.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

13. ADJOURNMENT

Leavitt/Hamilton

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.