

Minutes of the Faculty of Science Meeting No. 108

held on Thursday, January 22nd, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

in the Ad-Hum Fifth Floor Boardroom (AH 527)

Present:

K. Bergman (Chair), B. Maguire, A. Perra, L. Aument, A. Steininger, W. Schick, B. Dobson, N. Ashton, M. Brigham, P. Leavitt, R. Manzon, C. Somers, H. Weger, C. Yost, T. Dahms, A. Freywald, L. Mihichuk, S. Murphy, B. Sterenberg, C. Butz, H. Hamilton, R. Hilderman, X.D. Yang, S. Bend, G. Chi, I. Coulson, J. Dale, M. Velez, M. Kozdron, K. Meagher, Y. Zhao, N. Mobed, P. Ouimet.

Representatives to the Faculty of Science:

U. Hardenbicker (Arts), S. Khan (Business Administration), F. Lapropulu (Luther).

Senate Representatives:

B. Bachynski (College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan), B. Brown (APEGS Association of Professional Engineers of Saskatchewan), J. Caswell (District 5 Maple Creek-Rosetown-Lloydminster), E. McCall.

Student Representatives:

K. Dohms (Biology graduate student representative), C. Colpitts (Chemistry and Biochemistry graduate student representative), C. Lohans, (Chemistry and Biochemistry undergraduate student representative).

Regrets:

S. Wilson (Dean's Office), B. Hall. (Biology), A. Wee (Chemistry and Biochemistry), L. Sykes Tottenham (Arts), M. Cooper (Co-op Education), C. Bourassa (First Nations University of Canada), P. Neary (Kinesiology), M. Keaschuk (Senate).

Guests: Dr. Gary Boire, Vice President (Academic) and Dr. Tom Chase, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ashton/Hamilton

Moved approval of the agenda with the addition of the List of Graduands for the 2009 Spring Convocation
CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 107 HELD SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2008

Leavitt/ Manzon

Moved approval of the Minutes as posted on the web.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Dean welcomed the representatives from other faculties, Senate representatives and student representatives. The representatives introduced themselves to the members.

Appointments

Dr. Lynn Mihichuk has been re-appointed as the Department Head in Chemistry and Biochemistry for a 3 year term to June 30, 2012.

Budget

Science will present its budget on February 9th, 2009.

President Timmons' Visit to Science

The President visited Science for half a day on January 12th. This was a very positive visit.

Finlayson Donation

The terms of reference have been determined for the donation from the estate of Muriel Finlayson. Two undergraduate scholarships have been established: one in Environmental Science and one in Computational Science. Both are for \$5,000 and will be awarded this summer. The deadline for applications is March 15th. Complete information will be posted on our website in the next few days.

Canadian Cancer Society Student Assistantship Grants

Two assistantships are available for the summer of 2009 in the amount of \$3,800 each. The deadline for receipt of applications in the Dean's Office is March 16th.

6. VICE PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC)

Dr. Gary Boire, Vice President (Academic), spoke to the members about their vision for Science. Some of the concerns and issues discussed were resources, revenue generation and distribution, research revenue, role of graduate students, graduate student funding and the University's ability to hire highly qualified people.

The Vice President (Academic) has suggested the Department Heads invite him to a Department meeting for further discussion about these issues. The Vice President (Academic) is planning a Town Hall in the near future.

7. FACULTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- The last of the detail work including painting, shelving, cleaning, re-keying, black board and whiteboard installation, etc. to complete the 29 office moves and re-locations in Science to carve space for the two Supplemental Instruction rooms is finished.
- At our last RIC construction meeting held Wednesday, January 14th, construction is on schedule. Target date for taking possession of our space is the 1st of December 2009.
- The Lab Building Modernization project has been initiated and Science is already actively consulting with Facilities Management and P3A, the architectural firm hired to lead the design and planning.
- An update was provided on the Administrative staffing changes that took place in the past 12 months as follows:

Retired:

Ev Pow, Dean's Office, May 2008.

Carol Allen, Physics and Dean's Office, November 2008.

Resigned:

Sandy Barker, Science Student Services, February 2008 (moved to Registrar's Office).

Candace Aveyard, Science Student Services, May 2008 (moved to Registrar's Office).

Raeanne Thompson, Academic Program Advisor, November 2008 (moved to Student Development Centre)

Barbara Pidkowich, Program Coordinator, Math and Stats, November 2008 (moved to Financial Services).

Laurie Cosgrove, Mathematics and Statistics, January 2009 (moved to Financial Services).

Hired:

Leigh Anne MacKnight, Program Coordinator, Mathematics and Statistics, January 2008 (11 month term).

Amy Quickfall, Science Student Services, March 2008.

Angela Dohms, Science Student Services, June 2008.

Jacqui Lockert, Science Student Services, June 2008.

James Kraushaar, Programmer Analyst, September 2008.

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Bonnie Dobson, Academic Program Advisor, September 2008.
Anna Bristol, Coordinator, Research Gala, September 2008 (2 month term).
Della Allen, Department of Physics and Dean's Office, September 2008 (2 month term).
Jacqui Lockert, Department of Physics and Dean's Office, November 2008.
Dana Reed, Science Student Services, November 2008.
Ara Steininger, Program Coordinator, Mathematics and Statistics, January 2009.

8. REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH)

University Monthly Newsletter

The Office of the Vice President (Research) will be issuing a monthly newsletter featuring research news. If you have an item to be included contact the Associate Dean (Research).

The members were thanked for submitting their key words, pictures and text version for the Science web page.

Science Website

Scott Wilson is working with our website development team to enhance Science's website.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Scholarship Committee

Department reports for awards need to be forwarded to the Associate Dean (Academic) and the Student Services Office.

9.2 Admissions and Studies Committee

9.2.1 List of Graduands

Maguire/ Brigham

Moved approval of the list of graduands for the 2009 Spring Convocation with the caveat that the Dean or designate be allowed to remove any names at Executive that do not meet the requirements for graduation.

CARRIED

10. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER FACULTIES

No reports.

11. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER FACULTIES, SENATE AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

12.1 Department of Biology

No report

12.2 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

No report

12.3 Department of Computer Science

No report

12.4 Department of Geology

- Congratulations to Dr. Stephen Bend and our adjunct professor Dr. Ben Rostron from the U of A. for receiving an award of \$1 million. This is part of the SER (SASK Energy and Resources) initiative, the next phase of the Weyburn project concerning Saskatchewan Phanerozoic Fluids and Petroleum Systems Assessment. The funds come from PTRC and will support a large number of students over the next five years. The name proposed for the project is the Saskatchewan Regional Carbon Aquifer Storage Mapping (SARCASM).

- Drs. Ian Coulson and Maria Velez will be traveling with 10 senior Geology majors for an 11 day field trip to Columbia (Feb 14 to 25th). They will study the Quaternary, igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary geology of Columbia. They'll visit volcanoes, check out rock sections, mass wasting sites and soil and weathering profiles. We are looking forward to their slide show when they return.
- There was a flood in geology this morning, originating from the Math department upstairs.

12.5 Department of Mathematics and Statistics

No report.

12.6 Department of Physics

- Dr. Peter Bergbusch will be retiring June 30th, 2009

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Tom Chase, Chair, of the Strategic Planning Committee spoke to the members about the University's strategic planning consultation process and invited the members to email their vision for the future of the University to the Committee at yourvision@uregina.ca. Town Halls will be announced in the next few weeks. One for community input and one for the University community. More information is available at www.uregina.ca/home/strategic/. Please contact Melissa at 5266 if you or your departments want to meet with the committee. The President plans to have the Strategic Plan in place by December 2009.

13.2 SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Supplemental Instruction, the peer supported sessions implemented in the fall semester to enhance the learning experience for our students, went extremely well. Three courses were offered in 2008-30 and this has grown to 12 being offered in 2009-10.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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