

MINUTES

123rd Meeting of the Science Faculty Council
held on Tuesday, September 13th, 2011
at 2:30 p.m. in Senate Chambers

PRESENT: M. Whitmore (Chair) M. Piercey-Normore R. Roshko
P. Graham P. Loewen K. Brassinga
T. Booth T. Andres W. Liang
A. Fazaluddin S. Dhalla N. Brar
E. Nichols H. Luong J. Sorensen
J. Van Wijngaarden John Anderson S. McKenna
M. Khajehpour P. Hultin P. Budzelaar
T. Kucera G. Krause J. Brewster
C. Paquette K. Davies T. Koulis
V. Keown K. Gough J. Sutherland
R. Borgersen B. Worobec Judy Anderson
D. Gunderson J. Arino B. Southern
J. McKee Xikui Wang G. Anderson
D. Gillis E. Huebner J. Treberg
M. Docker Yang Zhang K. Sharma
G. Lukacs R. Eskicioglu G. Sobie
T. Schultz
L. Lester (recorder)

REGRETS: J. Williams P. Panchhi Yong Zhang
H. Perreault

GUESTS: G. Sobie

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda, with the addition of new item #6, "Career Fair".
Moved by R. Eskicioglu, seconded by Judy Anderson.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the 122nd meeting held on February 18, 2011,
with the addition of Tommy Kucera, in attendance. Moved by J. Bate, seconded by R.
Esicioglu.

CARRIED

3. Introduction of New Faculty Members

The following new members of Faculty Council were introduced:

- Jason Treberg, Assistant Prof. and Tier II CRC Biological Sciences
- Ellert Nichols, Instructor II Chemistry
- Jim Young, Assistant Professor Computer Science
- Yang Zhang, Assistant Professor Mathematics
- Carrie Paquette, Instructor 1 Statistics
- Theodoro Koulis, Assistant Professor Statistics

4. Introduction of SSA members

- Navjeet Brar, President
- Shawn Dhalla, Vice-President
- Prabjot Panchihi, Senator
- Siyuan Liang, Senator
- Arzoo Fazaluddin, Senator

5. Recognition of Promotions and Tenure

Dean Whitmore congratulated the following faculty members who were granted tenure in 2011:

Margaret Docker	Biological Sciences
Dana Schroeder	Biological Sciences
Brian Mark	Microbiology
Jason Fiege	Physics and Astronomy

Dean Whitmore congratulated the following faculty members who were promoted in 2011:

Kevin Scott	Biological Sciences	Senior Instructor
Gail Davoren	Biological Sciences	Associate Professor
Margaret Docker	Biological Sciences	Associate Professor
Dana Schroeder	Biological Sciences	Associate Professor
Michele Piercey-Normore	Biological Sciences	Professor
Peter Budzelaar	Chemistry	Professor
Scott Kroeker	Chemistry	Professor
David Gunderson	Mathematics	Associate Professor
Brian Mark	Microbiology	Associate Professor
Jason Fiege	Physics & Astronomy	Associate Professor

6. Science Career Fair

Navjeet Brar, President, Science Students Association, presented their plan to host a Career Fair the week of February 13-17 in the Multi-Purpose Room in University Centre. They are hoping to bring in lecturers from different disciplines, and an internationally renowned keynote speaker. There will be display tables for 50 companies and they are planning to open it to the public from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. They welcome suggestions from the faculty at navjeet.brar@gmail.com and shawn.dhalla@gmail.com.

7. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean Michele Piercey-Normore outlined the undergraduate course and program changes as follows:

- **Faculty of Science:**
Modification to the Final Exam regulations to remove the 50% final exam weighting.
Wording change to the Academic Assessment regulations.
- **Actuarial Mathematics**
Several minor program modifications.
- **Biochemistry**
Program modifications to include removal of CHEM 4370 as a required course in both Honours and Honours Co-op, increase hours to be selected from the list of Micro and Chem options from 18 to 20 (honours) and 21 to 24 (Co-op) and add CHEM 4370 to Chem and Micro Option list.
- **Biological Sciences**
Minor course modification (wording change)
Program Change - To delete Major and Honours "No Theme Selected" Theme Option.
- **Mathematics**
Course deletions 4900 and 4960 to be replaced by 4910 and 4920.
Modifications to 3120.
- **Microbiology**
Several Course Modifications
- **Statistics**
Program Change - Addition of Co-op options to Statistics Honours and Major programs and modification of options.

MOTION: To approve the package of undergraduate program changes as presented.
Moved by M. Piercey-Normore, seconded R. Eskicioglu

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8. Graduate Course and Program Changes

Introduction of 3 courses to the Computer Science Co-Op Program, 7700 in workterm I, 7800 in workterm II and 7900 in workterm III. This is brought to Faculty Council for information only.

9. Senate Election Results

Drs. Phil Hultin (Chemistry), John Anderson (Computer Science), Elizabeth Worobec (Microbiology) and Peter Blunden (Physics and Astronomy), have been elected to Senate for the term beginning June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2014.

10. Undergraduate Research Journal

Associate Dean, Michele Piercey-Normore introduced the idea of an Undergraduate Research Journal, a new initiative to develop an on-line undergraduate research journal to reflect the research of students at the University of Manitoba. The journal will be owned by the Faculty of Science, but will invite papers from all Faculties. Support of the idea and approval in principle is requested, prior to forwarding to the Vice-President's Office.

MOTION: To endorse and support the establishment of an undergraduate research journal. Moved by G. Lukacs, seconded by J. Sorensen.

CARRIED

11. Dean's Report (attached)

12. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Moved by J. Bate, seconded by T. Kucera.

CARRIED