

**Minutes of the
FQS Faculty Council Meeting
Friday, November 6, 2009
Surrey, G2110**

Attendance: Douglas Baker
Sean Conway
Geoff Dean
Melody Geddert
Sarah Hickinbottom
Lorraine Irvine

Ross Laird
Angela More
Joel Murray
Jas Parmar
Christina Pikios
Wendy Royal

Nicola Soles
Ann Talbot
Barb Thomas-Bruzzese
Newton Wainman
Danny Wrench
Trina Ojo (recorder)

Regrets: David Atkinson
Elly Morgan
Anthea Pasin

Peter Robbins
Kim Rose

1. Opening of the Meeting

- The Dean opened the meeting at 1:35 pm, and asked members to review the minutes from the last meeting and return corrections at the next meeting.
- The schedule of future meetings was reviewed. The November 27th meeting was moved to December 4th 1:00 – 3:00 in Surrey Conference A, in order to work with the budgeting process. Other meetings will start at 1:30 to allow for difficulties in schedules.

2. Update on Proposed New Faculty (Library & Student Engagement)

- Two documents pertaining to this item were emailed to Council members on October 13th. Geoff and Joel, as our Senators were asked to speak to this item. They see the proposal as favouring students. The idea is that this new Faculty will support the students in what they do. The concerns that were raised about this proposal were budget related, which is outside the purview of Senate. It is believed that this new Faculty will support us as well.
- Comments by other Council members:
 - o There is some confusion surrounding the Taskforce on Learner Services and this proposal for a new Faculty, but they are separate items. The proposal arose in October 2008, while the taskforce is a recent item and has not been struck yet.
 - o The question was raised as to how making this group a Faculty will improve their ability to support students. The proposal argues that if they become a Faculty they will have ways of communicating and working (e.g. Curriculum Committee) that they don't currently have. Counsellors may currently do some things that are duplication of work done in other areas due to this lack of communication.
 - o Curriculum development may be one of the areas of confusion and where there is an overlap with Qualifying Studies.
 - o If we deny the proposal, this group will be denied a voice that they previously had and this voice supports students. The question was raised as to is this the only avenue to give this group a voice? They do currently have a voice on Senate that is limited to administrative.
 - o The work they've started to do is innovative and creative.
 - o Whatever is decided, even at Senate, cannot be cast in stone as the University Act wording states that the Board of Governors has the final decision.

Motion: That Council supports the Proposal to create a new Faculty of Library and Student Engagement (Ann/Joel). Motion carried. Six abstentions.

3. Bylaw Amendments Requested by Senate Governance Committee

- The FQS Bylaws were submitted to the Senate Governance Committee (SGC) in June as a result of the Faculty as a Whole vote. The SGC sent back a number of minor changes, which were made, but a more

significant request was received on October 27, 2009, which speaks to Faculty membership. The SGC is requesting the following:

- With respect to Bylaw 3, we remove bullets 2 and 3, which include Instructional Associates and non-teaching staff as members of the Faculty in order to match the definition of “faculty,” as defined by the University Act.
- With respect to Bylaw 46, we change the number of unexcused absences from Council meetings to three, rather than two, in order to match the equivalent Senate bylaw.
- The SGC states that we can retain these two groups from Bylaw 3 in our Faculty Council, however, it is the University Act and Senate who determine what constitutes a faculty member.
- The concern was raised that we would not want to disenfranchise anyone by complying with this request.
- It was agreed that we can accept non-teaching staff as non faculty members, however, we do not accept the same for instructional associates.

Motion: That we add a bylaw, equivalent to Bylaw 4, which refers to non-teaching staff and that we remove Bylaw 3 bullet 3 (Angela/Joel). Motion carried.

Motion: That we submit to the Senate Governance Committee a request to approve instructional associates as being members of the Faculty, as defined by the University Act Part 1.1, faculty member. (Ann/Melody) passed, three abstentions,

Motion: That we change the bylaws in accordance with the Senate Governance Committee’s request of October 27, 2009. (Ann/Wendy) passed with four abstentions

4. Standing Committee Reports

Nominations & Governance Committee Report

- They last met on October 22nd. The Committee brought the following recommendations to the meeting:
 - That Council hold a call for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of Council.
 - That voting for these positions take place using Survey Monkey.
 - That Council adopt the mandate for the Nominations & Governance Committee, as outlined in the Bylaws.
 - That the Nominations & Governance Committee ask the Testing & Assessment Department to forward ideas on the mandate for the Assessment Committee to the Nominations & Governance Committee.
 - The Communications Committee be made a priority considering the new Taskforce on Learner Services that is being struck by Senate.
 - That the Planning & Priorities Committee be structured similarly to the Curriculum Committee.

Motion: That Council accept the report of the Nominations & Governance Committee (Joel/Newton). Motion carried.

Motion: That Council hold a call for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of Council, with a deadline of Friday, November 20th (Ann/Joel). Motion carried.

Motion: That nominations be received by email to Trina and confirmed by email, and a vote be held using Survey Monkey, to close on Friday, November 27th (Sarah/Melody). Motion carried.

Motion: That the Nominations & Governance Committee consider the members of the Planning & Priorities Committee to include Chairs/Coordinators of all FQS departments, with a similar representation membership to that of the Curriculum Committee (Ann/Barb). Motion carried.

5. Rumours

- There are rumours abounding concerning movement of some departments or functions of FQS out of our Faculty. These go back initially to the President’s September newsletter. This was addressed with the President by the Dean and again in the President’s November newsletter.
- The rumours reflect that people are worried, but they are rumours none-the-less.
- Council members should collect any rumours they are aware of and send them to the Dean.

- Council members should also go to the KFA meeting (Nov. 20th) that is scheduled with the President.

6. Any Other Business

Sudden Development of Taskforces

- There appear to have been a number of taskforces that have developed without knowledge of where they are coming from and without input being sought from the all of the stakeholders.
- One specific example is the Writing Intensive Taskforce that Wendy inadvertently heard of. Sarah is on this taskforce, but is uncertain as to its origins.
- The question is where these taskforces are coming from and how they are being struck.
- The Senate Nominations Committee had just such a question raised. It seems there are Senate taskforces, chosen by Senate; President's taskforces, chosen by the President; and other taskforces, which are of unclear origin.

Motion: That Geoff and Joel raise the issue of unclear taskforces at Senate for clarification purposes (Wendy/Ann). Motion carried.

Motion: That Wendy go back to Dana Cserepes to say we would like ACP and ELST representation on the Writing Intensive Taskforce (Wendy/Ann). Motion carried.

7. Adjournment: Adjourned at 4:05 pm.