

**YORK UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

October 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes of the Meeting:
Notes of the meeting of September 11, 2012
The notes were accepted with one correction: the word “Boarders” should read “Borders”. P. Delaney (moved) and K. Kroker (seconded). **Carried.**
- 2.2 Matters Arising
YUFA is taking up the tri-council grants and pursuing the matter.
- 2.3 Inquiries & Communications
- 2.4 Dean’s Remarks
D. Hastie:
-Introduction of the new Executive Assistant, Kathy Caleca
-Introduction of the new Advancement Officer, Tom McLagan
-Met with Senate Executive Committee on Working Groups and External Partnerships.
-Sessional dates for next year have been set: Monday September 9 will be the first day of classes
- 2.5 Associate Deans’ and Bethune Master Remarks
P. Cribb:
No news to report
- R. Tsushima:
-NSERC deadlines are approaching
-Meeting with interim dean, FGS, B. Crow regarding how graduate program directors will be handled.
- J. Amanatides:
-During Fall co-curricular days there will be free math lab tutorials for students having problems with Math courses. They will be offered again the first week of classes in January for incoming students.
- 2.6 Reports from Science and Engineering Representatives on Senate Committees
- 2.7 Reports of Committees
- Consent Agenda*
-- Science Curriculum Committee (Part I & II)
Approved by Council
- For Action*
-- E&P Report – Naming of the New Faculty
Report of the Dean’s Task Force on the Future of Science: D. Hastie (moved) the motion on page 24 dealing with the renaming of the Faculty of Science and Engineering to “The Faculty of Science” and M. De Robertis (seconded).
Some key points from the report:
-Great feedback and response rate was received from both the blog and alumni
-All communities and constituencies were engaged in the process
-Review of the history of the Faculty as well as the Faculty at other universities
-In the end, there was a strong consensus to rename the Faculty to “The Faculty of Science”
- W. Tholen asked:
“To which extent were other options considered?”
“Has enough consideration been given to reflect the new Faculty once the two programs leave?”

“Have we done enough to attract students to our Faculty?”

“What about calling the Faculty, “The Faculty of Science and Technology”?”

M. De Robertis explained that all viable options were discussed. Ultimately, our responsibility is to generate a road map for the future and we are somewhat modeling Engineering’s “Renaissance Engineer” idea. We saw name opportunities and branding, but what would make York stand out for students is excellent programming. We need to brand or establish what it is to be a Science student at York. The opinion of the committee was that “The Faculty of Science” would be the most sensible name.

G. Monette expressed his opinion for the record that failing to choose something other than Faculty of Science is a lost opportunity.

Motion to vote, **carried** with 2 against and 1 abstention.

-- E&P Report - Vacancies on Senate & FSE Committees

D. Hastie reminded council that there were committees with outstanding vacancies and these needed to be filled as soon as possible. D. Hastie (moved) the current version of the report and P. Delaney (seconded).

Carried.

-- Science Curriculum Committee (Part III; Program Changes)

-Change in the Biomedical Science program requirements, P. Cribb motioned for approval. P. Potvin (moved) and P. Delaney (seconded). **Carried.**

-Second change on page 7 in Computer Science degree requirements. Essentially this removes a 3000 level course from the program core. P. Cribb (moved) and G. Tourlakis (seconded). **Carried.**

-Mathematics and Statistics program change on page 19. P. Cribb (moved) and P. Potvin (seconded). **Carried.**

-STS changes, P. Cribb (moved) and G. Tourlakis (seconded). **Carried.**

-- Science Curriculum Committee – Proposal for the Creation of a Course Rubric for Co-operative Education Programs

-Rubric for the Co-Op courses: the framework proposal had come to FSE Council and was approved in principle. The decision has been to move ahead in a pilot program form which requires the student to complete a co-op prior to the actual course. Following that, the student is required to take zero credit courses. Finally, the framework proposal envisioned another four credit course upon return of the co-op placement. The proposal is to create that rubric for these courses. A question was asked as to whether or not the current rubric would be used by any faculty that also has coops to which P. Cribb responded, the rubric is currently only valid for FSE.

P. Cribb (moved) and K. Kroker (seconded). **Carried.**

For Information

-- Committee on Tenure and Promotions

-- Committee on Research & Awards

2.8 Other Business

Visit by Robert Hache, Vice-President Research & Innovation to discuss the development of a new strategic research plan for the university. VP Hache is requesting feedback from as many faculties and faculty councils across the campus.

-The current research plan dates back to 2003 which states that for York University, the only thing carried out is research and nothing further

-the updated research plan will discuss who we are and what we stand for

-will discuss our commitments to research, as an institution and also as the community

-it will try and capture the story of research at York and what research we do at the institution

-in order to guide this discussion, an advisory committee was set up, with a broadly based participant level from across the university

-launch of a consultation process with an open forum in September

- will meet with all faculty councils from now until January
- to share thoughts, take the survey at www.srp.info.yorku.ca

The question was asked as to whether or not the research plan will end with a series of action items with deadlines to which VP Hache responded, possibly, but that currently we are in the data gathering stage.

Visit: David Phipps, Director, Office of Research Services

David Phipps presented the annual report on controlled goods. Further information is available:
<http://ssi-iss.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/dmc-cgd/index-eng.html>

M. McCall (moved) and S. Pagiatakis (seconded) that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting ended at 4:20 p.m.