**SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY COUNCIL**

Friday, February 23, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Bldg. 250, Room 402

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Attendance:**

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| Voting Members | Present | Absent |
| Elizabeth Brimacombe Dean and Chair | √ |  |
| Deborah Matheson Vice-Chair/Chair of Psychology |  | √ |
| Dave Hopwood Chair, Anthropology | √ |  |
| Beth McLin Chair, Criminology | √ |  |
| Dave Cake Chair, Geography | √ |  |
| Laura Suski Chair, Global Studies |  | √ |
| Imogene Lim (Laura Suski’s replacement) Professor, Global Studies | √ |  |
| Maureen Okun Co - Chair, Liberal Studies |  | √ |
| David Livingstone Co - Chair, Liberal Studies  | √ |  |
| Carolyn Swanson Chair, Philosophy |  | √ |
| Alex Netherton Chair, Political Studies | √ |  |
| Sylvie Lafrenière Chair, Sociology | √ |  |
| Pam Shaw Director, MCP |  | √ |
| Robert Riggan (one vote between the two advisors) B.A. Advisor | √ |  |
| Lynda Patterson B.A. Advisor | √ |  |
| Linda Derksen Member at Large |  | √ |
| Michele Patterson Member at Large |  | √ |
| Tasha Scott Member at Large | √ |  |
| Jeff Nicol Member at Large |  | √ |
| Amanda Inglis (CRIM) Student Representative | √ |  |
| Imtiaz Taj (PSYC) Student Representative | √ |  |
|  | **13** |
| **Quorum = 10**  |
| Recorder: Debbie VanderHoek, Administrative Assistant to the Dean |  |  |
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1. **Call to Order**

The Social Sciences Faculty Council meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Item #6 Disability Services will be removed from the agenda.

**MOTION**: Hopwood, D./McLin

To approve the agenda as amended. **CARRIED**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Item #10 Senate Update will be reworded as *“Sylvie* *Lafrenière and Elizabeth McLin reported that Senate met last month and it was decided that the Planning and Priorities Committee will form a working group and work on Action Item #11 of the Academic Plan. The Bachelor of Science, Major in Chemistry was approved by Senate.”*

**MOTION:** Cake/Lafrenière

To approve the minutes from the February 9, 2017 Faculty Council as amended.

 **CARRIED**

1. **Student Reps**

Amanda Inglis and Imtiaz Taj reported that an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop is in development to help students recognize the risk of suicide. The workshop is designed to assist students in distress and to provide them with available tools and resources to prevent suicide. The Psychology Club will be hosting a “Positivity Fair” the first Wednesday in April. The Criminology Students Association is organizing a “who dunnit?” murder mystery fundraiser that will run from March 19-23 with a formal dance on March 24th.

1. **Program Changes**

Changes to Criminology Diploma were review and discussed. The change will reflect the accuracy of the English requirements to reduce confusion for students. Minor edits will be made to the descriptions of the program.

Changes to Criminology, Major and Minor were reviewed and discussed. The change will reflect the accuracy of the English requirements to reduce confusion for students. A new course will be added to the CRIM grab bag to indicate the expertise of new faculty. This addition will provide Minor students with a variety of topics to choose from.

**MOTION**: Hopwood, D./Lafrenière

To approve the program changes for Criminology Diploma and Criminology, Major
and Minor as amended. **CARRIED**

Changes to SOCI 111 were reviewed and discussed. SOCI 111 (Intro to Sociology) will indicate that it is equivalent to 3 credits of INTR 102 (Intro to Sociology and Criminology).

**MOTION**: Lafrenière/McLin

To approve the program change for SOCI 111 as amended. **CARRIED**

1. **Department Updates**

ANTH: The Japanese Problem was a great success. Imogene Lim was one of the key organizers who brought the performance to VIU on February 19 and 20, 2018. Thank you to instructor Gillian Anderson for her involvement and to International Education who provided partial funding for the performance. The performers received free accommodations at the Grand Hotel and they were very thankful. Information: The Japanese language nana means seven and imo means potatoes. The City of Nanaimo translated in Japanese is Seven Potatoes. Imogene is searching for another spot on campus to display the Fighting for Justice Exhibit as they have to vacate the library as of March 2, 2018.

BA Advising: Robert Riggan reported that the Counselling Office offers Suicide Awareness Workshops for faculty. Capacity to Connect is a workshop that supports students in distress and for faculty to learn how to handle difficult situations. This would be a good workshop to bring forward to a future Faculty Council meeting. Lynda Patterson mentioned that Project Aurora is gathering information specific to VIU’s Goal Planning System. Comments can be directed to Karen Blackman, Functional Specialist, Project Aurora at: Karen.blackman@viu.ca.

POLI: Alex Netherton reported that the Model United Nations Conference held at Vancouver Island University on February 9 and 10, 2018 was very successful. The BC Political Studies Association is holding an annual student essay competition.

SOCI:Sylvie Lafrenière shared that the Sociology Department’s annual symposium “Race Relations” will be held on March 14, 2018 (2:30-4:00) and everyone is welcome to attend. Two CBAIR students will be going to the 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research at University of Central Oklahoma April 4-7, 2018. And, one student will be going to Sheffield, England in April to attend the British Conference of Undergraduate Research.

CRIM:The Inside Out Instructor Training Institute will be held at the VIU Nanaimo campus on May 28-June 2, 2018. VIU student Kaitlyn Lafontaine received the 2017 Premier’s Awards for Aboriginal Youth Excellence in Sport. The Indigenous focus group will meet on March 6. Beth McLin announced that Criminology will be hosting a welcome back BBQ in the fall.

GLBST: Imogene Lim is a member of the new Chinese-Canadian Community Advisory Committee that was recently announced by Premier John Horgan.

GEOG:The Geography Students’ Union is planning a pub crawl to warm up to the WDCAG 2018 Conference.

LBST:David Livingstone and Maureen Okun are finalizing plans for their Education Abroad trip to Italy. Libby McGrattan is heading to Toronto on March 1-4 to meet with students at Ryerson University. Compass Rose undergraduate journal is looking for student volunteers and submissions. Erica Greenup’s student paper was selected to present at the Undergraduate Research Conference in Quebec.

1. **Senate Update**

No report; Senate will meet next week.

1. **Chair’s Report**

Discovery Days will be happening on the Nanaimo Campus February 27, 28 and March 1. Students from Grade 10, 11 and 12 are coming to us from high schools all over Vancouver Island. Student attendance is expected to be high this year. The Social Sciences Open House, coordinated by Janeane MacGillivray, will run on all three days and will require faculty participation. If interested in participating, please connect with Janeane.

The Dean’s office will send an email reminder to faculty that the VIU Graduate Attributes survey is due February 28th. (It was noted that the due date had been extended slightly for those who need more time to complete the survey).

The Summer Session 2018 courses are now being finalized. A poster is in development to generate publicity for Social Sciences Summer Session course offerings. The BA Advisors will receive a list of courses to inform students about course availability in the Summer Session. To keep a course running, we need 23 or more students enrolled. The student enrolment for SS18 courses will be monitored closely by Dean Brimacombe. Changes are being considered for Summer Session courses next year. There is a plan to increase summer course offerings, change the cost recovery model (courses will run like Fall and Spring semesters), and the process for faculty seeking special permission to teach in summer (workload exchange) will no longer be in place.

Dean Brimacombe attended her first VIU Convocation at the Port Theatre on February 2, 2018.

The following is a list of some of the committees Dean Brimacombe serves on:

* Inter-campus Collaboration Task Force
* Interdisciplinary Studies Program
* Graduate Studies
* Research Centers, Institutes and Labs at VIU

Hiring for the CUPE Faculty Secretary position is being finalised and an announcement of the successful candidate will go out next week. Elizabeth gave thanks to the hiring committee members Hanna Wilson, Libby McGrattan, Janeane MacGillivray and Debbie VanderHoek for their involvement.

1. **Other Business**

Robert Riggan spoke to the Registrar about a unique, high-achieving student in Social Sciences (a likely candidate for the Governor-General award) who does not want to attend Convocation. Robert raised the question of recognition for this student.

1. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Lafrenière /Hopwood, D.

That the Social Sciences Faculty Council meeting be adjourned at 11:15 am.

 **CARRIED**

**Next Meeting:**

Friday, March 9, 2018 (Update: the March 9th meeting has been cancelled).