

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

Departmental Meeting

Monday, October 3rd, 2011 1:30 pm

In attendance: Kevin Cameron, John Clague, Shahin Dashtgard, Robbie Dunlop, Gwenn Flowers, Dan Gibson, Cindy Hansen, Dirk Kirste, James MacEachern (Chair), Dan Marshall, Doug Stead, Brent Ward, Glyn Williams-Jones, Bonnie Karhukangas, Tarja Vaisanen, Corinne Griffing (Grad Rep), Hanson Wong (Undergrad Rep)

Absent: Diana Allen, Andy Calvert, Derek Thorkelson

1. **Business from Previous minutes**

No business arising from previous minutes.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes of May 16th, 2011 G. Williams-Jones, Seconded: J. Clague

- Approved unanimously

3. **Chair's Report – James MacEachern**

Chairs report attached. No business arising from the report.

4. **Committee Reports:**

a) Graduate Committee – Dan Gibson

Dan submitted a draft proposal from Peter Ruben Associate Dean of Graduate Studies for input on the creation of a combined Bachelor's-Master's Degree program. This proposal has been tabled for discussion at a later date.

b) Undergraduate Committee – Glyn Williams-Jones

Undergraduate Chairs report attached.

1. Information updates:

- a) Status of Chemistry-EASC joint major. There was much discussion regarding the status of the Chemistry-EASC joint major. The UCC is looking for input from the department for which direction to proceed. An adhoc vote showed that most would like to see the second option pursued.
 - i Stay with the initial proposal as submitted to Chemistry
 - ii Add EASC 210 and remove STAT 270 (+ additional 3 credit course)
 - iii Add EASC 210 or EASC 213
- b) Status of Fac Sci General Double Minor. Updates

- c) APEGBC. Procedure should be to ensure all pre-reqs exist prior to enrolment (check with Tarja)
- d) Fac Env Literacy Certificate
- e) EASC Directed Readings. All will now require a GPA of at least 2.5

2. EASC 101: Split of EASC 101-3 Physical Geology in EASC 101-3 Dynamic Earth and EASC 102-1 Dynamic Earth Laboratory

- a) Housekeeping. Discussion to keep together but make it a 4 credit course (3 hr lecture and 1 hr lab). The subcommittee will review and report back to UCC.

3 -6 Items tabled for next meeting

c) Other Committee Reports

No other committee reports

5. Any other Business

No other business

Motion to Adjourn: Unanimous

Meeting ended at: 2:45 pm