

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

Departmental Meeting

Monday, September 24th, 2012 1:30 am

In attendance:

Diana Allen, Andy Calvert, Kevin Cameron, Dan Gibson, Cindy Hansen, Dirk Kirste, James MacEachern (Chair), Dan Marshall, Doug Stead, Brent Ward, Glyn Williams-Jones, Bonnie Karhukangas, Tarja Vaisanen, Matt Plotnikoff, John Clague, Hazel Wong (Undergrad Rep), Andrew La Croix (Grad Rep)

Absent: Shahin Dashtgard, Robbie Dunlop, Gwenn Flowers, Derek Thorkelson,

1. **TSSU Update:** Jeff Zurek

- TSSU has given 72hours strike notice.

2. **Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes of April 17th, 2012 D. Gibson, Seconded: C. Hansen

- Approved unanimously

3. **Chair's Report:**

i) Bus: the Dean of Science has given permission to purchase a new bus for the department. A committee (Matt, Derek, Brent) will research options.

ii) Space: Ken McFarlane from the Dean's office is looking into options for more space for EASC.

iii) NSERC: A committee has been set up to help grant acceptances - they will edit and revise grant submissions. (John, Derek, Diana)

iv) Retreat: Hopefully will have a department retreat to review strategic plans, constitution, etc. Most likely some time after Christmas.

v) Scopes: Proposal in the works to buy remaining petrographic scopes with help from the Dean of Science.

4. **Grad Committee Reports:** Dan Gibson

i) Ratify new course proposal for EASC 609.

- Discussion: Adjunct as instructor? Alternate SAR chair? Amend to highlight the application of InSAR for industry purposes.

Approve amended motion: D. Allen. unanimous

ii) Set up "off campus" registration option for graduate students who live outside the GVRD.

- Discussion: May discourage student interaction. Students need to be outside of the GVRD for the complete semester.

iii) Funding for external examiners: Department can contribute up to \$750 for PhD and \$150 for MSc.

5. **Dean of Science:** Claire Cupples

- Claire Cupples came to open up any questions or comments.

6. Under Grad Committee Reports: Glyn Williams-Jones

1. Course changes, *housekeeping*, (**Att. 1**)

- a. **MOTION:** EASC 206 - Reword calendar description: Motion Approved with minor amendments D. Kirste
- b. **MOTION:** EASC 207 - Prereq addition (PHYS 126): Motion Approved D. Kirste
- c. **MOTION:** EASC 210 – Reword prereq: Motion Approved with minor amendments D. Allen
- d. **MOTION:** EASC 306 - Reword calendar description, prereq change: Motion Approved J. Clague
- e. **MOTION:** EASC 308 - (old 406) Reword calendar description, prereq changes
 - i. For discussion – EASC 207 as prereq or recommended? Motion Approved with minor amendments D. Allen
- f. **MOTION:** EASC 314 – Reword calendar description, prereq changes: Motion Approved D. Allen
- g. **MOTION:** EASC 403 – Reword calendar description, prereq changes:
 - i. For discussion – EASC 308 as prereq? Motion Approved with minor amendments J. Clague
- h. **MOTION:** EASC 411 – Minor prereq change (303 to new 209W): Motion Approved J. Clague

2. EASC Major/Hons (**Att. 2**) and Joint EASC-CHEM Major/Hons (**Att. 3**) program changes

- a. **MOTION:** Accept changes (underlined) to EASC Major/Hons Program Calendar Description: Motion Approved with minor amendments C. Hansen
- b. **MOTION:** Accept changes (underlined) to EASC-CHEM Major/Hons Program Calendar Description: Motion Approved with minor amendments D. Allen

3. Certificates (**Att. 4**)

- a. **MOTION:** Accept changes (underlined) to Earth Sciences Certificate
 - i. Keep EASC 206 as required or move to elective? Motion Approved with minor amendments C. Hansen
- b. **MOTION:** Accept changes (underlined) to Forestry Geoscience Certificate
 - i. Completely restructured & renamed (*Resource Geoscience & Geotechnics*) Motion Approved with minor amendments D. Allen

Motion to Adjourn: Unanimous

Meeting ended at: 3:30 pm