

**Staff Association Area Reps Meeting  
Minutes of December 11, 2014**

**Present**

Lawrence Folland	Luanne McGinley	Robyn Landers
Jason Gorrie	Jeremy Steffler	Carlos Mendes
Barb Blundon	Rose Vogt	Jason Gorrie
Christina Treusch	Robyn Landers	Theresa Bauer
Darlene Ryan	Terry Labach	Lawrence Folland
Dianne Foreman	Theresa Dam	Kathleen St. Laurent
Gwen Bender	Tom Graham	Gail Spencer
Katherine Maclean	Murray Zink	Melissa Zapletal
Lori McConnell	Wes Stewart	

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**1. Approval of minutes of November 13 2014 meeting**

Received some attendance corrections by email.

**2. Approval of agenda**

Accepted.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**4. Guest Speaker: Beth Jewkes**

Beth has been a faculty member in Engineering since the mid-1980s and served as Associate Dean, Computing. She took on the Associate Provost of Resources role in summer 2012. Three main responsibilities so far:

i) Recommending a formal space planning committee separate from Plant Ops.

Scott Nicoll is working with a BlackBerry person regarding the former RIM (now EC) buildings.

ii) Now in charge of the timetabling project.

iii) Central coordination of space reallocation needs while applying metrics and priorities.

Q: Will MOOCs affect space planning?

A: MOOCs haven't really taken off as it was thought they might. We have some online material but don't really see yet where this is going.

Q: What will be the impact of the new budget accountability model?

A: Not far enough along yet to assess that. Still collecting basic data.

Q: Progress on moves to BlackBerry buildings?

A: EC1 is at Columbia and Albert. A research group is on one floor, along with swing space for others. Advancement office is on an upper floor. A couple of other groups are likely moving in. Will bring CEL back from Gage St.; not sure yet where. IST is mostly moved into EC2 where there's a good data centre.

Q: Will the University follow up on IST staff concerns about moving into cubicles from private offices?

A: Yes. Have heard some reports that it wasn't as bad as thought. Some benefits have been observed. Can't say everybody is happy though.

Q: Any food services like Tim Hortons planned for those buildings?

A: Yes, EC1 has some rooms that seem well-suited.

Q: How are things going on NH expansion?

A: On track for completion in June/July. Thinking about how to redesign first floor of NH to make it a "one-stop-shopping" spot for students.

Q: Heard something about "maker" space in EC5?

A: Might use bottom two floors for entrepreneurs. Some concern about adverse interaction with HVAC and other building infrastructure depending on nature of the activities.

Q: Will the timetabling committee consult with staff as well as faculty?

Concerned about onerous workflow impact on staff.

A: So far just faculty. Working on a new user interface to improve the pointy-clicky intensive workflow.

Q: How will the post-mortem assessment of IST move to EC2 be done? There are some significant staff concerns that higher management doesn't seem to be acknowledging.

A: Have not formulated this yet. Will follow up on this with IST space committee reps.

Q: E7 has been announced. What will happen to people displaced from B lot parking?

A1: Look on the campus master building plans web site.

A2: B lot people will be given priority for Q lot.

## **5. Fall Term Break**

If UW decides to implement a fall term break, what would the implications be on staff? Ask in your areas and send responses to Carlos.

Q: Why wouldn't we have a break every term?

A: Students want a fall break especially for first year students to help cope with stress of adapting to their first term at university.

## **6. Facebook**

UWSA now has a Facebook page to expand methods of communication.

## **7. Healthy workplace initiative**

Would UWSA Area Reps be willing to help disseminate and collect information about this? Yes, most seemed agreeable.

## **8. UWSA Open House**

December 18 is the date for UWSA Open House at the Staff Association office, along with Chicopee ticket sales. Drop in and say hello.

Chair: Carlos Mendes  
Minutes: RBL