FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2013

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2224  Present
Biochemistry
Mulligan, M.

Chemistry
Flinn, C.  Merschrod, E.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.  Byrne, R.  Gillard, P.  Vardy, A.

Mathematics & Statistics
Loredo-Osti, J.C  Sullivan, S.

Ocean Sciences
Fletcher, G.

Physics & Physical Oceanography
Morrow, M.

Psychology
Malsbury, C.  Martin, G.

Dean of Science Office
Abrahams, M.  Foster, A.  Rideout, J.

Economics
Lyssenko, N.

DELOTS
Hicks, A.

Registrar’s Office
Burry, J.
School of Music  
Cook, N.

Undergraduate Students  
Murphy, R.

FSC 2225  Regrets  
Dorothy Vaandering  
Norm Catto

FSC 2226  Adoption of Minutes  
There was one amendment to the November 20 minutes. Erika Merschrod should have been listed as being present at the meeting. Moved: Minutes of the November 20 meeting be adopted as amended. (Fletcher/Sullivan). Carried.

FSC 2227  Business Arising:  None

FSC 2228  Correspondence:  None

FSC 2229  Reports of Standing Committees:  
A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:  
Report presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee.
  c. Moved: Department of Chemistry, calendar changes, (Sullivan/Flynn). Carried.
  e. Moved: Department of Earth Sciences, calendar changes (Sullivan/Morrow). Carried.
  f. Moved: Department of Biochemistry, proposal for new course, BIOC 4230, Lipid and Lipoprotein Metabolism (Sullivan/Mulligan). Carried.
  g. Moved: Department of Biochemistry, calendar changes (Sullivan/Mulligan). Carried.
  h. Moved: Department of Ocean Sciences, calendar changes, request to cross-list Biology courses (Sullivan/Fletcher). Carried.
i. **Moved:** Department of Ocean Sciences, calendar changes, request to cross-list Physics course (Sullivan/Fletcher). **Carried.**

j. **Moved:** Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, calendar changes (Sullivan/Morrow). **Carried.**

k. **Moved:** Response to Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, proposed changes to general regulations 5.6 and 5.7 (Sullivan/Morrow). **Carried.**

B. **Graduate Studies Committee:**
Report presented by J.C. Loredo-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee

a. **Moved:** Department of Psychology, calendar changes to PsyD Program (Loredo-Osti/Martin). **Carried.**

b. Department of Biochemistry, proposal for new course, BIOC 6000, Lipid and Lipoprotein Metabolism, item deferred to a future meeting of Faculty Council.

C. **Nominating Committee:** None

D. **Library Committee:** None

**FSC 2230 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils**
Erika Merschrod is on the Library Committee and noted that the committee does not yet have a chairperson. She reported that changes are imminent at the Library, and a Chair is urgently needed so that our feedback can be communicated in a timely manner. The Dean confirmed that Stephanie Curnoe will be assuming the position of Chair upon her return from leave in September. In the meantime, the Associate Dean (Administration and Undergraduate) will convene a meeting of the Library Committee with the goal of appointing an Interim Chair until September.

**FSC 2231 Report of the Dean:**
Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.

Only three weeks have passed since our last meeting, and the Dean was away for one week so he had less than usual to report. He has also been involved in MUNFA negotiations that consumed large amounts of his time.

Bids have now been received on the architectural and engineering design work for the new core sciences building. The selection committee is expecting to award the bid in time for it to be approved by the Board of Regents at their meeting on December 19.

With the building moving forward, the Dean has been much more engaged in fundraising for the university and this project.
With the move to position based budgeting, so too has changed the approval process for academic appointments. Regrettably, that process has significantly delayed our ability to appoint new faculty, but the Dean is hopeful that this process will improve with experience.

The Dean wishes you and your families all the best for the holidays and the new year and we will meet again on January 15, 2014.

FSC 2232  Question Period:  None

FSC 2233  Adjournment:  The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.