FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2013

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2171

Present
Biochemistry
Mulligan, M.

Biology
Hooper, R.

Chemistry
Merschrood, E.
Pickup, P.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.
Brown, E.
Bungay, S.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.

Math & Stats
Loredo-Osti, J.
Pike, D.
Radford, C.

Ocean Sciences
Fletcher, G.

Physics & PO
de Young, B.
Lewis, J.K.

Dean of Science
Abrahams, M.
Foss, K.
Foster, A.
Rideout, J.
Zedel, L.

DELTs
St. Croix, L.

Library
Alcock, E.
Goddard, L.
Education
Vaandering, D.

Arts
Schipper, W.

Medicine
Yi, Y.

Registrar’s Office
Burry, J.

School of Music
Cook, N.

FSC 2172  Regrets
Donna Stapleton         M. Jane Waples

FSC 2173  Adoption of Minutes
Moved: Minutes of the February 20, 2013, meeting be adopted as circulated (Lewis/Pickup). Carried.

FSC 2174  Business Arising: None

FSC 2175  Correspondence: None

FSC 2176  Reports of Standing Committees:
A.  Undergraduate Studies Committee:
Report presented by Andy Foster, Associate Dean (Undergraduate and Administration).
a.  Moved: Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, proposal for new course, PHYS 2300, Introductory Oceanography (Foster/deYoung). Carried.

B.  Graduate Studies Committee:
Report presented by J. C. Loredo-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee.
a.  Department of Earth Sciences, special topics course, EASC 6943, Field Studies in Orogenic Belts, approved by the committee and included for information only.

C.  Nominating Committee: None

D.  Library Committee:
Report presented by Erin Alcock, Library Representative to Faculty Council, and Lisa Goddard, Systems Librarian.
Erin Alcock advised council that journal and subscription holdings at the library are status quo. The library budget for the upcoming 2013-14 fiscal year is not known yet but major changes are expected, although there may be some reductions.

Lisa Goddard provided a power point presentation regarding open access and the opportunities available to faculty members and graduate students to have their research included in open access journals and in our research repository. The library provides $3,000 per faculty/graduate student per year to cover open access fees. More information is available at http://guides.library.mun.ca/openaccess. Lisa Goddard can be reached at lgoddard@mun.ca.

**FSC 2177**

**Supplementary regulations for Committees**

**Moved:** Recommendations made by committees must be signed by all committee members (Abrahams/Hanchar). Discussion occurred that confirmed an email approval would constitute a signature. Also, if a committee member does not agree with a proposal, it is acceptable to submit a minority report. **One opposed, one abstention. Carried.**

**FSC 2178**

**Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

**FSC 2179**

**Report of the Dean:**

Presented by Dr. Mark Abrahams, Dean.

**Planning Update on the Core Sciences Building**

The space planning consultants will be returning to St. John’s for a second round of workshops March 25-28. Based upon the first round, 530,000 square feet of purposed space in the Core Sciences Building was proposed but had to fit into a 300,000 square foot space. This has required some significant compromises to insure the project fits within its defined space. The next round of consultations will further examine how to make this work.

**The Budget**

There really isn’t any news yet on this subject. At this point, budget consultations have just begun and there is no indication about our financial situation for the upcoming year.

**The First Annual Science Graduation Reception**

In consultation with the Science undergraduate students, we are planning the first annual reception for graduating Science undergraduates to be held at the Marine Institute on the evening of June 1. Tickets should go on sale soon and it is hoped that we have a strong turnout for what the Dean hopes will become a tradition within the Faculty of Science.
The Science/Music Mural Project
In collaboration with the School of Music, students within the Faculty of Science will be painting a mural on the tunnel that connects the Science building to the Music building. The Dean hasn’t seen the draft mural design but understands it will be great.

FSC 2180 Question Period
The Dean was asked if the decision had been made yet of how many buildings would be constructed for the new core Sciences building. The Dean is not aware that the decision has been made yet but did say that he supports one building due to it being more cost effective and less likely to derail the project.

It was also asked whether the Canadian Council of Deans of Science had made a recommendation regarding the experimental lakes area. The Dean confirmed that a recommendation has not yet been made.

FSC 2181 Policy Consultation, Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
Council is reminded that the deadline for feedback regarding this policy is due by April 2, 2013. The Dean requested to be copied on any submissions. Some discussion was held concerning the need to be specific with course outlines and outcomes to ensure that course requirements are absolutely necessary.

FSC 2182 Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.