FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2013

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2203  Present
Biochemistry
Mulligan, M.

Biology
Leroux, S.  Marino, P.

Chemistry
Merschrod, E.  Pickup, P.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.  Gong, M.  Wang, C.A.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.

Mathematics & Statistics
Booth, I.  Loredo-Osti, J.  Pike, D.  Sullivan, S.

Ocean Sciences Centre
Fletcher, G.

Physics & Physical Oceanography
Poduska, K.

Dean of Science Office
Abrahams, M.  Foster, A.  Wall, M.

Economics
Lyssenko, N.

Geography
Simms, E.
Library
Alcock, E.

Graduate Students
Mersereau, J.

Undergraduate Students
Kennedy, Sean O'Dea, Andrew Devin Grant

FSC 2204  Regrets
Joan Burry
Nathan Cook
Donna Stapleton
Dorothy Vaandering
Len Zedel

FSC 2205  Adoption of Minutes
There was one amendment to the September 18 minutes. At the September 18 meeting of Faculty Council, the Dean was asked to invite the Provost and the Vice-President (Research) to a Faculty Council meeting. The Dean suggested at that time that having Departments issue the invitation directly would be preferential.

Moved: Minutes of the September 18 meeting be adopted as amended (Pickup/Mulligan). Carried.

FSC 2206  Business Arising: None

FSC 2207  Correspondence
December 17 is the deadline for receipt of calendar changes for 2014-2015 by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies. Given this deadline, the Faculty of Science Faculty Council meeting for December will take place one week earlier on December 11 instead of the previously scheduled December 18. The Dean of Science office will notify all members of this change of date.

Academic units submitting calendar changes must complete the appropriate form as listed on the Registrar’s Office website and attach it to the documentation being submitted. Academic units must not submit electronic versions of calendar changes directly to the Registrar’s Office but rather to the Dean’s office for onward submission to the Registrar’s Office.

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies is asking that calendar changes be forwarded for approval electronically in both word/wordperfect and PDF versions in addition to paper copy. S. Sullivan asked if the Faculty of Science would like to use electronic submission. It was agreed that the Faculty of Science would submit calendar changes electronically in addition to the paper copy.
The Dean welcomed representatives Dorothy Vaandering, Anna Hicks, Donna Stapleton, Barun Maity, Joe Mersereau, Jin-jun Tong, Marc Mackinnon, and Balogun Adeniyi to the Faculty of Science Faculty Council.

**FSC 2208 Reports of Standing Committees:**

**A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**

Report presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee.

a. **Moved:** Department of Chemistry, proposal for new course, CHEM 4156, Analytical Method Development and Sampling (Sullivan/Pickup). **Carried.**

There was some discussion on hybrid undergraduate/graduate courses.

b. **Moved:** Department of Ocean Sciences, proposal for new course, OCSC 4000, Scientific Diving Methods (Sullivan/Fletcher). **Carried.**

c. **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, calendar changes, MATH 2330, 4230, and 4300 (Sullivan/Pike). **Carried.**

b. **Moved:** Response to Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Penalties for Academic Misconduct (Sullivan/Foster). **Carried.**

**B. Graduate Studies Committee:**

Report presented by J.C. Loredo-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee and W. Banzhaf, Head, Department of Computer Science

a. **Moved:** Department of Chemistry, calendar change, comprehensive examination in Analytical, Inorganic and Physical Chemistry (Loredo-Osti/Pickup). **Carried.**

b. Department of Computer Science, calendar changes plus new courses. W. Banzhaf requested the following amendments to the omnibus package: Credit restrictions be listed for COMP 6902 with COMP 6743, COMP 6904 with COMP 6722, COMP 6922 with COMP 6712, and COMP 6926 with COMP 6726; COMP 6923 be deleted from the package due to outdated references and COMP 6711 be retained. **Moved:** To approve this omnibus package as amended (Simms/Banzhaf). **Carried.**

**Moved:** To revamp all remaining courses with possible further changes to be brought forward at the next Faculty Council meeting (Loredo-Osti/Banzhaf). **Carried.**
C. **Nominating Committee:**
Report presented by Andy Foster, Associate Dean (Undergraduate and Administration).
   a. **Moved:** Approval of committee matrix (Foster/Sullivan).
      **Carried.**

D. **Library Committee:** None

**FSC 2209**  
**Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

**FSC 2210**  
**Report of the Dean:**
Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.

Tenders are now being called for the engineering and architectural design for the new core sciences building. While more than 1/3 of the funding will be provided directly by the province, the remainder of the money (about $200M) has yet to be secured. Part of that support will be made available as a result of financial resources associated with an ongoing efficiency review. Funding will also be sought through development by the university.

Associated with the efficiency review, budget allocations to different academic units are under review and will be moving in the direction of activity. As a reminder, the university has moved to a position-based budgeting model. This creates a more restrictive financial scenario for academic units since transfer of funds between salary and operating expenses will no longer be possible. Operating budgets will now be made up of a basic allocation, a component linked to enrolment, and a portion of the Indirect Costs of Research that represents the total support from tri-council funding.

The Dean acknowledged the passing of Jamie the Seal at Ocean Sciences on Friday of last week. According to the news report released today, Jamie was born in captivity and resided at Ocean Sciences for 20 years before his untimely death. An autopsy has not provided insight into the cause of death. Pending the results of further testing, it is hoped that the cause of death can be determined. G. Fletcher, Head of Ocean Sciences, confirmed that there are no ongoing issues that would jeopardize the health of the other seals.

**FSC 2211**  
**Question Period:** None

**FSC 2212**  
**Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.