FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2193

Present

Biochemistry
Mulligan, M.

Biology
Leroux, S.

Chemistry
Pickup, P.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.  Wareham, H.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.

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

Ocean Sciences Centre
Fletcher, G.

Physics & Physical Oceanography
Lewis, J.  Morrow, M.

Psychology
Malsbury, C.

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

Geography
Simms, E.
FSC 2194  Regrets
Norm Catto

FSC 2195  Adoption of Minutes
Moved: Minutes of the April 17, 2013, meeting be adopted as circulated (Sullivan/Pike). Carried.

FSC 2196  Business Arising: None

FSC 2197  Correspondence: None

FSC 2198  Reports of Standing Committees:
A.  Undergraduate Studies Committee:
Report presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee.
   b.  Moved: Response to Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Award of Transfer Credit During a Period of Academic Withdrawal (Sullivan/Morrow). Carried.

B.  Graduate Studies Committee:
Report presented by J.C. Loredo-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee.
   a.  Department of Biochemistry, special topics course, BIOC 6001, Bioinformatics Analysis Techniques, approved by the committee and included for information only.
   b.  Department of Earth Sciences, special topics course, EASC 6902, Modern Depositional Environments as the key to
effective facies modelling, approved by the committee and included for information only.
c. Department of Computer Science, special topics course, COMP 6746, Parameterized Complexity Analysis: Foundations and Applications, approved by the committee and included for information only.
d. **Moved:** Department of Chemistry, proposal for new course, CHEM 6156, Analytical method development and sampling (Loredo-Osti/Pickup). **One abstention. Carried.**
e. **Moved:** Department of Computer Science, proposal for new course, COMP 6716, Security and Privacy (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:**
   Report presented by John Lewis, Faculty of Science Representative to Librarians Academic Council.

   A brief review was provided of funding challenges for library holdings. Dr. Lewis informed Faculty Council that he is stepping down as the Representative to Librarians' Academic Council.

**FSC 2199 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

**FSC 2200 Report of the Dean:**
Presented by Dr. Mark Abrahams, Dean.

**Welcome**
The Dean would like to welcome all of you back from what hopefully has been a productive, stimulating, and rejuvenating summer. He would especially like to welcome our new students and new faculty who are joining us for the first time and also thanks all those who volunteered to help with Science orientation.

**Committee Representatives**
With renewal comes change. In the material for this meeting, you should note that we are seeking representation on a variety of committees. The Dean urges you to provide that assistance and in particular he wants to acknowledge the long contributions of Dr. John Lewis to the library committee, who is stepping down this year. This is a particularly critical year for the Library and it is very important
that the Faculty of Science have strong representation on this committee.

**New Science Building**
For those of you who recall our last meeting, the Dean announced that
the university had submitted the functional space planning analysis to
the provincial government for the Core Sciences building. The
preparation of this document is a critical first step in the planning of
the new building, and the next step is the engineering and
architectural design phase. Over the summer, preliminary
geotechnical work was conducted at the building site, and we
anticipate further announcements on this project from the
government this fall.

**Dean’s Awards Ceremony**
The annual Dean’s awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday evening,
September 24, in the Bruneau Innovation Centre from 5 to 7 pm. This
ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of our staff, faculty and
students and all are welcome to attend.

**Dean of Science Renewal**
Dr. Abrahams’ term as Dean of Science was renewed for a further five-
year period. He thanks those that participated in this process and
looks forward to continuing to work with you.

FSC 2201 Question Period

FSC 2202 Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.