FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2014

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2246 Present
Biochemistry
Mulligan, M.

Biology
Innes, D.  Marino, P.

Chemistry
Flinn, C.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.  Chen, Y.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.  Hodych, J.

Mathematics & Statistics
Loredo-Osti, J.C.

Physics & Physical Oceanography
de Young, B.  Morrow, M.

Psychology
Malsbury, C.  Martin, G.

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

Library
Alcock, E.

Undergraduate Students
Grant, D.  Kennedy, S.  Murphy, R.
FSC 2247  Regrets
Shannon Sullivan    Andy Foster
Norm Catto          Donna Stapleton
Nathan Cook         Dorothy Vaandering
Kayode Balogun

FSC 2248  Adoption of Minutes
It should be noted that Mike Morrow was present at the last meeting but was not listed as being present. Also, Brad de Young’s name was shown in the minutes as “de Young, D.” but should have been “de Young, B.” Moved: Minutes of the January 15 meeting be adopted as amended. (Sullivan/Fletcher). Carried. One abstention.

FSC 2249  Business Arising: None

FSC 2250  Correspondence: None

FSC 2251  Reports of Standing Committees:

A.  Undergraduate Studies Committee:
Report was presented by Charles Malsbury.


b.  Moved: Department of Ocean Sciences, proposal for new course, CHEM 2600/OCSC 2200, Introductory Chemical Oceanography (Malsbury/Marino). Carried.

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

a.  Moved: Department of Ocean Sciences, calendar changes, Marine Biology Graduate Program (Loredo-Osti/Marino). Carried. One abstention.

b.  Interdisciplinary Programs, special topics course, ENVS 6204, Forest Sector Transformation. Approved by the committee and included for information only.

C.  Nominating Committee: None

D.  Library Committee: None

FSC 2252  Reports of Delegates from Other Council:
Anna Hicks, DELTS Representative, was not able to attend so this item has been moved to the next meeting of council.
FSC 2253  Faculty of Science Strategic Plan - Annual Approval
The Dean requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting of Council
since attendance was low due to the midterm break. Some discussion did
occur with comments made about the section on “Current Strengths and
Emerging Opportunities in Research” and the need to expand the wording in
the second paragraph to include other areas of emerging opportunity.
Mention was also made of the section on engagement and what is meant by
this term. The Dean confirmed that the Faculty defines it as the integration
of the Faculty of Science with the public.

FSC 2254  Faculty of Science Awards Committee
An ad-hoc committee has been established to assist with increasing the
number of Science faculty members recognized by awards at the University,
national and international levels. Committee members are Tom Chapman, Jie
Xiao, and Christina Bottaro, representing the areas of Life, Formal, and
Physical Sciences. A question was raised by a Graduate student
representative of whether a graduate student could be added to the
membership. The Dean wondered whether membership on this committee
would benefit students but agreed that if there was interest then
membership would not be denied.

FSC 2255  Report of the Dean:
Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.

The Dean provided updates on a number of items that were discussed at our
last council meeting. The first was teaching equivalency. As described, it
was the Dean’s hope to move to a single teaching equivalency model for the
Faculty of Science as opposed to the departmental based models that we are
currently using. However, to do so requires modification of the current
collective agreement that, it is understood, is not up for negotiation in the
current round of collective bargaining. For that reason, we will remain with
the existing model.

The proposal for the public education facility at Logy Bay was developed but,
at the request of the university, was not submitted. The issue was that the
university currently has no dedicated budget with which to support such an
initiative. The Dean is continuing discussions with Hebron on this proposal
to determine the best way forward.

The Dean had a town hall meeting with Science students. Primary
discussions were about their participation in assisting fund raising for a
Science Endowment Fund. This fund would be used to provide regular
support for upgrades of equipment within our undergraduate teaching labs.
Also discussed were the overall concepts for the core sciences building. At
the request of the students, another student town hall meeting is planned for
one week today (February 26) at 1 pm in the Science building, Room 3042.
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