A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-3033.

FSC 2290  Present
Biochemistry
Mulligan, M.

Biology
Hooper, R.   Innes, D.

Chemistry
Bottaro, C.  Fridgen, T.  Kozak, C.  Merschrod, E.  Pickup, P.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.  Chen, P.  Pena-Castillo, L.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.

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

Ocean Sciences
Fletcher, G.  Gagnon, P.

Physics & Physical Oceanography
Cumoe, S.  Morrow, M.  Poduska, K.

Psychology
Martin, G.

Dean of Science Office
Foss, K.  Rideout, J.  Surprenant, A.  Zedel, L.

Geography
Edinger, E.
DELTS
Todd, A.

Registrar’s Office
Burry, J.

Faculty of Business
Stapleton, D.

FSC 2291 Regrets: Mark Abrahams

FSC 2292 Adoption of Minutes

FSC 2293 Business Arising: None

FSC 2294 Correspondence:
   a. Feedback requested, General Academic Regulations 6.6 EVALUATION and 6.7 EXAMINATIONS
      The Faculty of Science Undergraduate Committee will compile comments and forward a draft response to Council for approval.
   b. Consultation on New Travel Outside of Canada Policy
      Several issues with the proposed policy were noted. Faculty are urged to respond with their comments.
   c. Date for Submission of Calendar Changes - 2015-2016

FSC 2295 Reports of Standing Committees:
A. Undergraduate Studies Committee: None
B. Graduate Studies Committee:
   Report presented by J.C. Loredo-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee.
   c. Department of Chemistry, special topics course, CHEM 6296, Metal-mediated Reactions and Catalysis. Already approved by the committee and included for information purposes only.
   d. Moved: Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology program, calendar changes (Loredo-Osti/Martin). Carried.
C. Nominating Committee: None
D. Library Committee: None
FSC 2296  Reports of Delegates from Other Councils: None

FSC 2297  Report of the Dean
Presented by Aimée Surprenant, Associate Dean (Undergraduate and Administration)

There was a fire recently that affected the Chemistry/Physics Building. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but it occurred on the roof above C-2045. Damage to the building was mostly due to smoke and water. Water damage was in the immediate vicinity of the fire, and the ventilation system and elevator shafts resulted in more extensive smoke infiltration. Health & Safety are continuing to monitor air quality and hope to have C-2045 fully restored in the near future.

A student in Biochemistry, Sara March, was killed in a traffic accident on the outer ring road on November 2. Her former high school in Sydney, Nova Scotia, is establishing a scholarship in her memory. The MUN Student Union and the Biochemistry Society are organizing events to help raise money for this scholarship. All faculty are encouraged to support their efforts.

The university is instituting a new policy on intellectual property and overhead. The intent is for research agreements that have restrictions on intellectual property to require the outside partner to include overhead within the contract in recognition of the costs of maintaining and operating our research infrastructure. Implementation of this policy is in the early phases.

Planning for the Core Sciences Building is reaching a major milestone. By Friday of this week, the university is to sign off on the 30% Design & Development Phase, which means that we have agreed to the size and location of rooms within the building, and will now proceed to more detailed planning on engineering systems and room layout. The project is remaining on schedule with the first tenders to be made this Winter and construction to begin in the Spring.

Faculty are being asked to provide annual activity reports in relation to their activities for 2014-15 academic year using the template provided, and we are seeking the cooperation and support of faculty in completing the report at the conclusion of the academic year.

If faculty are aware of any students that will be going to law school, they are requested to advise them that there are scholarships available through the Dean of Science office.

FSC 2298  Question Period

FSC 2299  Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.