A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2270  Present
Biochemistry
Booth, V.   Cheema, S.

Biology
Innes, D.

Chemistry
Bottaro, C.   Merschrod, E.   Pickup, P.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.   Bungay, S.   Wareham, T.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.

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

Ocean Sciences
Fletcher, G.

Physics & Physical Oceanography
Curnoe, S.   Morrow, M.

Psychology
Martin, G.

Dean of Science Office
Abrahams, M.   Foss, K.   Rideout, J.   Surprenant, A.

Geography
Catto, N.
DELTS
Todd, A.

Engineering
Zhang, B.

Registrar's Office
Burry, J.

School of Music
Cook, N.

Undergraduate Studies
Doyle, K.  Southall, T.

FSC 2271  Regrets
Mark Berry     Erin Alcock

FSC 2272  Adoption of Minutes

FSC 2273  Business Arising:  None

FSC 2274  Correspondence:  None

FSC 2275  Reports of Standing Committees:

A.  Undergraduate Studies Committee
Report was presented by Shannon Sullivan, acting on behalf of the Faculty of Science Undergraduate Studies Committee.

Council was informed that the previous provost initiated a change to procedure and wanted to approve all resource implications for new courses. The Interim Provost has discontinued this process. Items will now go directly to Faculty Council after being approved by the appropriate committee.

a. Response to Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Proposal for Prior Learning Assessment Recognition. Approved by the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Science Faculty Council and included for information only.

b. Moved: Department of Computer Science, proposal for new course, COMP 1400, Computing in the 20th Century and Beyond (Sullivan/Banzhaf). Carried. One abstention.
c. **Moved**: Department of Mathematics and Statistics, calendar changes, MATH 439 A/B, Pure Mathematics Honours Project, STAT 459 A/B, Statistics Honours Project (Sullivan/Loredo-Osti). **Carried.**

d. **Moved**: Department of Psychology, calendar change, cross-list PSYC 4770 and BIOL 4770 (Sullivan/Martin). **Carried.**

**B. Graduate Studies Committee**

Report was presented by J.C. Loredo-Osti, on behalf of the Faculty of Science Graduate Studies Committee.

a. Department of Chemistry, special topics course, CHEM 6590, Renewable Chemicals and Materials. Approved by the committee and presented to council for information only.

b. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, special topics course, MATH 6348, Graph Colouring. Approved by the committee and presented to council for information only.

c. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, special topics course, STAT 6564, Experimental Design. Approved by the committee and presented to council for information only.

d. Department of Biology, special topics course, BIOL 7947, Molecular Ecology. Approved by the committee and presented to council for information only.

e. Department of Earth Sciences, approval for new course, EASC 6105, Advanced Field Course in Applied Geophysics. Approved by the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Science Faculty Council and included for information only.

**C. Nominating Committee:**

Report presented by Aimée Surprenant, Interim Associate Dean (Undergraduate and Administration)

a. **Moved**: Approval of provisional committee matrix (Surprenant/Sullivan). **Carried.**

**D. Library Committee:** None

**FSC 2276**

Reports of Delegates from Other Councils: None

**FSC 2277**

Report of the Dean

Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.

The Dean welcomed faculty and students back to the beginning of a new academic term. The Dean advised that during the summer, Dr. David Wardlaw resigned from his position as Provost, and Dr. Noreen Golfman is currently the Acting Provost. A search committee is being struck to recruit a new Provost. An email seeking nominees from the Faculty of Science was previously distributed to
all departments. If anyone is interested in being nominated, please put your name forward.

The annual Dean’s Awards ceremony will be held next week on September 23 from 5 to 7 pm in the Bruneau Innovation Centre, Room 2001. This event honours the achievements of our faculty, staff, and students and the Dean invites you all to attend and participate in the celebration.

Work on the core sciences building is progressing on schedule. Following a public consultation, the basic design was finalized. We are seeking final approval from the government on the overall space allocation and have now begun the detail design work for interior layout. We expect the first tenders for the building to go out in a couple of months with excavation to begin in the Spring.

The Dean, throughout his time in the position, has attended departmental meetings by invitation. He is hoping to do a full round of departmental visits in the near future. He will be discussing this with department heads and is hoping that departments will be able to provide approximately one hour for these meetings.

FSC 2278  Question Period
FSC 2279  Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.