FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2015

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2385 Present

Biochemistry
Mulligan, M.

Biology
Hurford, A. Leroux, S.

Chemistry
Fridgen, T. Merschrod, E.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W. Batten, D. Brown, E. Bungay, S. Chen, P.
Mata-Montero, M. Vardy, A. Vidyasankar, K. Wareham, T.

Mathematics & Statistics
Huynes, R. Loredo-Osti, J.

Ocean Sciences
Fletcher, G. Gagnon, P.

Physics & Physical Oceanography
Curnoe, S. Lagowski, J. Morrow, M. Plumer, M.

Psychology
Neath, I. Thorpe, C.

Dean of Science Office
Abrahams, M. Foss, K. Foster, A. Meruvia-Pastor, O.
Rideout, J. Zedel, L.

Economics
Waples, J.

DELTs
Todd, A.
Library
ambi, a.

Faculty of Arts
Finnis, j.

Registrar’s Office
Burry, j.

Marine Institute
Westcott, j.

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Nathan cook Therese Mackenzie
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FSc 2387 Adoption of Minutes
Moved: Minutes of the November 18, 2015, meeting be adopted.
(Fletcher/Sullivan). Carried. Three abstentions.

FSc 2388 Business Arising: None

FSc 2389 Correspondence: None

FSc 2390 Reports of Standing Committees:

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


b. Moved: Department of Computer Science, proposals for thirty-six new courses (Sullivan/Banzhaf). The Dean questioned whether additional resources would be required for the new courses. The Head of Computer Science confirmed there will be to which the Dean commented that such resources may not be available. Further discussion ensued about the possibility of offering only some of the streams and about the ability to show program concentrations on student transcripts. Carried. Four abstentions.

Moved: Department of Computer Science, deletion of thirteen existing courses (Sullivan/Banzhaf). Carried. One abstention.

c. Moved: Department of Computer Science, calendar changes to existing major and joint major programs (Sullivan/Banzhaf). Council was advised that six pages were inadvertently missing
from the agenda; there were no objections to showing these on the monitor. A comment was made that courses will have to be offered in both the Fall and Winter semesters to allow students to complete their degree on time. The question was also asked whether all streams had the same number of required courses and the response was that they do. **Carried. One abstention.**

d. **Moved:** Department of Chemistry, deletion of CHEM 3500 and resulting calendar changes (Sullivan/Fridgen). **Carried.**

e. **Moved:** Department of Chemistry, calendar changes, amendment to course description of CHEM 2100 (Sullivan/Fridgen). **Carried.**

f. **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, calendar change, Applied Mathematics major program (Sullivan/Haynes). **Carried.**

g. **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, calendar change, pre-requisite for Statistics 3410 (Sullivan/Loredo-Osti). **Carried.**

h. **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, calendar change to Mathematics and Statistics Program Regulations (Sullivan/Haynes). **Carried.**

i. **Moved:** Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, calendar changes (Sullivan/Lagowski). **Carried.**

j. **Moved:** Department of Biology, calendar changes (Sullivan/Leroux). **Carried.**

k. **Moved:** Department of Biochemistry, calendar changes (Sullivan/Mulligan). **Carried.**

l. **Moved:** Department of Psychology, calendar change, course description of PSYC/BIOL 4770 (Sullivan/Leroux). **Carried.**

m. **Moved:** Department of Psychology, general calendar changes (Sullivan/Neath). **Carried.**

n. **Moved:** Department of Psychology, modifications to Psychology majors programs (Sullivan/Neath). **Carried.**

o. **Moved:** Department of Psychology, modification to Psychology joint majors programs (Sullivan/Neath). **Carried.**

p. **Moved:** Faculty of Science, proposal to add Science 1807 as a pre-requisite to laboratory courses (Sullivan/Foster). A question was asked whether this course was available for graduate students as well. The Associate Dean (Undergraduate and Administration) confirmed that it is. **Carried.**

**B. Graduate Studies Committee:**

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

a. **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, calendar changes (Loredo-Osti/Haynes). **Carried.**

**C. Nominating Committee:** None
D. **Library Committee:**
Report presented by Patrick Gagnon, Chair, Library Committee.

Council was provided with a summary of the journal cutbacks at the Library. The plan is to cut more than 4,000 journals from several major publishers. The Library will buy back individual journals until their budget of approximately $400k is exhausted. The Library website has a list of the specific journals being cut. There was much discussion on the importance of maintaining the journals and the need to remain engaged in the process and find an acceptable solution.

FSC 2391 **Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

FSC 2392 **Report of the Dean**
Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.

As an update to the last meeting, the Dean has now received feedback from throughout the university community regarding support for UQAR’s CFI MSI grant proposal for the 50 meter Coriolis II research vessel. There was general support for the proposal that was communicated to UQAR. However, the support was reserved since the vessel is not ice rated, is relatively small and therefore not capable of year round operations, and does not have the capacity to catch fish.

The Provost’s office released a memo yesterday describing their plan for restructuring the office by combining the role of two AVPs into a single position. The role and responsibility of that AVP has yet to be determined and Dr. Neville’s term as AVP (Planning, Priorities and Programs) will conclude on April 1, 2016.

The Dean has been in contact with Grenfell campus regarding concerns that were expressed with course equivalency and the ability of students to move between the two campuses. The VP of Grenfell has said that this is a concern. The Dean has had preliminary conversations with Dr. Gallant (Division Head of Science), and it has been agreed to work together in the new year to develop a resolution to this issue.

Faculty may recall that about two years ago the Faculty of Science was successfully able to fund the installation of four videoconference facilities. While the units work well when linked to other Polycom systems, they tended to not do as well with other systems. The university has recently purchased a software solution for this called BlueJeans. This permits the use of the videoconferencing system with computers or any other system. It has successfully been used by Physics for preliminary interviews with candidates for a faculty position as well as students making presentations.
while off campus. The Dean is hoping that this system will now encourage faculty and students to take advantage of videoconferencing.

The issue of library subscriptions has attracted considerable attention and represents a significant challenge to both the Faculty of Science and the university. The Dean thanks the members of the Faculty of Science Library committee in their proactive and constructive conversations with the Library. The effectiveness of this committee has been noted both by the university librarian and the President as a model to be emulated by other units.

**FSC 2393**  
*Question Period*

**FSC 2394**  
*Adjournment*  
The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.