FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2321 Present
Biochemistry
Booth, V. Mulligan, M.

Biology
Innes, D.

Computer Science
Gong, M.

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

Ocean Sciences
Fletcher, G.

Psychology
Martin, G.

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

Geography
Catto, N.

DELTs
Todd, A.

FSC 2322 Regrets
David Pike Erin Alcock Donna Stapleton Katie Doyle

FSC 2323 Adoption of Minutes
Moved: Minutes of the January 21, 2015, meeting be adopted as amended. (Sullivan/Martin). Carried.
FSC 2324  Business Arising:
   a. Department of Ocean Sciences, updates to new Minor Program in Oceanography.
   b. Department of Ocean Sciences, updates to new Minor in Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries Ecology.

FSC 2325  Correspondence:  None

FSC 2326  Reports of Standing Committees:
   A.  Undergraduate Studies Committee:  None

   B.  Graduate Studies Committee:
        Report presented by J.C. Loredo-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
        a.  Moved: Grenfell Campus, new program proposal, Agricultural, Forest and Environmental Science (MSc AFES). Motion was
tabled since the Faculty of Science Environmental Science Board
       was not consulted. Item will be added to a future Council agenda.

   C.  Nominating Committee:  None

   D.  Library Committee:  None

FSC 2327  Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:  None

FSC 2328  Report of the Dean
   Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.

   A decision was made that the institutional application for the Canada First Excellence Research Fund to be submitted on March 2 will be from the Faculty of Engineering to pursue a naval engineering theme. This decision was based upon the state of preparation of their proposal relative to those originating from other faculties. The remaining proposals may be submitted in the second round.

   Multiple applications have been received for the teaching chairs. These applications will be ranked and sent forward to the Provost's office.

   The Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science have pooled resources to support an application by the Chief Information Officer to add additional wireless routers to insure wireless access throughout the Science building. The outcome of this initiative will be known within the next few months.

   Statoil has agreed to make a donation of used scientific equipment for use in our teaching laboratories. This instrumentation will benefit students in the departments of Biology and Biochemistry. Statoil will provide the equipment and ship it from Europe to St. John's. The Faculty of Science will pay to make the
equipment compatible with North American power. Technical Services have reviewed the equipment and advises that in most instances technical resolutions should be minor.

There has been much discussion about the implication of declining oil revenues on the provincial budget and the ramifications for the university. The Dean's expectation is that the university's budget will likely remain flat for the next fiscal year and that the impact on future budgets will be determined by whatever political party takes power in the next provincial election in combination with the long-term trends in oil prices.

FSC 2329  Question Period

FSC 2330  Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.