FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2015

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2311  Present
Biochemistry
Booth, V.         Mulligan, M.

Biology
Innes, D.

Chemistry
Merschrod, E.      Pickup, P.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.        Gillard, P.          Kolokolova, A.     Lu, S.W.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.

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

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

Psychology
Martin, G.

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

School of Music
Cook, N.

FSC 2312  Regrets:  Rob Nolan
                 Katie Doyle  
                 Donna Stapleton
FSC 2313  Adoption of Minutes
Moved: Minutes of the December 17, 2014, meeting be adopted as amended.
(Sullivan/Morrow). Carried.

FSC 2314  Business Arising: None

FSC 2315  Correspondence:
a. Notification received that Paul Snelgrove will replace Ian Fleming as the Department of Ocean Sciences’ representative on the Faculty of Science Graduate Studies Committee effective January 2015.
b. Notification received that Rob Nolan will replace Joan Burry as the Registrar’s representative for the Faculty of Science Faculty Council effective January 2015.

FSC 2316  Reports of Standing Committees:
A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:
Report presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee. It is noted that Rob Nolan is the new Registrar’s Office representative to Faculty Council, replacing Joan Burry. Council would like to recognize the many years of outstanding work and service provided by Joan to our Faculty Council.
   a. Moved: Faculty of Science, calendar change, deletion of Science 5998, Exchange Programs in Science (Sullivan/Morrow). Carried.
   b. Moved: Response to Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Changes to General Academic Regulations 6.6 EVALUATION and 6.7 EXAMINATIONS (Sullivan/Morrow). Carried. The undergraduate studies committee will continue to monitor future discussion and decisions regarding these regulations. It is requested that any regulations deemed to no longer serve the purpose for which they were intended should be brought to the attention of the committee. The issue can then be addressed to hopefully, avoid the situation where faculty feel compelled to follow a course of action that contravenes regulations. The Associate Dean (Undergraduate & Administration) also noted that department members are encouraged to adhere to calendar regulations. If situations arise where regulations aren’t followed and students appeal grades, the students will win the appeal resulting in appropriate adjustments to the grades.

B. Graduate Studies Committee:
Report presented by J.C. Loredo-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
b. **Moved:** Department of Computer Science, calendar changes (Loredo-Osti/Banzhaf). **Carried.**

C. **Nominating Committee:** None

D. **Library Committee:** None

**FSC 2317**  
**Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

**FSC 2318**  
**Report of the Dean**  
Presented by Aimée Surprenant, Associate Dean (Undergraduate & Administration).

The Dean apologizes for missing Science Council and wishes to thank Dr. Surprenant for chairing the meeting. He is attending an NSERC meeting in Vancouver today and will be back on campus Friday, the same day as the enrollment-planning workshop. As a reminder, that planning retreat will be held at the Gazebo of Clovelly Golf course from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Work on the Core Sciences Facility is continuing on schedule with the next round of consultations on site scheduled for next week. The plan is to complete the 60% Design and Development phase that will allow more precision on the cost estimates as well as provide sufficient detail to begin the tendering process for construction. This milestone keeps the project on track to begin the first phase of construction that is scheduled for this Spring. While the decline in oil prices is a concern, this is a long-term project that is both an investment in the university and the province. The government is expecting the project to proceed as planned.

The Canada First Excellence Research Fund grant application is being developed and work is proceeding toward the first deadline of February 2 for submission of the Notice of Intent. The full proposal will be submitted by the March 2 deadline.

Proposals for the classroom teaching/infrastructure development fund (CTID) are due to the Dean of Science office by February 5. The three major purposes of the funding are: replacement of aging teaching equipment (classroom and laboratory); modernization/upgrading of existing classroom space or other learning spaces; promotion of innovative use of technology to enhance the teaching/learning experience and/or to allow for more efficient program delivery. The call for proposals indicates that joint proposals would be viewed favorably.

Applications for the Chairs in Teaching and Learning program are due to the Dean of Science Office February 15, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Surprenant.

The Dean's office has only received one nomination for the Toronto Alumni Scholarship and the Colbourne Family Scholarship. The Scholarships and Awards
office needs the nominations by January 30. Please consider nominating a student for these very lucrative scholarships.

RDC Ocean Industries Student Research award proposals are due to RDC for graduate students on February 16 and for undergraduates on May 14.

ACEnet award applications for both undergraduate and graduate students are due to the Dean of Science office on February 16.

**FSC 2319**  
**Question Period**  
The point was made that plans for the new Core Sciences building were only received yesterday with comments due by Monday for the 60% sign-off phase. This tight deadline does not provide departments enough time to meet for discussion.

Information was requested as to what the requirements are for the Toronto Alumni and the Colbourne Family Scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded based on academic marks and community involvement.

**FSC 2320**  
**Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.