FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2016

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2419  Present
Biochemistry
Berry, M.

Biology
Hurford, A.

Chemistry
Fridgen, T.  Kerton, F.  Kozak, C.

Computer Science
Banzhaf, W.  Bungay, S.

Earth Sciences
Hanchar, J.

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

Physics & Physical Oceanography
Curnoe, S.  Morrow, M.  Munroe, J.  Poduska, K.

Psychology
Neath, I.  Thorpe, C.

Dean of Science
Abrahams, M.  Foss, K.  Foster, A.  Harding, S.  Mackenzie, T.  J. Rideout

Economics
Waples, J.

Geography
Edinger, E.
DELTS
Todd, A.

Library
Ambi, A.

Arts
Finnis, J.

Engineering
Duan, X.

Faculty of Business
Clift, T.

FSC 2420
Regrets
Mary Stordy
Danny Dyer
Norm Catto
Jillian Westcott

FSC 2421
Adoption of Minutes
Moved: Minutes of the February 17, 2016, meeting be adopted (Loredo-Osti/Sullivan). Carried. One abstention.

FSC 2422
Business Arising: None

FSC 2423
Correspondence: None

FSC 2424
Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee: None
B. Graduate Studies Committee: None
C. Nominating Committee: None
D. Library Committee: None

FSC 2425
Reports of Chair in Teaching & Learning and Embedded DELTS Teaching Consultant: None

FSC 2426
Faculty of Science Strategic Plan – Annual Approval
Moved: Faculty of Science Strategic Plan be approved as presented with new information added pertaining to Biomedical Sciences and Health and Materials Science (Foster/Berry). Discussion took place about whether the last sentence in the Materials Science section was consistent with other sections in the strategic plan pertaining to research strengths. The motion was amended to include the deletion of the last sentence in the Materials Science section, “The faculty plans to expand upon areas of new materials synthesis and characterization methodology
as well as their materials characterization infrastructure.” Carried. One abstention.

**FSC 2427 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:**
Report presented by Alison Ambi, representative from the Library Council.

The Library’s budgetary shortfall continues to impact the purchase of journals. Faculty members will be receiving a list of journals along with their prices so they can provide information to the Library about which subscriptions should be maintained. The list will be circulated from the Provost’s office and will be available soon.

**FSC 2428 Report of the Dean**
Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.

The Dean has been devoted to the completion of the Canada First Excellence Research Fund grant that is being developed collaboratively with Dalhousie University. Work on the grant is nearing completion as the mechanics have now been resolved of administering funding and the process for achieving mutual goals. The full grant is due on March 29 and the Dean is optimistic that success in this competition will bring significant benefits to the Faculty of Science and colleagues in the Faculty of Arts and the Marine Institute.

On Monday, March 7, the Dean was involved in a full day meeting with all other Deans and their Senior Administrative Officers for a pre-budget consultation. This day allowed every academic unit to tell the story that is shrouded by the financial details that are reviewed by the Provost’s office. While the day did not develop any specific financial plans that may be presented in the upcoming budget, it did make clear the financial challenges that are routinely confronted by each academic unit.

**FSC 2429 Question Period**

**FSC 2430 Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.