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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF May 15, 2019**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2004.

- FSC 2675 Present**
- Biochemistry**  
M. Berry, V. Booth
  
  - Biology**  
T. Chapman, B. Staveley
  
  - Chemistry**  
C. Bottaro
  
  - Computer Science**  
S. Bungay
  
  - Earth Sciences**  
G. Layne
  
  - Mathematics & Statistics**  
J. Craighead, JC Loredano-Osti, D. Pike, S. Sullivan
  
  - Physics & Physical Oceanography**  
S. Curnoe, J. Lagowski, I. Saika-Voivod
  
  - Psychology**  
K. Fowler, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh
  
  - Dean of Science Office**  
C. Barrett, K. Foss, T. Fridgen, G. Jackson, L. Zedel
  
  - CITL**  
A. Todd
- FSC 2676 Regrets: None**

- FSC 2677 Adoption of Minutes**  
**Moved:** Minutes of the March 20, 2019, meeting be adopted (Sullivan/Berry). **Carried.**
- FSC 2678 Business Arising:**  
Dr. Abrahams has met with Steve Green regarding space in the Henrietta Harvey building. The space on the second floor of the building is a secure space that is not accessible after 5pm. Steve Green may be able to move some equipment on the third floor of the building to the second floor and then provide that third floor space to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Also, there are plans to put more equipment into the ITS space on the second floor, so, while it is vacant now, it will not remain vacant.
- FSC 2679 Correspondence:** None
- FSC 2680** Dr. Aimée Surprenant, Associate Vice-President (Academic) and Dean, Graduate Studies, presented on the Graduate Strategic Enrolment (SEM) Plan.
- FSC 2681 Reports of Standing Committees:**
- A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**  
Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee
- a. Department of Ocean Sciences, Special Topics course, OCSC 4921, Special Topics in Reproductive Strategies of Marine Animals, approved by the committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.
  - b. Department of Ocean Sciences, Special Topics course, OCSC 4910, Hot topics in Oceanography, approved by the committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.
- B. Graduate Studies Committee:**  
Presented by Carolyn Walsh, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee
- a. **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, proposal for a new course, Math 6333, Representation Theory (Walsh/Loredo-Osti). **Carried.**
  - b. **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, proposal for a new course, Math 6329, Galois Theory (Walsh/Loredo-Osti). **Carried.**
  - c. **Amended Motion:** Department of Psychology, new course: PSYC 7021, Practicum in Adult Assessment and Diagnosis II. The paperwork submitted for the new course contained an error, indicating that new resources were needed. However, this is incorrect and no new resources are needed. (Walsh/Fowler). **Carried.**
- C. Nominating Committee:** None
- D. Library Committee:** None
- FSC 2682 Report of Teaching Consultant:** None

**FSC 2683****Report of the Dean**

Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean

1. Work is ongoing for Strategic Enrolment Management. I thank those individuals who participated in the session held for the Faculty of Science. As a member of the committee involved in preparing the plan, I will be participating in a half day planning session on June 5th.
2. As you all know, the provincial government announced a budget and then quickly thereafter announced an election. Nevertheless, the announced budget continued with the ongoing budget cuts to the university, so we will be planning with that in mind.
3. I am also continuing to work with the University's Buildings Working Group which is considering options associated with the potential demolition of the Science building. The plan is expected to go to the Board of Regents this summer, but it is taking into account the specific requirements of the Departments of Physics and Psychology, and also integrating new space for Mathematics & Statistics.
4. About two weeks ago the new MUNFA Collective Agreement was signed. That now triggers the formation of the committee tasked with establishing a university-wide teaching equivalency.
5. Tomorrow is election day. I encourage you all to exercise your democratic right to vote and also that the Provincial Election Act requires that employers provide their eligible employees with four consecutive hours to vote while polling stations are open between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**FSC 2684****Question Period**

The Dean spoke to the possibility of a new University wide teaching equivalency document as a result of the new MUNFA collect agreement. When the committee is struck and meets, everything will be considered for teaching equivalencies including, minimum enrolment numbers, student supervision, etc.

With ongoing discussions regarding the plan for the Science building once the new Core Sciences Building is opened, the Dean acknowledged that the University's Building Committee is aware that the Science building contains a large number of classrooms, including a large lecture theatre. There will probably be a partial teardown of the building to leave some classrooms intact.

The issues regarding the Henrietta Harvey Building are now being reviewed by the University Building Committee. The full recommendation of the committee will hopefully go to the Board of Regents this summer. The Dean continues to actively look to exchange space in the Henrietta Harvey Building in order to increase the space for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Anne Browne, Associate Vice-President (Facilities) is aware of issues concerning a Tender for Asbestos Abatement and it is a high priority item.

**FSC 2685**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.