

Faculty of Science and Technology

Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, February 10, 2017
12:30 to 2:00 p.m.
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

- Present:** Don Noakes (Chair), Caroline Josefsson, Todd Barsby, Erik Krogh, Stefanie Duff, Tim Stokes, Brian Dick, Gara Pruesse, Eric Demers, Liz Gillis, and John Morgan
- Regrets:** Jerome Lesemann, Doug Corrin, Stefanie Duff, and Dave Bigelow
- Guest:** Daniela Fisher Russell, Sarah Dudas
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Approval of Agenda

- Moved curriculum items to beginning of meeting

Approved

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – Dec 16, 2016

Motion to approve.

Date (year) changed from 2017 to 2016

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Dean's Report

A number of staffing actions are currently underway: Admin Assistant is at shortlisting stage; 2 Math Faculty positions – shortlist just being finalized; CRC in Shellfish Aquaculture and Genomics – shortlist completed with the interviews for all positions likely to be in early March. The new Health & Science Building has been announced and the area is now being prepared with construction starting in late February. A draft business plan has been developed for Deep Bay with a focus on applied research and education. The floor in one of the CSR loading bays has been lowered to allow the AERL to be parked inside. A proposed timeline and plan for developing Strategic Plan for Science & Technology will be presented at the next Faculty Council meeting. The process will likely take about 16 to 18 months to complete.

Senator's Report

A number of stage one proposals were approved. There was considerable discussion at Senate about the proposed Certificate for University Courses. That credential is intended to recognize student accomplishments who may have completed courses far away from one of VIU's campuses and is general enough to cover a wide range of programming. Changes to the Engineering Program were approved by Senate.

Course Changes

New Course Proposal – BIOL 363 – Coastal Resource Use Eric Demers

Concerns were raised about pre-requisites as no statistics and/or research methods courses are required and it was not clear what was intended by third year standing. It also needs to be made clear why this should be considered as a third year course. Questions were also raised about the resources required to deliver the course (technician time, expenses for transportation, fuel, supplies, etc.). As Fisheries and Aquaculture were opposed to the course, the proponent was asked to meet with that department in an effort to resolve any outstanding issues. The proposal was tabled until next meeting.

CHEM 221 and CHEM 321

Concerns raised about having the math content being taught in non-math courses so that reference should be removed.

Approved as revised.

Honours Program

Todd Barsby

A draft document that should allow Science Departments to offer Honours programs as appropriate was presented for discussion. The draft will be circulated to departments for review and comment.

Meeting Adjourned - 2PM