

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**

**Friday, February 6, 2015**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210**

**Present:** Don Noakes (Chair and Recorder), Bill Beese, Brian Dick, Todd Barsby, Eric Demers, Greg Klimes, John Amaral, Huizhu Liu, Don Furnell, Aubrey Robertson (Student Representative)

**Regrets:** Dave Bigelow, Tim Stokes

**Guest:** Celia White (Coordinator/Health Communities)

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***Approval of Agenda***

Motion and seconded to approve:  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

***Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – January 16, 2015***

Motion and seconded to approve:  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

***Connecting Curriculum to Food Sustainability***

Celia White provided a summary of the information in a handout.

***Timing of Animal Care Approval for New Courses***

Liz Gillis provided a summary of the process and timelines, and she noted that all *new* courses that use animals would require an animal use protocol before they are sent to Curriculum Committee.

***Representation on Faculty of Science Safety Committee (FSSC)***

Peter Diamente requested participation from teaching faculty at the FSSC to ensure a broader perspective. There was also discussion about the need for someone from the Research Office to attend these meetings. The new biosafety regulations may also require some change to the membership and function of this committee. Currently, the committee meets once every two months. A suggestion was made that terms of reference be developed for the FSSC to outline duties and responsibilities.

***Dean's Report***

Spring Break Days: March 19-25, 2015

A handout was provided and circulated.

Don Noakes reported that there is no new information or update about the proposed Health and Science Building.

Don encourages faculty to submit nominations for Honorary Doctorate candidates – internationally respected ecologist and entomologist Dr. Buzz Holling was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the recent Convocation.

Currently, there are two postings for new faculty – one in Fisheries and Aquaculture and the other in Resource Management. Closing dates are on February 25, 2015.

The draft budget for 2015-2016 is currently being presented to various committees, and it will go to the Board in late March for approval.

***Senators' Report***

A proposal for a Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Centre was approved at the recent Senate meeting.

***Curriculum Committee Submissions***

Aboriginal Fisheries Technician Certificate Program;  
Fish and Fish Habitat Inventory Methods – 3 days; and  
Fish and Fish Habitat Inventory Methods – 5 days

A number of questions were raised about the content for each course and potential overlaps. Some of the confusion may be editorial (mistakes created through copying and pasting sections of text from one document to another), or a lack of detail or clarity. It was also noted that one course (> 70 hours) required more detail before going to Curriculum Committee. The proposals were tabled and the Dean will ask Darren Hebert for changes to be made prior to resubmission.

***Revisions to Faculty By-Laws***

Tabled for future discussion.

***Motion to adjourn:***

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

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Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.