

Faculty of Science and Technology

Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, June 9, 2017

12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

Present: Don Noakes (Chair), Todd Barsby, Jerome Lesemann, John Morgan, Gara Pruesse, Eric Demers, and Erik Krogh

Regrets: Doug Corrin, Stefanie Duff, Christine Holt (Student Representative), Brian Dick, and Dave Bigelow

Guest: Daniela Fischer Russell

Approval of Agenda

Approved with curriculum items moved to beginning of meeting.

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – April 7, 2017

Approved.

Dean's Report

Several searches underway, some successful and some not. Search for temporary Admin Assistant has been slow but hope to identify some candidates for interviews soon.

Woodlot: Working on final details including a road access agreement, First Nations consultations, status of lock blocks and cones, and updating the management plan. Hopefully, these final steps will be completed in July and potentially logging later this year.

Deep Bay: Focused on public education, research and demonstration farm. Relationships with the BCSGA and other groups have improved. Currently producing about 5 million oyster seed with the excess to our needs being sold through the BCSGA this month.

CRC in Shellfish Aquaculture and Genomics: A good candidate has been identified and the chair nomination and CFI/BCKDF proposals are expected to be submitted by the end of June 2017. If the nomination is successful, the CRC will start January 2018.

Chemistry Major: Work is progressing and expect a submission to FC in September 2017.

Health and Science Building: Construction has started and is on schedule. Just over half of the tenders have been awarded with the last being sometime in July.

NREP: A full set of courses is currently scheduled. A number new offerings will include a 1-day electrofishing certification. Currently working on a blended (online and face-to-face) version of electrofishing, and a number of shellfish courses have been recently updated.

Fisheries and Aquaculture: The department has been asked to submit a proposal for a new degree to the Faculty Council in October and the Faculty Council to provide its recommendation to the Dean by the end of October. Science and Technology chairs/departments will be consulted.

Senators' Report

No report.

Adding a Minor from outside the degree ***(T. Barsby)***

There was general support to allow students to mix and match majors and minors. However, there is a need to clarify the specific requirements for BSc and BA minor combinations for students so they clearly understand what courses are required. Todd and/or Eric will review the language to ensure the requirements are clearly articulated for students.

Addition of BSc Honours to the Institutional B.Sc. Requirements ***(T. Barsby)***

There is a need to have standardized wording for Science. Todd will review and provide draft language for sections that are appropriate for review by Chairs and Faculty Council.