

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**  
**Friday, March 6, 2015**  
**12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210**

**Present:** Don Noakes (Chair), John Amaral, Todd Barsby, Brian Dick, Eric Demers, Marilyn Funk (RMAP representative), Don Furnell, Sandra Johnstone (EASC representative), Huizhu Liu, Rae-Anne Savard (recorder)

**Regrets:** Bill Beese, Dave Bigelow, Aubrey Robertson (Student representative)

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### *Approval of Agenda*

Motion to approve: D. Furnell  
Seconded: J. Amaral  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

### *Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – February 6, 2015*

Under Liz Gillis' Timing of Animal Care Approval for New Courses, change sentence to read:

“she noted that all new courses that use animals would require an animal use protocol before they are sent to Curriculum Committee.”

Motion to approve as amended: T. Barsby  
Seconded: J. Amaral  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

### *Dean's Report*

The competitions for two faculty positions (Resource Management and Fisheries & Aquaculture) have closed. The Selection Committees will meet next week to screen and short-list candidates.

The Faculty Meeting notes have been posted to our website.

There is no update on the Fisheries Program redevelopment.

### *Senators' Report*

Brian Dick reported that there was an update on ABE funding at Senate. The provincial government will provide bridge funding for another year until the transition is complete. VIU's Financial Aid will provide resources in assisting students applying for funding.

Dave Witty is hopeful on provincial funding for capital, and he is marginally hopeful on funding for the new Health and Science building.

The 2015-2016 budget was presented to Planning & Priorities then to Senate, and it has gone to the Board of Governors for approval. The budget document is available online.

The Planning & Priorities Committee is working closely with the Provost Office on Summative Assessment (SPA).

**ACTION:** Don Noakes will forward SPA Reports to the Faculty.

The Registrar sent a call for nominations for Science and Technology representatives for Senate and Curriculum Committee (the nomination period will end on March 13). Brian Dick intends to self-nominate again for Senate; Todd Barsby will self-nominate for Curriculum Committee, if no one else plans to step forward.

Todd mentioned that at Curriculum, the Psychology Department proposed dropping MATH 161 (Intro. to Statistics for Social Sciences) as a prerequisite for B.Sc. and B.A. degrees. As voting members, Todd (Curriculum) and Dave Bigelow (Senate) plan to oppose this proposal at Curriculum.

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

Housekeeping: Remove Horticulture and change any references to University-College Professor to Professor.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the addition of 5.3.2.7, Meeting Attendance, it was decided to leave as written:

“An elected Faculty Council member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned. However, when appropriate, such a Faculty Council member may be reinstated by a motion of the Faculty Council.”

Motion to approve: B. Dick

Seconded: T. Barsby

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Council was reminded that all Advisors are part of Faculty Council as non-voting members. Also mentioned was a reminder for the Dean’s Office to circulate Faculty Council meeting times and agendas in advance to all faculty so anyone can attend.

Following a lengthy discussion on By-law 5.1 j):

“As the Faculty Council is accountable to the Faculty, any recommendation or decision taken by the Faculty Council or committee formed under 5.1. f) is subject to the review and formal ratification of the Faculty which, if it rejects a recommendation or decision taken by the Faculty Council, will require redress.”

it was decided that Don Noakes would provide a summarized list of motions made at Council for review and formal ratification at all-Faculty biannual meetings.

In addition, Don will provide a summarized list of motions to Council prior to all-Faculty meetings.

**ACTION:** Don Noakes will include the item “Summary of Faculty Council Motions” on all-Faculty meeting agendas.

Revisions to Composition of Faculty:

- 2. e) i) Non-regular (temporary) instructors holding less than 50% of a full-time appointment within the Faculty of Science and Technology are non-voting members.
- 2. f) i) all technicians and support staff including those on leave; non-regular (temporary) technician and support staff holding less than 50% of a full-time appointment within the Faculty of Science and Technology are non-voting members.

The track changes option will be used to revise the By-laws and the amended document will be forwarded to Council members. The version with track changes will be kept until the By-laws are ratified at an all-Faculty meeting.

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Motion to adjourn: T. Barsby  
Seconded: J. Amaral  
All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.