

*Faculty of Science and Technology*  
**Minutes – Faculty Council Meeting**  
Monday, October 22, 2012  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
ICSS Boardroom – Building 395, Room 210

**Present:** Greg Crawford (Chair and Recorder), Rosemarie Ganassin, John Amaral, Duane Friesen, Gara Pruesse, Steve Earle, Don Furnell, Marise Wickman, Michael Girard, Dave Bigelow, Glen Pugh, Brian Dick, Greg Klimes

**Regrets:** Todd Barsby, Nathan Stefani

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***Approval of Agenda***

Motion to approve: B. Dick  
Seconded: D. Friesen  
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

***Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – September 17, 2012***

Motion to approve: G. Pruesse  
Seconded: D. Bigelow  
All in favour. **CARRIED.**

***Cancel October 29 Faculty Council Meeting?***

The meeting was cancelled, by general agreement.

***Dean's Report***

Greg Crawford summarized his budget proposal. No budget cuts were asked for, nor offered. Greg had 4 “asks” in his budget proposal (in order of priority): a half-time Computing Science Technician; one-time funds for renovations to centralize the Dean’s Office back into Bldg. 360 (and move displaced faculty members into the Dean and staff offices in Bldg. 359); modest, targeted increases in supplies budgets for Chemistry and Fisheries (based on historical expenses); as well as funds for modest additional release time for Chemistry and Physics Chairs, to support additional demands brought about because of the additional oversight of the AERL and the Engineering Transfer Program, respectively.

***Draft Motion: To adopt a Science and Technology Mission Statement***

The Dean brought forward the ongoing issue of the draft form of a mission statement for the Faculty. A previous draft mission statement was provided.

<p><b>ACTION:</b> <u>Faculty Council members</u> were asked to consult with their departments and to provide feedback to Steve Earle within 2 weeks. Steve will consolidate that feedback and report back at the next Faculty Council meeting.</p>
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## *Senators' Report*

Brian Dick discussed highlights from the two Planning and Priorities meetings (the special meeting of Oct. 1, 2012 and the regular one on Oct. 15, 2012). Much of those two meetings centred on the Provost's recommendations from the Summative Assessment process. At the special meeting, David Witty focused on those programs recommended for suspension and cancellation. He was asked to provide more information on the justification for his recommendations around suspension, cancellation, enhancement, and expansion for each program. At the subsequent regular meeting, he complied with this request. P&P subsequently passed a motion recognizing the Summative Assessment process was followed appropriately.

Also at P&P, Pat Eagar, Vice-President of Finance and Administration, presented the environmental scan for 2013-14 and beyond. Funding challenges continue; it remains to be seen how the PSE sector will meet the \$20M savings prescribed by the Province for this year, as a part of the "Shared Services" project. Data were presented showing relatively poor student retention rates, particularly for the transition from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Expect some additional analysis and activity on the topic of retention in the coming months.

<p><b>ACTION:</b> <u>Greg Crawford</u> to seek to obtain updates from Faculty representatives on other Senate Standing Committees.</p>
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### *Curriculum Committee:*

#### Course Change Proposal – CSCI 320, 370 and 485 (Gara Pruesse):

Gara brought forward course change proposals for CSCI 320, 370 and 485.

Motion to approve: D. Bigelow

Seconded: G. Klimes

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

#### Response from Suzie Nilson et al.: SCIE 101 and 301:

Tabled until the next Faculty Council Meeting.

Motion to adjourn: B. Dick

Seconded: S. Earle

All in favour. **CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at around 5:30 p.m.