

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

Present: Don Noakes, Todd Barsby, Brian Dick, Stefanie Duff, Huizhu Liu, Jerome Lesemann, Eric Demers, Caroline Josefsson, Bill Beese, John Morgan

Regrets: Aubrey Robertson, Mark Noyon, Doug Corrin, David Bigelow, Erik Krogh

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: T. Barsby

Seconded: B. Dick

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Approval of Faculty Council Minutes – September 25, 2015

Motion to approve: B. Beese

Seconded: D. Bigelow

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

Dean's Report

2015/16 Budget Submission Update:

As part of the institutional commitment on a IM CFI grant, \$28K was approved for the AERL Mass Spectrometer – total cost of Mass Spectrometer is approx. \$1M, with most of the funding from external sources; allowed to deficit finance [cost-recovery] some expenses associated with the research centres; some faculties also received some limited funding for new initiatives (Tier I requests).

Promoting a science requirement for non-science programs as part of the “institutional breadth requirement”:

Regarding interdisciplinary studies, there is confusion over the nomenclature used to identify these courses, making it difficult for students to find the courses and determine if they can be used to satisfy their program requirements. Discussions to address these issues are ongoing. There is also an interest in exploring opportunities for new interdisciplinary courses and programs. Some discussions have taken place to identify potential areas and interest that may merit further considerations.

At the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA) Business Summit, Premier Clark announced \$100K to plan the new Health and Science Building, as well as an automotive, motorcycle and marine repair facility. There will be funding of \$1M for IT upgrades at VIU.

Associate Dean: The Selection Committee met once and members have now begun reviewing CVs. It is expected that the Committee will start short-listing and interviews in November.

Senators' Report

PP&P has begun looking at the results of the Summative Program Assessment and, once complete, the SPA reports with recommendations will be forwarded to Senate. Faculty are encouraged to submit nominations for potential Honourary Doctorate candidates.

Impact of Web of Science and Journal Cancellations

There was a general discussion about access and use of the Web of Science and other databases. Students are only briefly introduced to the Web of Science during library orientation and tend to use Google or other search engines, based on their own experience. Faculty felt it was very important to emphasize the importance of these databases to students, and they reiterated their concern about the potential cancellation of databases that were deemed important to science, both for teaching and for applied research.

Curriculum Committee Submissions

There were no submissions.

Revisions to Faculty By-Laws

- Formalize other Standing Committees (e.g., P&P Sub-committee and Curriculum Committee Sub-committee)
- Appoint Administrators as Faculty members, including the Dean
- Non-regular (temporary) instructors holding appointments less than 50% within the Faculty are non-voting members: appointments for the term, for the year, or both if teaching both terms?

This item was tabled until the next Council meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.