

*Faculty of Science and Technology*

**Notes – Faculty Meeting**

Friday, September 26, 2014

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Building 355, Room 211

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***Welcome/Announcements***

Don welcomed the Faculty. He announced that Sarie Cooke-Yarborough is leaving Science and Technology and accepted a new position in the Finance Department.

Don and Sarie are currently working on the 2015-2016 budget, which will roll over from last year.

Don is hoping for support for the Math major (Stage 1 started) and for the Chemistry major in Environment or Biochemistry.

Currently underway is the redevelopment of the Fisheries and Aquaculture programs, the English course to support the Engineering Certificate, and CFI funding for the AERL mobile mass spectrometer (VIU funding).

ACTION: <u>Don Noakes</u> to summarize the budget and forward to the Faculty.
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***Approval of Faculty Meeting Notes – December 3, 2013 and April 15, 2014***

Motion to approve: E. Demers

Seconded: D. Bigelow

All in favour: **CARRIED.**

***Dean's Report***

Don met with the Salmon Farmers' Association regarding upcoming salmon projects, and he will be meeting with the Shellfish Growers along with Stefanie Duff.

The Aquaculture Association meeting will be held on campus in May and will highlight VIU.

Don would like the Faculty to inform him of any other meetings he should be attending.

This year, the Math and Computing Science articulation meetings will take place on campus.

## *Senators' Report*

The focus was on populating the committees at the Planning and Priorities meeting. At the Senators' Retreat, most of the talk was about the shift from Government to have 25% of the universities' budgets go towards Trade programs. The Provincial Government wants stronger partnerships with industry, although Trades are already well developed at VIU; there may be some impact on academics. This is the first time that funding from government has dropped (\$25 million next year) since 1984-1985.

Senators also met with the Cowichan School District 79's Superintendent on the involvement in dual-credit courses for high school students. Dual-credit would allow students to take university programs this coming Spring. The Cowichan campus already offers English, and the Math department agreed to start offering Calculus in February; however, there may be staffing issues, as the high school semester will end at a different date than VIU's. Taking dual-credit courses will introduce students to VIU as a viable institution, and it will help develop the Cowichan campus.

The Dean mentioned that there is interest for first year science courses at the Cowichan campus; however, there is only one science lab. He would like to see one science course offering, such as Chemistry, Biology or Physics.

Don participated in a meeting regarding the concept plan for the new Health and Science Building. A concept document will be presented to the Ministry of Education later this month. More information will be forwarded to the Faculty as it becomes available.

The Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) will be on campus for and inspection in the near future.

Student Representatives introduced themselves: Aubrey Robertson, Computing Science (also Representative on Faculty Council); Ericka Lee-Tuck, Geoscience; Abbi Adams, Chemistry; and Lenora Turcotte and Noelle Brangman, Fisheries and Aquaculture.

New regular faculty members introduced themselves: Joslynn Affleck, Biology, and Jessie Key, Chemistry (was a Sessional Instructor for 2 years).

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Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.