Minutes of the Faculty of Science Meeting No. 125
held on
Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Ad-Hum Fifth Floor Boardroom (AH 527)

Present: D. Gagnon (Chair), N. Ashton, M. Brigham, J. Buttigieg, C. Butz, A. Cameron, S. Cheng,
T. Dahms, A. East, D. Farenick, K. Finlay, B. Hall, O. Hoeber, N. Kolev, M. Kowbel, J. Lockert,
L. Mihichuk, N. Mobed, S. Murphy, S. Mwangangi, A. Perra, H. Qing, J. Rose, C. Somers,
B. Sterenberg, S. Szymanski, H. Weger, B. Yang, XD. Yang, J.T. Yao, Y. Yao, A. Yeaman

Senate Representatives: B. Krismer

Representatives from other Faculties: B. Bonner, M. Chipanshi, R. Horowitz

Regrets: M. Barbi, R. Manzon, P. Stroh, S. Zilles

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Brigham/Sterenberg
   Moved approval of the agenda as posted on the Faculty of Science website. CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 124 HELD NOVEMBER 23RD, 2012
   Mihichuk/Farenick CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING
   N/A

4. CHAIR’S REMARKS
   • Budget
   • Retirements
   • Science Rendezvous May 11, 2013

5. ASSOCIATE DEAN (ACADEMIC) REPORT
   5.1 Admissions and Studies Committee (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the
   A & S Reports). (Attached as Appendix I)

   5.1.2 (1.0) Faculty of Science
   Approval of Graduands
   Mobed/Sterenberg CARRIED

6. ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES) REPORT
   • NSERC USRA applications are due in FGSR on February 4th, 2013. This is one avenue to help
     with the training of HQP. It is also an opportunity to interest our brightest undergraduate students
     in our research programs.

   • The Dean of Arts has installed Google Apps for Education at the University of Regina. Dean
     Kleer has made Dr. Butz a system administrator for Science accounts. Please contact Dr. Butz if
     you would like an account. It is noted that these accounts are not linked with Groupwise at the
     moment.
7. FACULTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT  
(Attached as Appendix II)

8. NEW BUSINESS  
No new business.

9. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER UNITS  
9.1 Faculty of Arts  
• The Faculty of Arts voted to disallow Chem100 and Math104 as electives-for-credit in Faculty of Arts degrees, on the grounds that these are remedial high-school-level courses. One member asked why we numbered these as 1xx courses, since in the Faculty of Arts such courses are most commonly numbered 0xx, especially 09x.  
• There was a motion to allow ACAD100 (offered by the Centre for Continuing Education) as an elective-for-credit in Faculty of Arts degrees, but after this was motioned and seconded, a debate resulted in the motion being tabled and sent back to an internal Faculty of Arts committee. This course seems to be about preparing students for critical reading and learning, and yet somehow different than (and perhaps a useful preparation for) ENGL100.  
• Faculty Arts will be denying Staff Travel claims for the rest of the academic year as a result of budget limitations. Their Dean is being asked to reconsider his first-come-first-served policy on his limited Staff Travel budget.

9.2 Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies  
• Dr. Harold Reimer has accepted the appointment of Acting Dean effective July 1, 2013.  
• There are ongoing discussions about Time Tabling issues.

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER UNITS, SENATE AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES  
10.1 Faculty of Fine Arts  
• Risa Horowitz will be the representative from the faculty while Rachelle Viader Knowles is on sabbatical leave.  
• Everyone is invited to the Fine Arts Presentation Series at the MacKenzie Art Gallery: January 22, Charity Marsh - Canada's Hip Hop Nation(s): Imagined Communities, Diasporic Identities, and Youth Empowerment; February 5, Dominic Gregorio - Liederabend: A recital of German Art Song featuring works by Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms and Mahler; March 5, Ian Campbell – Film / Music Performance; March 19, Sarah Abbott – Film Screening: In the Minds of All Beings: Tsogyal Latso of Tibet; April 2, Christine Ramsay - The Double and David Cronenberg.  
• Thank you for your support for the Digital Media Labs.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS  
11.1 Department of Biology  
• Nola Erhardt has been appointed as a Tenure Track Lab Instructor.  
• Change in name of the Environmental Quality Analysis Laboratory 2 (EQAL2) to the Institute for Environmental Change and Society (IECS).

11.2 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
• Dr. Stephen Cheng has been appointed as a tenured Lecturer.
11.3 Department of Computer Science
- Canadian Computing Education Day was proclaimed by the Canadian Association of Computer Science/Association d'Informatique Canadienne to occur on Feb. 22 this year. This event is part of the national program initiated by CACS/AIC to emphasize the importance of computing.

11.4 Department of Geology
- Undergraduate enrollment is increasing and this is putting pressure on lab sessions. The department is offering additional labs in the evenings (6:00 – 9:00 pm).
- Are developing a 1 year course based Masters program in Mining and Mineral Exploration. This was the brainchild of Dr. Stephen Bend over 6 years ago, and a lot of progress has been made in the last year.

11.5 Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- Everyone is invited to the Feb. 7 lecture at 7:00 pm in RI 119.
- March 2 is the Math Challenge with the Saskatchewan Math Teachers Society. It is held every second year.
- Chelsea Valois, a 4th year ACSC Major, has taken a leave from her studies to compete in the Olympic bobsledding team.

11.6 Department of Physics
- Dr. Nikolay Kolev has been appointed as a tenured Lecturer.
- Mr. Wayne Tokaruk has been appointed as a Term Lab Instructor.
- Dr. Garth Huber has been appointed the Director of the Canadian Institute of Nuclear Physics effective May 1, 2013.

12. OTHER BUSINESS
   No Report

13. ADJOURNMENT
   Brigham/Mihichuk
   The meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm. CARRIED