Minutes of the Faculty of Science
Council Meeting No. 140
held on
Monday, September 19th, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.
in the Classroom Building, CL 112


Senate Representatives: L. Brown

L. Tottenham

Regrets: R. Manzon, L. Mihichuk, B. Hall, G. Hunter

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Moved to approve the agenda
   Brigham/MacKnight
   CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 139 HELD MAY 10TH, 2016
   Ashton/MacKnight
   CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING
   No business arising.

4. RENOVATIONS TO COLLEGE WEST & LABORATORY BUILDING
   • Presentation by Paula Matz and Nelson Wagner from Facilities Management about the upcoming renovations that will take place in College West and the Laboratory Building. There will be a Town Hall that will take place on October 13th for any additional information.

5. CHAIR’S REMARKS
   Introduction
   • Welcome to the Fall Semester, and thank you for coming today.
   I wish to extend a “thank you” to the former Dean of Science, Daniel Gagnon, for his contributions to our Faculty over the last several years.
   Budget
• The Faculty of Science did not experience a reduction in its operating budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The funds transferred to Science are $16.2 million, which is an increase over the previous year by $517K to account for the growth in salaries and benefits.

**Academic Unit Reviews**

• AURs will take place this year for the Departments of Biology and Computer Science.

**Science Stores**

• In an effort to extend the reach of the services provided by Science Stores to the campus as a whole, and to better address overall risk management and accountability issues, the administration of Science Stores will be transferred to Supply Management Services, effective January 1, 2017, with the aim of having Science Stores eventually grow into a larger entity, tentatively called University Stores.

The current storekeeper, Mr. Joe Zieger, will report to SMS as of January 1, 2017.

6. **ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES REPORT)**

• Science will have 15 NSERC Discovery Grant applications submitted in this cycle.

• The UofR quota for NSERC RTI (Research Tools and Instruments) applications is 5.

• Science has submitted a LOI from the Department of Physics for the open NSERC CRC Tier II position and a LOI from the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry for the open CIHR CRC Tier II position.

• FGSR has allocated Science two Saskatchewan Innovation Scholarships. Each scholarship is worth $10,000. The top application from each department will be forwarded to the Science Graduate Scholarship Committee who will decide upon the top two applications.

7. **ASSOCIATE DEAN (ACADEMIC)**

7.1 **Admissions and Studies Committee (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the A & S Reports). (Attached as Appendix III).**

7.1.1 (1.0) **Faculty of Science**

Approval of Graduands

Mobed/Coulson

CARRIED

(2.0) **Faculty of Science, and Department of Economics**

(2.1) Approval to change requirements for BSc Major in Economics and BSc Honors Major in Economics.

Mobed/Coulson

CARRIED

(3.0) **Department of Physics**

(3.1) Approval to move the Bachelor of Medical Imaging program from the Faculty of Science to the Department of Physics.

Mobed/Teymurazyan

CARRIED

(4.0) **Faculty of Science, and Department of Psychology**

(4.1) Approval to add Math 103 as an acceptable alternate to Math 110 and replace Biol 265 with Biol 378 as an approved elective within the BSc Major and BSc Honours Major in Psychology.

Mobed/Meagher

CARRIED

7.2 **Scholarship Committee Report (Attached as Appendix IV)**
8. **Faculty Administrator Report**  
*(Attached as Appendix V).*

9. **New Business**
   - Discussion on the Faculty of Science Strategic Plan 2016-2020  
     *(Attached as Appendix I)*
     Vanderwel/Sterenberg  
     CARRIED

10. **Items for Discussion**
   - The Faculty of Science and the University of Regina will be hosting the Canada Wide Science Fair held Saturday, May 13 – Saturday, May 20, 2017.
   - Accommodations for Students with Disabilities have increased and the Centre for Student Accessibility can no longer provide invigilators. As of September, any exams booked to be written in the CSA Adaptive Technology lab that require an invigilator will have to be coordinated and paid by the home Faculty.
   - The Graduate Students are paying full fees in a semester in which they are only defending their thesis. Currently we do not have any mechanism at the U of R to scale down the fees accordingly.
   - A discussion on workload allocation and balance was held based on a discussion paper of the Acting Dean. *(Attached as Appendix II)*

11. **Reports from Science Representatives to Other Faculties/Units/Committees**
   - No reports.

12. **Reports from Representatives from Other Faculties, Senate and Student Representatives**
   - No reports.

13. **Department Reports**
   - **Department of Biology**
     - No Report.
   - **Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry**
     - Dr. Andrew Chan joined the Department as a Lab Instructor for a term position ending May 31, 2017.
     - Jianxin (James) Cai joined the Department as a Lab Instructor for a term position ending April 30, 2017.
13.3 Department of Computer Science
- Sandra Zilles has been named a member of the College of New Scholars, the Royal Society of Canada.
- Drs. Maguire and Zhang have been appointed Adjunct Professors for five years (until Aug. 2021).
- Enrolments are on the rise and we reached classroom capacity in many of our classes. We can however hardly manage this increase due to the shortage of resources especially given that we lost several positions in the past years.
- CIPS (Canadian Information Processing Society) re-accreditation of our programs (BSc and BSc Honours) is due this year. Our department is the only Computer Science department in Canada to have been accredited continuously since 1982.

13.4 Department of Geology
- Dr. Stephen Bend, professor of petroleum geology, is the recipient of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) Foundation Professorial Award. The award is given annually to a professor for “excellence in the teaching of natural resources in the earth sciences.”

- Dr. Janis Dale has received the Fellow of Geoscientists Canada Designation. The designation is given in honour of Dale’s exceptional contributions to the geoscience profession in Canada.

13.5 Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- No Report.

13.6 Department of Physics
- Dr. George Lolos retired June 2016 and has been granted the title “Professor Emeritus” by the University of Regina.

14. Other Business
    No other business.

15. Adjournment
    Coulson
    The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm