

MINUTES

115th Meeting of the Science Faculty Council
held on Tuesday, October 27th, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in Senate Chambers

PRESENT: M. Whitmore (Chair) E. Worobec R. Roshko
P. Graham J. Harper R. Padmanabhan
B. Li P. Hultin M. Docker
M. Piercey-Normore J. van Wijngaarden J. Sorensen
G. Anderson K. Sharma M. Shaw
H. Duckworth J. Hare J. Brewster
X. Wang G. Robinson E. Smirnova
C. Bartels C. Platt T. Kucera
J. van Rees B. Wong R. Viray
J. Marcus F. Lin R. Eskicioglu
P. Budzelaar J. Anderson B. Haan
A. Thavaneswaran A. Leblanc G. Krause
T. Schultz L. Lester

REGRETS: H. Luong S. Cheng F. Gauvin
J. Anderson J. Williams M. Sumner
D. Gillis M. Davidson D. Court
K. Gough P. Dibrov I. Diallo

1. Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost

Dean Whitmore welcomed Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, to the Faculty Council meeting. Dr. Keselman addressed Council, speaking about the budgetary challenges the university is currently facing, future directions and opportunities. Six theme areas have been identified as part of the Academic Enhancement program. Deans have been advised to prepare budgets which could accommodate a 5% cut in funding. The ROSE and OARS projects have been initiated and Dr. Keselman asked that ideas and suggestions be forwarded to the on-line suggestion boxes for these projects.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 114th meeting of the Faculty Council, held on September 8, 2009. Moved by R. Eskicioglu, seconded by J. Van Rees.

CARRIED

3. Advancement and Development Plan

Karen Fowler, Development Officer for the Faculty of Science, presented an Advancement and Development Plan for the Faculty. (attached)

4. Faculty of Science Awards

Faculty of Science Award of Excellence

MOTION: to approve the terms of reference as distributed for the Faculty of Science Award of Excellence. Moved by R. Eskicioglu, seconded by H. Duckworth.

CARRIED

Faculty of Science Dean's Research List

- Should ensure sufficient participation in research, which may include NSERC or Faculty of Science USRAs, 4th year Honour students, research done on a volunteer basis.

MOTION TO APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE: the proposal for the Faculty of Science Dean's Research List, with detailed terms of reference to come. Moved by H. Duckworth, seconded by P. Hultin.

CARRIED

Faculty of Science Ph.D. Dissertation Award of Excellence and the Faculty of Science M.Sc. Award of Excellence

- Under eligibility: reword with regard to the Faculty of Graduate Studies

MOTION TO APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE: the terms of reference as distributed for the Faculty of Science Ph.D. Dissertation Award of Excellence and the Faculty of Science M.Sc. Award of Excellence, with the terms of reference to be reworded as noted above and returned to Faculty Council for approval. Moved by R. Eskicioglu, seconded by G. Robinson.

CARRIED

Faculty of Science Support Staff Award of Excellence and the Faculty of Science Support Staff Innovation Award

MOTION: to approve the terms of reference as distributed for the Faculty of Science Support Staff Award of Excellence and the Faculty of Science Support Staff Innovation Award. Moved by H. Duckworth, seconded by R. Eskicioglu.

CARRIED

Faculty of Science Distinguished Scholar Medal

- Reword to ensure appropriate student involvement.
- Approval deferred to next meeting.

Faculty of Science Young Faculty Award of Excellence

- Should this mirror the above Distinguished Scholar Medal comments?
- There was a discussion of the overall merits of this award.
- Approval deferred to next meeting.

Approval of the following awards deferred to next meeting:

- Faculty of Science Award for Sustained Research Excellence
- Faculty of Science Award for Sustained Teaching Excellence
- Faculty of Science Award for Innovation in Teaching and Academic Program Development
- Faculty of Science Outreach Award

Faculty of Science Distinguished Alumni Award and the Faculty of Science Young Alumni Award

MOTION TO APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE: the terms of reference for the Faculty of Science Distinguished Alumni Award and the Faculty of Science Young Alumni Award, with final approval from the Faculty of Science Dean's External Advisory Committee. Moved by H. Duckworth, seconded by J. Anderson.

CARRIED

ACTION: Dean Whitmore to check if the faculty awards need Senate approval.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.