

**YORK UNIVERSITY**  
**COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting October 11, 2011**

**Present:**

M. H. Armour, A. Asif, N. Balaskas, M. Baljko, R. Ber, D.H. Bohme, W. Booth, P. Cribb, M. De Robertis, J. Gajiwala, P. Gibson, D. Hastie, E.A. Hessels, E. Honarparvar, R. Hornsey, S. Kochman, P. Koterniak, J. Lavigne, N. Madras, M. McCall, H. McLellan, A. Mendlowitz, S. Nazari, K. Pivarov, J. Rudolph, A.M.K. Szeto, W. Tholen, M.W. Wong

- 1.1 Minutes of the Meeting:  
Notes of the meeting of May 8, 2011(for information)

Minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting  
N. Madras moved and P. Cribb seconded that they be approved. **Carried with one abstention.**

- 1.2 Matters Arising  
Nothing brought forth.

- 1.3 Inquiries & Communications  
-- *September 22 Senate Meeting Synopses (for information only)*  
-- *June 23 Senate Meeting Synopses (for information only)*  
-- *May 26 Senate Meeting Synopses (for information only)*

- 1.4 Dean's Remarks

Associate Dean D. Hastie on behalf of Dean Kozinski:

The Dean apologized for not being able to attend October's meeting and promised to be in attendance for November's.

A special welcome was highlighted for new faculty and W. Tholen was thanked for his various roles at FSE and congratulated on his new role as Assistant Vice-President, Research & Innovation.

We are currently in a new hiring cycle, we have a CRC position in Space Science and another in ESSE. We also have a Tier 2 CRC in Digital Media.

H. McLellan provided an overview of the FSE budget stating our revenue base is just under 50 million dollars, and while we have received revenue, our expenses total over 52 million leaving us with a deficit. We've incurred budget cuts that have chipped away at our base fund and most of our expenses are salaries. While we have not been told if there will be further budget cuts, we can expect another 3.5% during 2012-2013.

D. Hastie also reminded Council we are in the merit cycle and applications are due Monday October 17.

P. Wilson motioned to move section 1.8 to the current time and have all other Council agenda items follow. P. Potvin moved and D. Hastie seconded. **Carried.**

- 1.5 Associate Deans' and Bethune Master Remarks

D. Hastie, Associate Dean, Faculty: Merit exercise is due following week.

P. Cribb, Associate Dean, Students: P. Cribb presented a report on admissions for the Fall, stating the Faculty fell a little short of the target in terms of enrolment but might have a chance to recuperate with the Winter term enrolments, event though it will not be matched. P. Cribb

was also asked to follow up on how the current enrolment numbers compared to students in the 90s.

Follow up to the co-op programs with the AIF grant: a second version of the proposal is currently with undergrad program directors and chairs and we are closing in on a framework. It is hoped that within the next month or so departments together with their curriculum committees will discuss the proposal and bring forth suggestions to Council.

W. Tholen, Associate Dean, Research: various activities took place over the summer, one in particular such as leading a working group in LSB and meeting with graduate program directors to look into main issues that we might have with our current graduate programs. The latter will prove quite useful since central administration has approved the decentralization of graduate programs from FGS.

The Faculty has hired Margaret Hoff as the new director of Research and International Development.

Currently, there is a plan to issue "FSE and You" an interactive newsletter that will be distributed weekly.

P. Wilson motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, P. Cribb moved and D. Hastie seconded. **Carried.**

R. Hornsey, Associate Dean, School of Engineering: The Engineering expansion will be going ahead and new Engineering programs are being rolled out for 2013-2015.

#### 1.6 Reports from Science and Engineering Representatives on Senate Committees

#### 1.7 Reports of Committees

##### *Consent Agenda*

-- Science Curriculum Committee (Part I & II)

-- Engineering Curriculum Committee (Part I & II)

**Approved.**

##### *For Action*

-- E&P Report – Vacancies on Senate & FSE Committees

P. Cribb announced that Committee on Teaching and Learning would have Michael Belanger as their staff representative. The Vice-Chair of Council is still vacant as are two spots on the Petitions committee. A. Asif moved and R. Hornsey seconded this be approved. **Carried.**

-- Science Curriculum Committee (Part III of attachment 1.7.1)

P. Wilson motions, P. Cribb moved and R. Hornsey seconded that these be approved. **Carried.**

-- Engineering Management and Planning Committee

Motion to approve by R. Hornsey, seconded by M. McCall. The change is in the language requirements making them more in line with other universities. **Carried.**

-- Engineering Curriculum Committee (Part III of attachment 1.7.2)

Motion to approve by R. Hornsey, seconded by A. Asif. The issues are mostly housekeeping and an opportunity to include the new course. **Carried.**

-- Changes to the Rules and Procedures of Council

P. Wilson suggested delaying the item as there will be ongoing discussions and the people who need to speak on the motion are not present.

D. Hastie moved and P. Cribb seconded. **Carried.**

*For Information*

- Science Curriculum Committee
- CEAS Report
- CEAS Appeals Sub-Committee
- Petitions Committee
- Committee on Tenure and Promotions
- Committee on Research & Awards
- Resource Committee

1.8 Other Business

FSE Council welcomed a visit from Robert Hache, Vice-President Research & Innovation. The mandate of the VPRI is to provide leadership to promote the growth and development of the York research enterprise, grow the individual culture of research at York and promote the strategic development of research. VP Hache outlined the objectives for 2011-2012 year:

1. A more collaborative discourse and transparency of process with respect to the development of research at York
2. Starting to develop new mechanisms for community engagement
3. ORU policy update
4. Update of York strategic research plan

The VPRI office has also assembled a team called SPORT (Strategic Projects Opportunity Review Team) which has the main function of improving communication between the VPRI office and the Provost office on resource implications. The secondary goal is to identify project risks upfront and take a proactive approach to mitigating risk.

A question and answer period followed VP's Hache's presentation to Council.

The Chair motioned to adjourn, P. Cribb moved and M. McCall seconded. The meeting ended at 4:45 pm.