Minutes Chemistry Innovation Council

November 8, 2008

Chair: Dr. Robert Lemieux Co-Chair: Dr. Dale Cameron

Attending: Dale Cameron, Bob Lemieux, Cynthia Fekken, Walter Szarek, John Carran, Jack Bikker, Walter Chan, Rui Resendes, Rick Friesen, Heinz Plaumann, Will Rogers, David Thomas, Peter Kazmaier, Adi Treasurywala, Patty McHenry, Rick Boswell, Janice Mody, Tom Masey, David Mody, Michael Wells, Philip Jessop, Victor Snieckus and Barb Armstrong.

Regrets: Burton Branch, Bruce Chernoff, Lorenzo Ferrari, Cory Johnston, Daphne Lainson, Din Lal, Louis Lamontagne, Paul Matteau, John Molloy, Jan Oudenes, Dinesh Vyas, Danial Wayner, Markus Wicki, Barry Robins, Richard Devereaux, Randy Gossen, Ken Reucassel and Shirley Tilghman

MORNING SESSION:

Dale Cameron provided welcoming remarks.

New Members: Dr. Jack Bikker, Principal Research Scientist III, Wyeth Research, Dr. Peter Kazmaier, Manager of the New Materials Design Area, Xerox Research Centre of Canada. and Dr. Adi Treasurywala, President, ArrowCan Partners Inc..

Bob Lemieux welcomed the participants and reviewed the activities and state of the Chemistry Department. *Please see powerpoint presentation*.

Rick Boswell reported to council members on the new Innovation Park at Queen's. *Please see powerpoint presentation.*

Rui Resendes and Philip Jessop informed the council on the Green Chemistry Commercialization Centre. *Please see powerpoint presentation*.

Victor Snieckus advised the council about the Queen's Synthetic Organic Chemistry Institute. *Please see powerpoint presentation.*

Cathy Crudden updated the council on developments with the CREATE Novel Chiral Materials. *Please see powerpoint presentation.*

AFTERNOON SESSION

David Mody introduced the Technology, Engineering & Management (TEAM) project course. *Please* see powerpoint presentation.

John Carran updated the council on the QCIC Project graduate course on Drug Discovery. *Please see powerpoint presentation.*

Bob Lemieux asked the QCIC council, "in the current market place is there a need for a Professional M.Sc. in Chemistry and if so what would be the best format?" It was determined that there is a need in two areas; firstly a formal professional development program lasting 3 to 4 weeks in Green Chemistry. Secondly an intensive specific Chemistry course to be held either in the Department of Chemistry or at the company itself so that a large number of people in the company could attend.

Dale Cameron led the discussion regarding QCIC and the road ahead. It was determined that the previous mission statement was too big. Each year simple goals and objectives need to be set with small working groups assigned to each objective. The goals that were determined for this year were as follows: to obtain highly sought after graduate students, to determine the most important items for the department, and a marketing initiative Next year the agenda will be built around the vision statement and time will be set aside to talk about goal setting.

The council will be setting up a blog for QCIC council members to aid in the communication between group members.

The council would like to change the annual meeting date, the QCIC members will be surveyed to determine if the annual meeting time should be changed from November to late April or early May.

Adjournment: 3:00 pm by Bob Lemieux.