2.1 Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2009 and June 9, 2009
M/S Delaney/Reynolds to approve the minutes of Sept. 7 and June 9 – Carried

2.2 Matters Arising
There were none.

2.2 Inquiries & Communications
C. Haig-Brown spoke about the reform of Senate, and of the importance of Faculty Councils in the governance process. Some of the Senate committees have taken on additional responsibilities as a result of the reforms. The former Policy & Planning Committee is now the Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee, thus research will play an integral part in everything. The Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy Committee will focus on what is happening in program planning and program review. She said that Faculty Councils will need to be directly involved in planning and review of existing programs. She said that program reviews should go forward to Councils, and that Councils should perform an active role in the review process. She reminded members of Council that planning is a high priority this year, with the White Paper process underway. She said that she is encouraging Councils to have as a standing agenda item reports from Senate committees or from senators, so that Council members are informed.

2.4 Dean’s Remarks
W. Tholen: FSE undergraduate ffes are 10% above target, and graduate ffes even higher. At the September Council meeting, he had talked about the importance of the Green/White Paper process. He was in the process of visiting every department to alert everyone to the importance of this, and he encourages everyone to participate in the open fora to be held on November 2nd and 3rd. He outlined the six subject areas that are part of the Green Paper process, and said that he is part of the research group. He is working on the Horizon 2020 document, for which he has invited input, and plans to bring the document to the November Council meeting.

He noted that M. Daly has accepted the position in Space Science. The Faculty has only one new position, that of an MRI scientist. Agreement has been reached on how to conduct the search.

The VPRI has declared November to be research month. This is an opportunity for us to show-case our strengths, and it is important that we do so. On Tuesdays throughout November there are displays on research in Vari Hall. M. Jenkin will have a display on robots, and the Rover will be displayed. Faculty interested in participating in this exercise can contact P. Karwowska-Desaulniers or the office of the VPRI.

The search for the director of CRESS is underway.

2.5 Associate Deans’ and Bethune Master Remarks
J. Amanatides: Renovations in Bethune are continuing; by the end of the month the study hall will be completed. The first year physics lab will not be completed in time, so they will move to Bethune in January. The life science help centre will move to the study hall, thus freeing the Gallery for other uses.
W. Tholen said that M. De Robertis was unable to attend the meeting, but had wanted to indicate that the merit exercise is underway. Each unit has named a representative so the process will be ongoing.

2.6 Reports from Science Representatives on Senate Committees

D. Bohme (APPR) gave a brief review of the first meeting and issues that will be under review. P. Delaney (ASCP) also indicated that only one meeting had been held.

2.7 Reports of Committees
The Chair pointed out that one item appears as a Consent Agenda item, and thus requires no motion. The remaining items are for information only.

2.8 Admissions/Enrolment Report
This item was for information only.

2.9 Other Business
J. Dupuis spoke about YorkWrites, which is to be held November 3rd in the Steacie Library. This can show-case York research and a great opportunity to show people what science research is all about.

Meeting adjourned – M/S Delaney/Wilson to adjourn.