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FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2018

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, January 17th, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2568

Present

Biochemistry

Berry, M. Mulligan, M.

Biology

Jones, I. Staveley, B.

Chemistry

Bottaro, C. Flinn, C. Kerton, F.

Computer Science

Bungay, S.

Earth Sciences

Hanchar, J.

Mathematics & Statistics

Loredano-Osti, J. Pike, D. Sullivan, S.

Ocean Sciences

Fletcher, G.

Physics & Physical Oceanography

Lagowski, J. Morrow, M.

Psychology

Neath, I.

Dean of Science Office

Barac, R. Foss, K. Foster, A. Harding, S. Jackson, G.
MacKenzie, T. Zedel, L.

CITL

Todd, A.

Marine Institute

Caines, S.

Graduate Students

Adekinle, A.

Faculty of Medicine

Kendall, E.

FSC 2569

Regrets

Fang, C. Mantyka, S.

FSC 2570

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of December 6, 2017 were not attached to the Faculty Council Agenda, so the adoption of the minutes will occur at the next faculty council meeting.

FSC 2571

Business Arising: None

FSC 2572

Correspondence: None

FSC 2573

Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee: None

B. Graduate Studies Committee:

Report presented by J.C. LoredO-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee:

a) Moved: Department of Biochemistry, course proposal and calendar entry, BIOC 7000, Graduate Skills Course (LoredO-Osti/Berry).

Carried.

b) J.C. LoredO-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, presented the special topics course for Ocean Science, OCSC 7500, Immunology and Diseases of Aquatic Organisms, for information purposes only.

c) J.C. LoredO-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, presented the special topics course for Physics and Physical Oceanography, PHYS 6366, Analysis of Data from Autonomous Underwater Vehicles, for information purposes only.

d) J.C. LoredO-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, presented the special topics course for Physics and Physical Oceanography, PHYS 6014, Understanding Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, for information purposes only.

C. Nominating Committee: None

D. Library Committee: None

FSC 2574 Report of Teaching Consultant:

The Brown Bag sessions have started again for the Winter 2018 semester and the first session is on “Writing Courses in Sciences”, which takes place on Monday, January 22, 2018. Also, the awards season is starting and the call for the Dean of Science Distinguished Teacher Award is coming soon. The nomination deadline is February 16, 2018.

FSC 2575 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils: None

FSC 2576 Report of the Dean:

Dr. Courage informed Faculty Council members that there would be an additional \$6 million dollar University budget shortfall for the current fiscal year. In late November, the University was notified that a special payment to the pension fund that is normally paid by the Province will now have to be paid by Memorial. To date, it is not known how the University will deal with this shortfall or how it will affect individual faculties. The Integrated Planning Committee (IPC) consultation with the Faculty of Science took place on Monday, January 15th to seek feedback and advice on how to find savings for the budget cuts.

FSC 2577 Question Period:

There was some discussion regarding the additional budget shortfall, with three main themes evident:

1. The University’s autonomy is linked to its financial control, and it is losing its autonomy as a result of the budget cuts. Tuition should be raised and the University needs to make a stronger and more vigorous case for this to the government.
2. The University should develop a strong and articulate public relations campaign for the general public and the government that would focus on student success and that highlights the important role that the University plays in education, research, and the provincial economy.
3. As we had very short notice for the consultation, the Faculty of Science should request a follow up meeting with the Integrated Planning Committee. Alternatively, the Faculty of Science should host its own session to discuss the budget and invite the IPC members to attend.

FSC 2578 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.