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FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2019

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

- FSC 2664 Present**
- Biochemistry**
M. Berry, R. Bertolo, V. Booth, J. Brunton, S. Harding, M. Mulligan
 - Biology**
T. Chapman, B. Staveley
 - Chemistry**
S. Pansare
 - Computer Science**
S. Bungay
 - Earth Sciences**
G. Dunning, P. Morrill
 - Mathematics & Statistics**
J. Craighead, D. Pike, S. Sullivan
 - Physics & Physical Oceanography**
S. Curnoe
 - Psychology**
K. Fowler, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh
 - Dean of Science Office**
K. Foss, G. Jackson, T. Mackenzie, R. Newhook, L. Zedel
 - CITL**
A. Todd
 - Graduate Students**
P. Isesele
- FSC 2665 Regrets**
G. Fletcher, S. Mantyka, K. Poduska

- FSC 2666 Adoption of Minutes**
Moved: Minutes of the February 20, 2019, meeting be adopted (Sullivan/Berry). **One Abstention. Carried.**
- FSC 2667 Business Arising:**
It is noted that Greg Dunning and John Hanchar of the Department of Earth Sciences did attend the February 20, 2019 Faculty of Science Faculty Council meeting. The Dean reminded all members to sign the attendance sheet.
- FSC 2668 Correspondence:** None
- FSC 2669** Dr. Gavan Watson, Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning, and Director, CITL, and Dr. Kim Myrick, Assistant Director, Teaching and Learning, CITL, presented on the Teaching and Learning Framework.
- FSC 2670 Reports of Standing Committees:**
- A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**
Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - a.** Department of Ocean Sciences, Special Topics course, OCSC 4920, Special Topics in Crustacean Biology, approved by the committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.
 - B. Graduate Studies Committee:** None
 - C. Nominating Committee:** None
 - D. Library Committee:** None
- FSC 2671 Report of Teaching Consultant:** None
- FSC 2672 Report of the Dean**
Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean.
1. A reminder that Phase II OFI funding competition is nearing the April 11 deadline for expressions of interest. As a reminder, proposals are meant for a large research consortia. Individuals that are not currently part of a consortia are asked to send their key information to the committee tasked with helping individuals join consortia. Members of the committee are Uta Passow (passow@mun.ca), Helen Zhang (bzhang@mun.ca), Heather O'Brien (HSSResearchAdmin@mun.ca), and Kelley Santos (Kelley.Santos@mi.mun.ca).
 2. The Ocean Supercluster will be having a collaboration event in Halifax on March 26 at the Halifax Convention Centre. It is intended to build and strengthen relationships, share capabilities, and learn how to activate and accelerate cross-sectoral

partnerships. There is a desire at Memorial University to broaden the level of engagement, but, unfortunately, there will not be a similar event in St. John's, and there is no opportunity to participate by video conference. For that reason, I have asked Len Zedel to attend this event on behalf of the Faculty of Science, so I am hoping that he might be able to identify opportunities that might exist for the faculty in Science.

3. As a reminder, MUNFA will be holding a ratification vote on the new collective agreement tomorrow. If the membership votes to accept this deal, the university is expected to do the same through a special meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Regents. After that, a special committee will be struck to look at teaching equivalencies across the university.

FSC 2673 Question Period

The Dean confirmed that Ron Haynes has set up a meeting with Stephen Greene, Chief Information Officer and Director of IT Services, regarding the space in the Henrietta Harvey Building.

If MUNFA ratifies the new collective agreement, the special committee will be tasked with reviewing teaching equivalencies across the university. Currently, there is no uniformity or university-wide policy on teaching equivalencies. This committee will be tasked with creating a university-wide teaching equivalencies document.

Representatives of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics inquired about when the UAP report would go public, since they would like to use it as a tool for public support with the upcoming election. The Dean suggested that they speak with Allison Coffin, the new leader of the NDP. They could have a conversation with her and give her a tour without providing her with the report.

FSC 2674 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.