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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

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

FSC 2708

Present

Biochemistry

M. Berry, R. Bertolo, J. Brunton

Biology

S. Dufour

Chemistry

E. Merschrod

Computer Science

S. Bungay

Earth Sciences

G. Dunning, P. Morrill, G. Layne

Mathematics & Statistics

I. Booth, D. Dyer, S. Mantyka, JC Loredó-Osti

Ocean Sciences

G. Fletcher

Physics & Physical Oceanography

M. Evstigneev, M. Morrow

Psychology

K. Fowler, D. Hallett, C. Thorpe, D. Wilson

Dean of Science Office

M. Abrahams, K. Foss, T. Fridgen, G. Jackson, L. Zedel

Geography

E. Edinger

Registrar's Office

T. Edmunds

Marine Institute

S. Caines

Staff

C. Deacon, C. Hyde, A. Langille, T. Stuckless

Graduate Students

A. Alfosool, K. Hall

FSC 2712

Regrets

E. Alcock, R. Haynes, K. Poduska, S. Sullivan

FSC 2713

Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the October 16, 2019, meeting be adopted (Loredo-Osti /Berry). **One Abstention. Carried.**

Correction to October 16, 2019, Minutes:

FSC 2705 Question Period:

Dr. Abrahams is chairing the Post-Secondary Education Review Submission from the St. John's academic campus. This submission will provide information to the Post-Secondary Education Review Committee on the work – teaching, research, and service to the province – currently undertaken at the university.

FSC 2714

Business Arising:

The Integrated Planning Committee (IPC) is concluding the budget consultation sessions today with the last meeting occurring at Suncor Energy Hall from 3:00pm-4:30pm. The sessions include a presentation from the Provost and then a feedback session.

FSC 2715

Correspondence: None

FSC 2716

Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Travis Fridgen, Associate Dean (Administration and Undergraduate)

- a. Moved:** Department of Earth Sciences, calendar changes amending/deleting courses (Fridgen/Dunning). **Carried.**

- b. Department of Biochemistry, special topics course BIOC 4242, Field Studies in Nutrition and Food, approved by the committee and presented to faculty council for information only.

B. Graduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Graham Layne, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee

- a. **Moved:** Department of Computer Science, addition of range of special topics course numbers. (Layne/Bungay). **Carried**
- b. **i. Moved:** Department of Psychology, proposed calendar change to increase statistics training for MSc and PhD students. (Layne/Fowler). **Carried.**
The Dean questioned whether additional resource requirements would be needed with the addition of the required courses for the graduate programs. The head of the Department of Psychology, Dr. Ken Fowler, confirmed that additional resources were not required.
ii. Moved: Department of Psychology, proposed calendar changes to alter the voting members of the PhD comprehensive examination in Experimental Psychology. (Layne/Fowler). **Three abstentions. Carried.**
- c. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, special topics course, MATH 6346, Pursuit-Evasion Problems, approved by the committee and presented to faculty council for information only.

C. Nominating Committee: None

D. Library Committee: None

FSC 2717

Report of the Dean

Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean

1. Gina Jackson and I submitted and presented the Faculty of Science's Budget and Academic Staffing Plan during the consultation day on October 30. All deans were required to provide feedback on each academic unit's presentation. I don't have a timeline for when we will learn of the results of this process.
2. I wanted to thank all who participated in this year's research week. I noted that Dr. Bose has posted his thanks to Newslines and invited participants to complete an online feedback survey.
3. I thank all of you who submitted your annual activity reviews. I believe that I have now responded to all who have submitted their review, but if I haven't please let me know.
4. I am midway through meeting with departments. I thank those with whom I have met so far and look forward to meeting the remaining departments.
5. I have received a request from the Provost's office for names of Academic Staff Members who would be prepared to sit on the Tuition Refund Appeals Committee. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on this committee

6. As some of you might be aware, there was an attempt to use my name via email to solicit assistance. This of course was a scam with the intention of getting you to give money in the form of gift certificates or bitcoins. If you receive such requests, please advise IT security.

FSC 2718 Question Period

FSC 2719 Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.