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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2019**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2004.

**FSC 2697**

**Present:**

**Biochemistry**

M. Berry

**Biology**

S. Dufour

**Chemistry**

C. Bottaro, S. Pansare

**Computer Science**

R. Byrne, D. Churchill, A. Fiech

**Earth Sciences**

A. Malcolm

**Mathematics & Statistics**

D. Dyer, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti

**Physics & Physical Oceanography**

S. Curnoe, J. Lagowski, M. Morrow, K. Poduska

**Psychology**

K. Fowler, C. Thorpe

**Dean of Science Office**

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

**Geography**

E. Edinger

**Staff**

C. Deacon, C. Hyde, B. Power, T. Stuckless

**Graduate Students**

A. Akerele, Y. Lim

**FSC 2698**

**Regrets**

A. Bates, S. Mantyka

**FSC 2699**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved:** Minutes of the September 18, 2019, meeting be adopted (Berry/Loredo-Osti).

**Two abstentions. Carried.**

**FSC 2700**

**Business Arising:** None

**FSC 2701**

**Correspondence:** None

**FSC 2702**

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:** No business.

**B. Graduate Studies Committee:**

Presented by Stephanie Curnoe, Deputy Head, Graduate Studies, Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography

**a. Moved:** Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, calendar changes to PhD program (Curnoe/Lagowski). **Carried.**

**C. Nominating Committee:** No business.

**D. Library Committee:** No business.

**FSC 2703**

**Distinguished Emerging Scholar Award:**

**Moved:** Travis Fridgen presented the proposed Distinguished Emerging Scholar Award for discussion and feedback. The focus of the conversation was whether the award should include teaching. Arguments for and against this proposal were made, with consensus being that broader consultation was required.

**FSC 2704**

**Report of the Dean**

Presented by Mark Abrahams, Dean

1. Due to a health issue, Dr. Tom Chapman, the Head of Biology, has stepped down for the remainder of the year. In the meantime, I want to thank Dr. Ted Miller for assuming the role of acting Head until Tom returns in the new year.
2. Also in Biology, I want to congratulate the Biology Department Lab Instructors, Instructional Assistants, and Science Technicians for being this year's recipients of the Glenn Roy Blundon Award. This award is presented annually to individuals or groups who contribute to the ongoing development of equitable and accessible learning and living environments for students at Memorial.

3. I thank all of you who have submitted your annual activity reports. I am still working through a number and will respond to all who have submitted their reports.
4. I am now preparing for the Faculty Complement Planning and Budget Consultation meeting that is scheduled for October 30. I thank those departments that have provided me with their revised Academic Staffing Plan and, once all are received, will develop the submission for the Faculty of Science.
5. A reminder that we have a number of public presentations being hosted by departments in the Faculty of Science. This Thursday Dr. Gary Pielak will present the Reddy Lecture. On October 24 Dr. Frank Elgar will present the Canning Memorial Lecture, and on November 18 Dr. Alan Aspuru-Guzik will give the Elizabeth Laird Lecture. All these presentations will be at 7 pm in the Bruneau Centre, in Room IIC-2001.
6. Also a reminder that convocation is tomorrow. B.Sc. degrees at 10 am, M.Sc.'s at 3 pm and Ph.D.'s and Psy.D.'s at 7:30 pm.

#### **FSC 2705**

##### **Question Period**

Integrated Planning Committee (IPC) have annual consultations with the university community regarding the budget and the sessions are coming up in November. These sessions are good and inform you of the university's budget, so everyone should try to attend.

Dr. Abrahams is chairing the Post-Secondary Education Review which will provide information to the provincial government on the work – teaching, research and service to the province – currently undertaken at the university.

#### **FSC 2706**

##### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.