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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
Minutes of Meeting of December 2, 2020**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. using Webex.

FSC 2803

Present

Biochemistry

M. Berry, R. Bertolo, V. Booth, J. Brunton, S. Harding, S. Mayengbam, M. Mulligan, J. Park

Biology

J. Burke, S. Dufour

Chemistry

R. Collins, C. McCarthy, S. Pansare

Computer Science

Y. Chen, C. Hyde, V. Prado da Fonseca

Earth Sciences

A. Langille, G. Layne, A. Malcolm, M. Miskell, P. Morrill, S. Strowbridge

Mathematics & Statistics

J. Dawe, D. Harvey, JC Loredano-Osti, S. Mantyka, D. Pike, T. Stuckless, S. Sullivan

Ocean Sciences

C. Parrish

Physics & Physical Oceanography

C. Deacon, E. Demirov, M. Morrow, J. Pittman, I. Saika-Voivod

Psychology

M. Courage, D. Hallett, T. Reardon, A. Swift-Gallant, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh

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J. Blundell, S. Browne, S. Bungay, K. Foss, T. Fridgen, A. Highsted, G. Jackson, G. Kenny, T. Mackenzie, V. MacNab

Graduate Students

A. Alfosool

- FSC 2804** **Regrets:**
X. Duan, J. Lagowski, D. McIlroy, K. Poduska
- FSC 2805** **Adoption of Minutes**
Moved: Minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2020, meeting be adopted (Sullivan/Blundell). **Carried.**
- FSC 2806** **Business Arising:** None
- FSC 2807** **Correspondence:** None
- FSC 2808** **Reports of Standing Committees:**
- A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**
Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee
- a.** Department of Computer Science, add link to CRW Calendar section (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - b.** Department of Computer Science, amend pre-requisites for COMP 3201 (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - c.** Department of Computer Science, amend pre-requisites for COMP 4304 (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - d.** Department of Computer Science, amend Dissertation wording for joint honours programs in Geography, Pure Mathematics and Statistics
 - e.** Department of Computer Science, amend pre-requisites and co-requisites for COMP 2006, 2007 and 2008 (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - f.** Department of Computer Science, amend pre-requisites for COMP 3550 (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - g.** Department of Computer Science, amend pre-requisites for COMP 3602 (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - h.** Department of Computer Science, amend Statistics pre-requisites for COMP 3200, 3202, 3401, 4550 and 4766 (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - i.** Department of Computer Science, amend Computer Science programs required Statistics course to reflect updated Computer Science course pre-requisite (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - j.** Department of Computer Science, change reference to Computer Science undergraduate handbook location (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - k.** Department of Computer Science, add reference to Computer Science online major application form (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - l.** Department of Computer Science, delete Supplementary Examinations (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**
 - m.** Department of Economics, amend program Joint Major in Economics (Co-operative) and Statistics (Sullivan/Mackenzie) **Carried.**

- n. Department of Psychology, amend pre-requisites/co-requisites for major courses PSYC 2930, 3050, 3100, 3251, 3350, 3450, 3510, 3511, 3650, 3900, 4750, 3810, 3820, 3830, 4661, 4770, 4910, 4980, 499A/B (Sullivan/Courage) **Carried.**
- o. Department of Psychology, amend pre-requisites/co-requisites for non-restricted courses PSYC 2010, 2020, 2030, 2100, 2150, 2151, 2540, 2800, 2810, 2920, 3533 (Sullivan/Courage) **Carried.**
- p. Department of Psychology, amend programs, Admission to Majors Programs, Admission to Honours Programs, Requirements for Major in Psychology, Requirements for a Major in Behavioural Neuroscience (BSc only), Requirements for Honours in Behavioural Neuroscience (BSc only) (Sullivan/Courage) **Carried.**

B. Graduate Studies Committee: No business

C. Nominating Committee: No business.

D. Library Committee: No business.

FSC 2809

Report of the Dean

Presented by Travis Fridgen, Acting Dean

1. Remote Teaching Discussion

Sharene and Keith Power will be hosting a discussion of remote teaching tomorrow from 12-1 (Thursday, December 3). Keith will talk about the results of the student survey and then hopefully get into a discussion about what worked with respect to remote instruction.

2. Delay to the start of the Winter Semester

The University has decided to delay the beginning of classes for the winter semester from January 6th to January 11th, which will give faculty and staff much-needed time to prepare their courses. Co-op placements will not be affected by this. Details came out on Newslines. One item of note is that the classes missed for Good Friday, will be rescheduled to Saturday March 27, but will not be mandatory for students, nor can evaluations happen on that day. University reopens on January 5.

3. Snow Days

The default for snow days this winter will be that even if campus closes, instruction will go ahead. However, if a faculty member needs to cancel instruction/tests etc. then this should be communicated to students via Brightspace or whatever method faculty have chosen to communicate with their students. Because our winter semester is remote and we have students all over Canada (and the world) who may experience inclement weather, power outages, etc. at different times than St. John's, please be reminded to be accommodating and flexible with due dates. Also, for synchronous forms of instruction, the best practice is to record these sessions and have them posted on Brightspace, which can be done automatically if you are using WebEx. An announcement on this from the University will be forthcoming.

4. Back to Campus

The back to campus initiative for all non-academic staff has been paused and will not resume before the new year. Departments should continue to plan for this initiative which will not begin before January.

FSC 2810 Question Period

The link for the discussion on December 3 with S. Bungay and K. Power regarding remote teaching will be re-sent to departments today.

The final exam schedule has been published and most exams have a two hour time limit. Instructors can be flexible with the window they allow for the completion of their exam(s). Some instructors are even opening the exam for 24 hours.

FSC 2811 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.