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MEETING OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

A regular meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. by Webex.

AGENDA

- 1. Regrets**
- 2. Adoption of the Minutes of April 21, 2021**
- 3. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Correspondence: None**
- 5. Reports of Standing Committees:**
 - A. Undergraduate Studies Committee: No business.**
 - B. Graduate Studies Committee:**
 - a. Department of Psychology, calendar changes, Paper 5.B.a (pages 5-8)**
 - C. Library Committee: No business**
- 6. Reports of Delegates from Other Councils**
- 7. Report of the Dean**
- 8. Question Period**
- 9. Adjournment**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Fridgen".

Travis Fridgen, Ph.D.
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Minutes of Meeting of April 21, 2021**

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FSC 2834

Present

Biochemistry

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

Biology

J. Burke, T. Chapman, A. Darby-King

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, M. Katz, F. Kerton, S. Pansare, B. Power

Computer Science

Y. Chen, C. Hyde

Earth Sciences

P. Belley, G. Dunning, G. Layne, A. Malcolm, M. Miskell, P. Morrill, S. Strowbridge, K. Welford

Mathematics & Statistics

I. Booth, D. Harvey, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredano-Osti, S. Mantyka, D. Pike, T. Sheel, S. Sullivan

Ocean Sciences

D. Nichols, C. Parrish

Physics & Physical Oceanography

C. Deacon, E. Demirov, M. Evstigneev, E. Hayden, M. Morrow, J. Pittman

Psychology

P.-P. Bitton, M. Courage, C. Fitzpatrick, T. Reardon, A. Swift-Gallant, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh

Dean of Science Office

D. Bennett, J. Blundell, S. Bungay, K. Foss, T. Fridgen, G. Jackson, G. Kenny, T. Mackenzie, V. MacNab, R. Newhook, K. White

Engineering and Applied Science:

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- FSC 2835 Regrets:**
S. Dufour, D. McIlroy, K. Poduska, N. Ryan, Y. Wiersma
- FSC 2836 Adoption of Minutes**
Moved: Minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2021 and March 17, 2021, be adopted. (Sullivan/Berry) **Carried.**
- FSC 2837 Business Arising:** None
- FSC 2838 Correspondence:** None
- FSC 2839 Reports of Standing Committees:**
- A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**
Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - a. Recommended update to Dean’s List eligibility criteria:**
“Bullet #2: Completed at least 9 courses (27 credit hours) over two of the previous three semesters, received a numeric grade in each of these courses except where no option for a numeric grade was available, and attained an average grade of at least 80% and a GPA of at least 3.50 in these courses;”
(Sullivan/Haynes) **Carried.**
 - B. Graduate Studies Committee:** No business.
 - C. Library Committee:** No business.
- FSC 2840 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None
- FSC 2841 Release of the Draft Strategic Plan for feedback**
A draft of Memorial University’s strategic plan, *a beating heart for Newfoundland and Labrador*, was released on April 6, 2021. Faculty, staff, alumni and students can submit comments on this document directly to strategicplanning@mun.ca or share these comments with your Senate representative. The Acting Dean has been collecting comments sent to him, and he will relay these to the co-chairs. Work will begin shortly on the Faculty strategic plan and departments will begin the work on their own.
- FSC 2842 Dean of Science Award for Distinguished Emerging Scholar**

Information on this new award was circulated to faculty. Those in attendance agreed it is a great way to acknowledge the work of new faculty members. The inaugural award will take place this year. (Berry/Sheel) **Carried.**

FSC 2843 Report of the Dean

Presented by Travis Fridgen, Acting Dean

1. I would like to wish all the administrative professionals in the Dean of Science office, and those in each of the departments, a happy administrative professionals day and a heartfelt thank you for keeping the departments and the faculty running smoothly. Thank you all!
2. On May 4, at 12 noon, we will hold a special meeting of Faculty Council where Dr. Jennifer Simpson, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, will lead a discussion on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.
3. The next 'On the Menu' is scheduled for May 12th at 1 pm. The title is: *Tips for Preparing an Application to the Memorial University Seed and Multidisciplinary Funds* and will be presented by Dr. Jacqueline Blundell.
4. Dr. Nicole Babichuk has left her position as grants facilitation officer in the Faculty of Science. While Nicole is continuing to do some work for us on a very part time basis, we will be welcoming Dr. Jennifer Lynn Major who will be joining Dr. Frizzell in the GFO office in the coming month.
5. I would like to thank Dr. Yuanzhu Chen for his 16+ years of service to Memorial and two years service as Head of Computer Science. Dr. Chen is moving to Queen's University and will step down as Head on April 30.
6. I would also like to thank Dr. Sharene Bungay who has served as Associate Dean of Science for the last year and who's term will end on April 30th so that she can lead the Department of Computer Science as Interim Head beginning on May 1.

FSC 2844 Question Period

There was much discussion around the return to campus for the Fall 2021 semester. The Acting Dean requested that heads share with all faculty the guidelines on the plan to return to campus. Labs will be taught in person, but large classes of more than 100 will not be held on campus. Classrooms will be at 50% capacity so the density calculator will not be used for those spaces. The hope is to have 100 students in the large classrooms. Remote teaching will still happen for many courses, but low enrollment courses can be offered in-person. This is still early days in the planning, though, so there may be more changes coming.

The Acting Dean will approach the Chief Risk Officer concerning ventilation in the university buildings.

FSC 2845 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



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DRAFT

Date: May 28, 2021

TO: School of Graduate Studies

FR: Department of Psychology

RE: Proposed Calendar Changes to 27.20 and 37.32 to define area names

Our department has noticed that the calendar entries for our M.Sc. and our Ph.D. program do not accurately describe the names of our areas of specialization. These proposed calendar changes are to correct that language to accurately describe the areas of specialization of these programs. We are also clarifying the preamble that identifies other programs offered by our department.

27.20 Psychology

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This section of the calendar describes the Master of Science degree in Experimental Psychology. Interested students may wish to consult the sections in the Calendar describing our other programs, including the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Psychology, the [Master of Applied Psychological Science \(Co-operative\)](#), the Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology, and the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology programs.

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27.20.1 Program of Study

A student may be accepted into a program leading to the M.Sc. in Experimental Psychology.

Experimental Psychology

1. ~~The five areas of specialization offered are: Animal Behaviour (see [Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology Program](#)), Behavioural Neuroscience and Clinical, Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Health and Wellness Psychology, and Social Psychology.~~

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37.32.1 Admission

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37.32.2 Program of Study

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4. ~~2. The program of study will be specified at the time of admission. Decisions on (a) whether to include courses in the program, and if so, (b) which specific courses are to be included will be based on the student's background and the proposed thesis topic.~~

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