



## Faculty of Science

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# FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2022

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. using a hybrid model of Webex and in-person (C-2045).

## FSC 2982

### **Present**

#### **Business Administration**

A. Stapleton

#### **Biochemistry**

M. Berry, V. Booth, S. Christian

#### **Biology**

D. Bignell, A. Chaulk, S. Dawe, E. Edinger, L. Pena-Castillo, B. Staveley K. Tahlan, Y. Wiersma

#### **Chemistry**

C. Bottaro, L. Cahill, k. Jobst, M. Katz, F. Kerton, C. Kozak, S. Pansare, B. Power, S. Smith, J. Stockmann, H. Therien-Aubin

#### **Computer Science**

C. Dohey, A. Fiech, M. Hatcher, O. Meruvia-Pastor, T. Tricco

#### **Earth Sciences**

H. Corlett, G. Dunning, A. Langille, A. Leitch, M. Miskell, P. Morrill

#### **Mathematics & Statistics**

J. Alam, I. Booth, D. Dyer, C. Evans, D. Harvey, A. Hatefi, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti, S. MacLachlan, M. Strong, T. Stuckless, K. Welford, Y. Yilmaz-Cigsar

#### **Ocean Sciences**

I. Fleming, P. Gagnon, E. Ignatz, D. Nichols, M. Rise

#### **Physics & Physical Oceanography**

D. Coombs, M. Geng, E. Hayden, H. Neilson, I. Siaka-Voivod, L. Zedel,

#### **Psychology**

A. Brown, D. Hallett, C. Hyde, G. Sherren, A. Swift-Gallant, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh

**Registrar's Office**

T. Edmunds

**Dean of Science Office**

J. Blundell, J. Bowering, C. Hussey, S. Dufour, K. Foss, J. Major, T. Fridgen, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, R. Newhook, T. Mackenzie, K. White

**Student Representatives:**

E. Dormody, W. Kinden, G. Sherren

**FSC 2983**

**Regrets:**

K. Poduska, S. Sullivan,

**FSC 2984**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved:** Minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2022, be adopted. (Berry/Katz) **Carried.**

**FSC 2985**

**Business Arising:** The President and Vice President will be attending a Special Faculty Council held on December 5 at 1:15pm.

**FSC 2986**

**Correspondence:** None

**FSC 2987**

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**

Presented by Mark Hatcher, Deputy Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

- a. Department of Biology – Calendar Changes, Amend Course – Biology 3050, (Hatcher/Chaulk) **Carried.**
- b. Department of Biology – Calendar Changes, Amend Program Regulations – Biology Concentrations, (Hatcher /Chaulk) **Carried.**
- c. Department of Biology – Calendar Changes, Amend Course Descriptions, (Hatcher /Chaulk) **Carried.**
- d. Department of Biology – Calendar Changes, Amend Course – Biology 4245, (Hatcher /Chaulk) **Carried.**
- e. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar Changes, Amend Course – Math 1001, (Hatcher /Loredo-Osti) **Carried.**
- f. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar Changes, Amend Course Prerequisites – Math 4133, (Hatcher /Loredo-Osti) **Carried.**
- g. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar Changes, Amend Course Prerequisites – Math 4180, (Hatcher /Loredo-Osti) **Carried.**

**B. Graduate Studies Committee:**

Presented by Dawn Bignell, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee

- a. Department of Biology – Calendar Change – Comprehensive Examinations, (Bignell/Chaulk) **Carried.**

- b. Department of Psychology – Calendar Change – Removing GRE as application requirement for Psy.D Program, (Bignell/Bottaro) **Carried.**

C. **Library Committee:** No business.

**FSC 2988**      **Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

**FSC 2989**      **Report of the Dean:**

Presented by Suzanne Dufour, Associate Dean of Undergraduate and Administration on behalf of Jacqueline Blundell, Associate Dean of Graduate and Research:

On the Menu will take place on Thursday, November 17 from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Research week begins November 21. The Faculty of Science will be hosting 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) for graduate students on November 21 at 11:30am. Whale of a Time Take 2 will be held on November 24 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Whale Atrium in the Core Science Building. Please RSVP your attendance to [science@mun.ca](mailto:science@mun.ca).

**FSC 2990**      **Question Period**

There will be a delay for a new replacement of ROMEO. If this is a concern to you, please reach out.

MUNFA negotiations are ongoing. The Union is in discussions with MUNFA members and negotiations will continue on November 30 and December 1, 2022.

Some Faculty Members indicated that they are opposed to the recent decision to cancel some of the faculty position searches, and asked whether searches could instead be postponed.

The Dean clarified that there are between eight to ten faculty positions cancelled. The departments going ahead with faculty hires are Computer Science, Psychology and Ocean Science. The Faculty of Science needs to put resources to the places that benefits its students. The underlying reason for the loss faculty positions is due to the budget reduction that we have been allocated. A document was sent to the heads explaining how to request faculty positions. In previous years, when a faculty member retired, the positions were usually replaced with a position in that department. Now, with retirements and loss of positions, the Faculty of Science have to look at where the positions are best utilized for the entire Faculty.

The Dean will reach out to the Provost Office regarding an update EDI-AE Consultation Sessions.

**FSC 2991**      **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.