



Faculty of Science

Office of the Dean
St. John's, NL Canada A1B 3X7
Tel: 709 864 8154 Fax: 709 864 3316
deansci@mun.ca www.mun.ca/science

FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

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

FSC 2523

Present

Biochemistry

Berry, M. Booth, V. Mulligan, M.

Biology

Jones, I. Leroux, S. Staveley, B.

Chemistry

Bottaro, C. Flinn, C. Fridgen, T. Grover, H. Kozak, C.

Computer Science

Brown, E. Bungay, S. Shieh, J. S.

Earth Sciences

Hanchar, J. Welford, K.

Mathematics & Statistics

Booth, I. Loredano-Osti, J. Mantyka, S. Merkli, M. Pike, D.
Sullivan, S.

Ocean Sciences

Fletcher, G.

Physics & Physical Oceanography

Lagowski, J. Plumer, M. Saika-Voivod, I. Wallin, S.

Psychology

Neath, I. Thorpe, C.

Dean of Science Office

Barac, R. Foss, K. Foster, A. Harding, S. Jackson, G.

Mackenzie, T. Zedel, L.

Geography

Edinger, E.

FSC 2524 Regrets
Kerton, F. Poduska, K. Todd, A.

FSC 2525 Adoption of Minutes
Moved: Minutes of April 19, 2017, meeting be adopted (Flinn/Sullivan).
Carried.

FSC 2526 Business Arising: None

FSC 2527 Correspondence: None

FSC 2528 Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:

Report presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

Shannon Sullivan reminded council members that the deadline for calendar changes is approaching. Based on the deadline for Senate, any proposed changes would have to be presented at the Faculty of Science Faculty Council by the December 6, 2017 meeting. The Science Committee on Undergraduate Studies requires four weeks for consultation on calendar changes, so submissions for changes should be worked on now.

a) Moved: Department of Earth Sciences, calendar change, EASC 2702, Sedimentology and Stratigraphy. (Sullivan/Hanchar). **Carried.**

b) i) Moved: Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, proposal for new course, PHYS 3050, Introduction to Biophysics (Sullivan/Lagowski). **Carried.**

ii) Moved: Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, calendar changes to the Joint Honours Physics and Applied Mathematics program (Sullivan/Lagowski). **Carried.**

c) i) Moved: Department of Chemistry, calendar changes, CHEM 2400 and 2401 (Sullivan/Fridgen).

Amendment to the motion: Calendar descriptions for CHEM 2400 and 2401 include: “2 hours of *recommended* tutorial weekly” instead of the originally proposed “2 hours of *non-mandatory* tutorial weekly” (Fridgen/Kozak). **Amendment carried.**

The **amended motion** was **carried**.

ii & iii) **Moved:** Department of Chemistry, calendar changes, special topics courses - CHEM 4150, CHEM 4250, CHEM 4350 and CHEM 4450 (Sullivan/Fridgen). **Carried.**

Shannon Sullivan reminded council members that the deadline for calendar changes is approaching. Based on the deadline for Senate, any proposed changes would have to be presented at the Faculty of Science Faculty Council by the December 6, 2017 meeting. The Science Committee on Undergraduate Studies requires four weeks for consultation on calendar changes, so submissions for changes should be worked on now.

B. Graduate Studies Committee:

Presented by J.C. Loredano-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee.

- a. Aquaculture Program, special topics course, AQUA 6202, Ploidy Manipulation in Aquaculture, presented to council for information purposes only.

C. Nominating Committee:

Presented by Andy Foster.

Andy Foster is the only member of the nominating committee since the committee has been inactive and the Dean of Science office took on this role. The current constitution is outdated and current practice is not following the constitution. To rectify this, Andy Foster will establish an *ad hoc* committee to review and update the constitution and then bring the proposed updates to council for approval. Also, a notice will be sent to the Department Heads seeking members as representatives to other Academic Councils.

It was noted that the current constitution does not include ASM CE's for involvement on committees.

Moved: Committee matrix be approved as presented (Foster/Sullivan).
Carried.

D. Library Committee: None

FSC 2529 Report of Teaching Consultant: None

FSC 2530 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils: None

FSC 2531 Report of the Dean

Presented by Mary Courage, Interim Dean of Science.

Update on start up for new hires: In late August, we got confirmation from the VPA that our request for startup funds for 2016-17 was approved. We were given somewhat less than half of the \$320,000 we requested with the balance coming

from the Dean of Science office. The usual cost share is 50-50. In any case, the searches for six new faculty members that had been approved were initiated.

Other positions: Three conversions from 3-year regular term appointments to tenure track positions have been requested. One has been confirmed and two are in progress and expected to be confirmed.

Canada Research Chairs: There has been no further announcement on the latest round of regular CRCs yet. We should receive word in late October on the two Tier 1 and one Tier 2 submissions. The Tier 2 application submitted for Cora Young (Chemistry) has been re-advertised and interviews will begin shortly. A search is in progress for a potential NSERC Industrial Research Chair with contributions from the Hibernia Management Development Corporation and RDC (now Innovate NL) confirmed.

In addition, five departments responded to the call for CRC150 applications that was presented on very short notice and with a very rapid turn-around time requirement. One of them, Uta Passow, was selected by the MUN Committee to go forward to the competition. If selected, it would be valued at \$1M a year for seven years. Many thanks to the five departments and to Scott Harding and Raluca Barac for their heroic efforts to make this happen.

The CSF and ARC (animal research centre) construction projects are moving forward on schedule. Some details of the occupancy of both facilities are still under discussion.

The Complement Advisory Committee (CAC - attrition committee) will continue to review all requests to recruit for new faculty and staff to fill vacant positions. Therefore, it is advisable to be thorough and careful in documenting the need for new appointments or new positions.

Staff changes in the Dean's Office: We have three staff changes: Gail Kenny is now the decanal assistant; Nancy Bishop is the intermediate secretary supporting the interdisciplinary programs; and Melissa Strong is the front reception.

Policy Consultation: We have been invited to provide feedback on the following draft policies: Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, Animals on Campus; Health and Management System.

Reminder: The Dean's Award Ceremony will be held on September 21st from 5-7pm in the Bruneau Centre.

FSC 2532 **Question Period:** None

FSC 2533 **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.