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# FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2018

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, April 18th at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2004.

## FSC 2590

### Present

#### Biochemistry

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

#### Biology

Jones, I. Staveley, B.

#### Chemistry

Bottaro, C. Flinn, C. Fridgen, T. Grover, H. Kerton, F.  
Kozak, C. Merschrod, E.

#### Computer Science

Brown, E.

#### Earth Sciences

Hanchar, J. Welford, K.

#### Mathematics & Statistics

Haynes, R. Radford, C. Sullivan, S. Variyath, A.

#### Ocean Sciences

Fletcher, G.

#### Physics & Physical Oceanography

Curnoe, S. Lagowski, J. Saika-Voivod, I.

#### Dean of Science Office

Foss, K. Foster, A. Jackson, G. MacKenzie, T.

#### Library

Gamsby, M.

**Registrar's Office**  
Edmunds, T.

**Faculty of Business**  
Clift, T.

**Marine Institute**  
Caines, S.

**Graduate Students**  
Aina, A.

**FSC 2591**    **Regrets**  
Catto, N.        Loredano-Osti, J.C.        Poduska, K.        Stordy, M.        Todd, A.

**FSC 2592**    **Adoption of Minutes**  
**Moved:** Minutes of March 21, 2018, meeting be adopted (Sullivan/Kerton).  
**Two Abstentions. Carried.**

**FSC 2593**    **Business Arising:** None

**FSC 2594**    **Correspondence:** None

**FSC 2595**    **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**A.    Undergraduate Studies Committee:**  
Report presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies  
Committee

**a)    i)    Moved:** Department of Chemistry, deletion of CHEM 1011  
(Sullivan/Fridgen). **Carried.**

**ii)    Moved:** Department of Chemistry, deletion of CHEM 2440  
(Sullivan/Flinn). **One Abstention. Carried.**

**b)    i)    Moved:** Department of Biology, calendar change, BIOL 4405  
(Sullivan/Staveley). **Carried.**

**ii)    Moved:** Department of Biology, calendar change to existing  
programs, Biology Cooperative Programs (Sullivan/Staveley).  
**Carried.**

**iii)    Moved:** Department of Biology, calendar change to existing  
programs, chemistry requirements for Biology Major and Honours  
programs (Sullivan/Staveley). **Carried.**

**c)    i)    Moved:** Department of Ocean Sciences, calendar changes, OCSC  
2500 (Sullivan/Fletcher). **Carried.**

ii) Department of Ocean Sciences, new special topics course, OCSC 4940, for information only.

**B. Graduate Studies Committee:**

Report presented by Ron Haynes, Acting Chair, Graduate Studies Committee:

- a) **Moved:** Department of Ocean Sciences, request for new special topics course number range OCSC 7500-7515 (Haynes/Radford). **Carried.**
- b) **Moved:** Department of Mathematics and Statistics, presented eight motions for changes to the Statistics graduate programmes including the addition of several graduate Statistics courses (page 82) (Haynes/Radford). **Carried.**
- c) **Moved:** Department of Psychology, calendar change to course requirement PSYC 6001 (Haynes/Jones). **Carried.**
- d) Department of Psychology, special topics course, PSYC 6001, Substance Abuse and Behavioural Addictions in Youth, presented to council for information purposes only.

**C. Nominating Committee:** None

**D. Library Committee:** None

**FSC 2596**

**Report of Teaching Consultant:**

The 2018 Teaching & Learning Conference at Memorial University is being held on April 26-27. The format has changed from last year's teaching day, and follows a more typical conference format with keynote speakers, panels, and various breakout talks and sessions. The schedule is posted on the conference website (<https://citl.mun.ca/conference/index.php>), and includes a couple sessions from instructors within the Faculty of Science, as well as a Keynote from Dr. David Helfand, Department of Astronomy, Columbia University.

**Registration is FREE**, so we really encourage instructors to take part and attend, even if it is only for select sessions of interest.

**FSC 2597**

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

**FSC 2598**

**Report of the Dean:**

Dr. Courage informed Faculty Council members that the NSERC Discovery grant results have been released and the Faculty of Science had a 76% success rate. This is better than the Memorial University success rate of 58%. Dr. Courage thanked everyone for their hard work. In addition, the Faculty of Science was awarded one RTI in the Department of Biology. The faculty has 201 faculty members and 129 are engaged with NSERC.

We are still awaiting to start the searches for several approved faculty positions. Since the new fiscal year, Dr. Courage has written the Provost and VPR to confirm startup funds.

Zach Goudie of CBC News has posted a news article on the construction of the new Core Sciences Facility. The pictures and videos are spectacular and Gail Kenny will send out the web link to the Departments.

**FSC 2599      Question Period:**

**FSC 2600      Adjournment**  
The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.