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FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 16, 2018

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. in room C-2045.

FSC 2601

Present

Biology

Jones, I. Staveley, B.

Computer Science

Chen, P.

Earth Sciences

Hanchar, J. Welford, K.

Mathematics & Statistics

Loredo-Osti, J. Radford, C. Sullivan, S.

Physics & Physical Oceanography

Munroe, J.

Psychology

Thorpe, C.

Dean of Science Office

Foss, K. Foster, A. Jackson, G. MacKenzie, T.
Newhook, R. Zedel, L.

Geography

Catto, N.

Faculty of Business

Clift, T.

Graduate Students

Aina, A.

- FSC 2602 Regrets**
Berry, M. Poduska, K.
- FSC 2603 Adoption of Minutes**
Moved: Minutes of April 18, 2018, meeting be adopted (Sullivan/Jones).
One Abstention. Carried.
- FSC 2604 Business Arising:** None
- FSC 2605 Correspondence:** None
- FSC 2606 Reports of Standing Committees:**
- A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**
Report presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee
- a) i) **Moved:** Department of Biology, calendar change to existing programs, Chemistry requirements for the Biology and Statistics Joint Honours (Sullivan/Foster). **One opposed. Carried.**
- b) **Moved:** Response from Faculty of Science Undergraduate Studies Committee regarding feedback on General Regulation 6.3 Residence Requirements. (Sullivan/Staveley). **Carried.**
- B. Graduate Studies Committee:**
Report presented by J.C. Loredano-Osti, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee:
- a) Aquaculture Program, special topics course AQUA 6203, Applications of Transcriptome Analysis in Aquaculture, presented to council for information purposes only.
- b) Department of Biology, special topics course BIOL 7948, Lichens: Molecular Biology and Culturing, presented to council for information purposes only.
- C. Nominating Committee:** None
- D. Library Committee:** None
- FSC 2607 Report of Teaching Consultant:** None
- FSC 2608 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None
- FSC 2609 Report of the Dean:**
Dr. Courage informed Faculty Council members that the Faculty of Science will be absorbing a larger budget cut than was initially expected. The total funding

shortfall to the Academic Portfolio is \$5.1 million, however, we do not know the amount that may be allocated to Science, but the 2018-19 cut will be more than was anticipated.

As an update for the five departments waiting to advertise approved faculty positions, the Vice-President (Research) has confirmed that some startup funds will be made available but the amount will be less than was received last year. Gina is working to confirm if we have all startup funds needed to proceed with advertising, and the Dean's office will be in touch with the applicable departments once this information is finalised. Hiring will soon be completed for the approved positions from December 2016, plus two conversions and two new appointments were approved.

FSC 2610

Question Period:

There was some discussion regarding starting the faculty recruitment process before having startup confirmed. This had happened in the past and caused problems with recruitment. Dr. Courage confirmed that we will not proceed with hiring until the startup funds are in place.

FSC 2611

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.