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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF July 15, 2020**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. using Webex.

FSC 2765

Present

Biochemistry

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

Biology

J. Burke, T. Chapman, E. Edinger

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, E. Merschrod, S. Pansare

Computer Science

Y. Chen, C. Hyde

Earth Sciences

E. Burden, G. Dunning, G. Layne

Mathematics & Statistics

I. Booth, R. Haynes, S. Sullivan

Ocean Sciences

G. Fletcher

Physics & Physical Oceanography

S. Curnoe, M. Morrow, K. Poduska, I. Saika-Voivod

Psychology

D. Hallett, A. Swift-Gallant, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh

Dean of Science Office

S. Bungay, T. Fridgen, G. Jackson, L. Zedel

Staff

M. Bromberek, T. Mackenzie, A. Power

Graduate Students

A. Alfosool

FSC 2766 Regrets

S. Dufour, K. Fowler

FSC 2767 Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2020, meeting be adopted (Merschrod/Berry).
Carried.

FSC 2768 Business Arising: None

FSC 2769 Correspondence: None

FSC 2770 Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

a. Moved: Department of Biology, New Course: Biol 3630, Freshwater Biology. (Sullivan/Chapman). **Carried.**

B. Graduate Studies Committee

Presented by Graham Layne, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee.

a. Moved: Department of Computer Science, Proposed Changes to Graduate Program (Layne/Chen). **One opposed. Carried.**

C. Nominating Committee: None

D. Library Committee: None

FSC 2771 Report of the Dean

Presented by Travis Fridgen, Acting Dean

1. We received permission to submit Requests to Recruit for five faculty positions at this time - one for Biochemistry, two for Computer Science, one for Earth Sciences, and one for Psychology.
2. Ken Fowler has accepted the position of Director of the Student Wellness and Counselling Centre. On behalf of the Faculty of Science, I would like to thank Ken for his leadership in the Faculty and the Department of Psychology. An interim head will be appointed following consultation with the Psychology department, which should begin this afternoon.
3. At Senate last night the following motion was passed:

For the Fall semester, proctored assessment can be available to faculty, but proctored assessments should only be used if no other option is feasible. Prior to selecting proctored assessments, faculty should consider any other method to reduce the need for proctored assessments, such as restructuring course work to increase the amount of low-stakes evaluation, up to and including assigning P/F grades based on term work. Approval for a proctored assessment would be made by the Dean of the academic unit.

To my knowledge, the only approved proctoring platform on campus is ProctorU, which costs \$25 US per student, per assessment. Just to put it in context, 1000 student assessments will cost approximately \$35,000 CAD. Other platforms are being looked at, including the pilot that is being run by Math and Engineering. The VPA is looking for some money that will be distributed to Faculties to offset these costs. I have no idea how much money this will be, but I don't expect very much. In the next week or so, once we have more information, the Dean of Science office will circulate this information. Any requests for proctoring will need to show necessity and will require a plan to accommodate students who, for any reason, cannot participate in, or is uncomfortable with, online proctoring.

4. Please use your class times for synchronous activities in the Fall. If you plan to do anything synchronous outside of your scheduled class time, you will need to accommodate students who may have scheduled class times.
5. I urge you to read through the guidelines and recommendations brought to senate from the Academic Scenario Planning Committee and endorsed by Senate last night.
6. Please do not forget to look at the draft interim report on equivalencies on D2L and participate in the survey, which just reopened. We did get a lot of feedback, but more is welcome.

FSC 2772 Question Period

FSC 2773 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

