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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
Minutes of Meeting of November 17, 2021**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. using Webex.

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Present

Biochemistry

M. Berry, R. Bertolo, J. Brunton, M. Mulligan

Biology

T. Chapman, E. Edinger, K. Tahlan, B Staveley, Y. Wiersma

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, L. Cahill, H. Grover, M. Katz, S. Pansare, D. Stirling, H. Therien-Aubin

Computer Science

S. Anthony, E. Brown, S. Bungay, C. Dohey, M. Emshey, M. Hamilton, C. Hyde, O. Meruvia-Pastor, C. Milley, G. Miminis, L. Peña-Castillo, K. Popuri, V. Prado da Fonseca, A. Soares, T. Tricco

Earth Sciences

G. Dunning, A. Fiech, G. Layne, K. Welford

Economics

K. Chu

Mathematics & Statistics

A. Bihlo, I. Booth, C. Evans, D. Harvey, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti, T. Sheel, T. Stuckless, S. Sullivan, H. Usefi, A. Variyath

Ocean Sciences

D. Boyce, I. Fleming, P. Gagnon, D. Nichols, C. Parrish

Physics & Physical Oceanography

D. Coombs, S. Curnoe, E. Demirov, E. Hayden, M. Morrow, J. Munroe, I. Saika-Voivod, A. Yethiraj, L. Zedel

Psychology

D. Hallett, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh

Dean of Science Office

J. Blundell, S. Dufour, K. Foss, T. Fridgen, L. Frizzell, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, G. Kenny, P. MacCallum, T. Mackenzie, J. Major, R. Newhook, J. Whalen,

Guests:

D. Grant

Student Representatives:

A. Meyer

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Regrets:

A Hatefi, S. MacLachlan, S. Mantyka, D. McIlroy, K. Poduska, R. Sipler

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Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2021, be adopted. (Berry/Sullivan)

Carried. Minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2021, be adopted. (Berry/Bungay)

Carried.

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Business Arising: None

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Correspondence: None

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Reports of Standing Committees:

a.

Undergraduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee:

a. Department of Ocean Sciences, proposal to amend program regulations for a Major in Ocean Sciences (Environmental Systems) (Sullivan/Parrish)

Carried

b. Department of Psychology, proposal to amend suggested course sequence for Table 3 – B.A. (Honours) in Psychology (Co-operative); Table 4 – B.Sc. (Honours) in Psychology (Co-operative); and Table 6 – B.Sc. (Honours) in Behavioural Neuroscience (Co-operative) (Sullivan/Shell) **Carried**

c. Department of Psychology, proposal to amend requirements for a Major in Behavioural Neuroscience (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**

d. Department of Psychology, proposal to amend Psychology Work Term Descriptions (Sullivan/Mackenzie) **Carried**

e. Department of Psychology, proposal to amend Other Requirements for Psychology 3800, Psychology 3820 and Psychology 4870 (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**

Carried

f. Department of Earth Sciences, proposal to amend Earth Sciences 3170 and 3172 (Sullivan/Welford) **Carried.**

- b. **Graduate Studies Committee:**
 - a. Department of Computer Science, proposal for a new joint graduate program with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, Master of Applied Science in Software Engineering; and proposal for a new joint graduate program with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Master of Artificial Intelligence (brought forward from the Special Meeting held on October 29, 2021) (Bungay/Miminis) **Carried with one Opposed (Mulligan)**
- c. **Library Committee:** None.

FSC 2892 **Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

FSC 2893 **Report of the Dean**

Presented by Dr. Travis Fridgen, Acting Dean

1. Return to in-person Faculty Council meetings?
The Acting Dean asked for opinions on whether or not the Faculty Council meetings should return to in-person meetings or if a hybrid model would work best. The consensus was that a hybrid model would work best for those who are not on campus and those for whatever reason cannot make it to the meeting in-person. As of January 19, the first meeting in 2022, the meetings will take place in-person and by Webex.
2. J. Blundell reminded everyone about the Whale of a Time social from 5:00-7:00 on November 25 in the Whale Atrium in the CSF. Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend. Please remember to RSVP. It will be nice to get out and chat with our colleagues as we near the end of Research Week.

FSC 2894 **Question Period**

Some departments have been working on a submission to the master planning exercise.

Course Hero is a problem that has existed for a number of years. Faculty members could check the site each semester to ensure their course material has not been added to the site, and if the company is contacted and asked to remove material based on copyright laws, they will take it down. It is recommended that the university take a strong role in dealing with these companies, as it can make teaching much more difficult. The Acting Dean will talk to the Provost about this issue.

FSC 2895 **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.