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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
Minutes of Meeting of September 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. using Webex.

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Present

Biochemistry

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

Biology

T. Chapman, E. Edinger, C. Hussey, J. Roncal, Y. Wiersma

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, L. Cahill, H. Grover, M. Katz, F. Kerton, S. Pansare, B. Power, T. Jane Stockmann

Computer Science

S. Bungay, C. Hyde, X. Jiang, A. Mohammadi

Earth Sciences

G. Dunning, G. Layne, E. Theissen, B. Tilley

Economics

K. Chu

Mathematics & Statistics

J. Alam, I. Booth, D. Harvey, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti, E. Martínez-Pedroza, D. Pike, T. Sheel, S. Sullivan

Ocean Sciences

C. Parrish

Physics & Physical Oceanography

E. Demirov, M. Evstigneev, R. Goulding, E. Hayden, M. Morrow, J. Munroe, I. Saika-Voivod, L. Zedel

Psychology

J. Fawcett, C. Thorpe

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N. Bishop, J. Blundell, S. Dufour, M. Fitzpatrick, T. Fridgen, L. Frizzell, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, G. Kenny, P. MacCallum, J. Major, R. Newhook, J. Whalen

Guests:

J. Browne, D. Hardy-Cox

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Regrets:

T. Mackenzie, V. MacNab, C. Walsh

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Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2021, be adopted. (Berry/Sheel) **Carried**

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Business Arising: None

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Correspondence: None

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Presentation by Dr. Donna Hardy-Cox, Associate Vice-President (Academic)

Students:

Dr. Donna Hardy-Cox and Jennifer Browne, Director of Student Life, provided information on the services offered through Student Life. There are various supports for students provided through their office. There are over 1,000 student positions available through GradSwep and ISWEP. Even though the deadline has passed for requesting a MUCEP position, departments can still submit applications and these late applications will be waitlisted.

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Presentation by Dr. Xianta Jiang – Proposed Human Neuroscience Center:

Dr. Jiang is seeking support from the Faculty for this proposed center. The mission is to accelerate research, seed new scientific collaborations and enhance the training of graduate, postgraduate and undergraduate students in human neuroscience at Memorial.

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Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee: No business

B. Graduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Graham Layne, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee

a. Department of Chemistry, Special Topics course, CHEM 6292, Selected Topics in Inorganic Chemistry, Carbon Dioxide: A Scientific Perspective, approved by the committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.

b. Department of Computer Science, Request for Approval of a Graduate Course, COMP 700A/B, Extended Research Project (Layne/Bungay) **Carried**

C. Library Committee:

Presented by Mykhalo Evsitgneev

1. The QEII Library has about 1,000,000 books which are stored in a special storage area. Because the library is running out of space for new items, any books published before 1970 that have not been checked out in twelve years, will be sent to a large storage facility in Downsview, Ontario.
2. Faculty are encouraged to complete the form for the library so that the library staff know of the journal needs for Science.

FSC 2864 **Reports of Delegates from Other Councils:** None

FSC 2865 **Report of the Dean**

Presented by Dr. Travis Fridgen, Acting Dean

1. Fall semester start

I think the semester has gotten off to a great start! I've been around to labs and learning spaces and students certainly seem to happy to be back. Thank you to all of our staff and faculty for all your hard work in getting courses ready for our students. This is a transition semester, and we are expecting to be 100% in person in the winter.

2. Welcome to new Heads

I would like to thank Dr. Mary Courage for stepping in and leading the Department of Psychology for the last year, during a pretty difficult time for all faculty, staff, and students. I would also like to welcome Dr. Christina Thorpe who has begun a three-year term as Head of Psychology. I would also like to thank Dr. Kristin Poduska who finished a very productive three-year term as Head of Physics and welcome Dr. Len Zedel into that position for the next three years. I look forward to working with both Tina and Len.

3. Welcome to new faculty and staff

We have five new faculty members and six new staff members in the Faculty of Science, and I welcome you all to Memorial and the Faculty.

One of these new staff members, Jessica Whalen, is the Faculty of Science Career Development Coordinator and she will be reaching out to departments, if she hasn't already, to introduce herself your department and let everyone know what services we offer our students and graduates in career guidance. She would also like to take a small amount of time in some lectures and labs to introduce herself and the service to our students.

4. Faculty of Science Strategic Plan Consultations

I will be asking Heads to invite me to department meetings to meet with faculty and staff to consult on our strategic plan. The Dean's office, along with Heads and Deputy Heads, attended a retreat in September to begin to look at priorities. Once we get an outline, I want to know what priorities faculty and staff have, as well as some ideas on how to get there. I will also organize a meeting with undergraduate and graduate students to receive their input.

FSC 2866 **Question Period**

No questions.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.