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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
Minutes of Meeting of March 16, 2022**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. using Webex.

FSC 2927

Present

Biochemistry

M. Berry, R. Bertolo, S. Harding, S. Mayenbam, M. Mulligan

Biology

A Chaulk, K. Tahlan

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, H. Grover, M. Katz, S. Pansare, H. Therien-Aubin

Computer Science

S. Bungay, C. Dohey, M. Emshey, M. Hamilton, O. Meruvia-Pastor, K. Popuri

Earth Sciences

G. Dunning, G. Layne, A. Malcolm, M. Miskell, S. Strowbridge

Economics

K. Chu

Mathematics & Statistics

I. Booth, D. Dyer, D. Harvey, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti, S. MacLachlan, D. Pike, M. Strong, T. Sheel, T. Stuckless, S. Sullivan, H. Usefi

Ocean Sciences

I. Fleming, P. Gagnon, C. Parrish, J. Santander

Physics & Physical Oceanography

D. Coombs, E. Hayden, L. Zedel

Psychology

K. Hourihan

Dean of Science Office

J. Blundell, S. Dufour, M. Fitzpatrick, K. Foss, L. Frizzell, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, G. Kenny, P. MacCallum, T. Mackenzie, J. Whalen

Student Representatives:

T. Durgut, E. Ignatz, W. Kinden, J. Lamarre, M. Longjohn

FSC 2928 Regrets:

D. Boyce, F. Kerton, C. Kozak, S. Mantyka, D. McIlroy, G. Miminis, K. Poduska, N. Ryan, C. Thorpe, N. Vanasse, Y. Wiersma

FSC 2929 Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2022, be adopted. (Sullivan/Loredo-Osti)
Carried.

FSC 2930 Business Arising: None

FSC 2931 Correspondence: None

FSC 2932 Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee: No business.

B. Graduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Graham Layne, Chair Graduate Studies Committee:

- a. Scientific Computing Program, request for additional special topics course numbers, CMSC 7000-7009 (Layne/Bungay) **Carried**
- b. Scientific Computing Program, Special Topics Course, CMSC 7000, Special Topics: Quantitative Models of Physical Phenomena I, approved by the committee and presented to Council for information only.
- c. Scientific Computing Program, Special Topics Course, CMSC 7001, Special Topics: Quantitative Models of Physical Phenomena II, approved by the committee and presented to Council for information only.
- d. Department of Computer Science, Special Topics Course, COMP 6983, Special Topics in Advanced Interaction Techniques, approved by the committee and presented to Council for information only.
- e. Department of Computer Science, Request for Approval of a Graduate Course, COMP 6983, Advanced Interaction Techniques (Layne/Haynes) **Carried.**
- f. Department of Computer Science, proposal for a calendar amendment to change the treatment of courses failed for the course-based MSc program (Layne/Bungay) **Carried**

C. Library Committee: None.

FSC 2933 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils: None

FSC 2934**Report of the Dean:**

Presented by Dr. Suzanne Dufour, Acting Associate Dean (Undergraduate & Administration)

1. Faculty of Science Strategic Plan

The Dean and Associate Deans will meet with students before the end of the semester to discuss the draft strategic plan. The draft plan will be introduced at the April 2022 Faculty of Science Faculty Council meeting.

2. Accommodations for final exams

The Blundon Centre has received a high number of requests for accommodations this semester. Heads may want to consider talking to instructors to maybe have an informal accommodation for everyone in the class, e.g. maybe the students have three hours to write a two hour exam. If instructors can think creatively to come up with similar solutions, it will take some pressure off the Blundon Centre. If an instructor chooses to provide such an accommodation, this should be clearly communicated to the entire class prior to the exam.

3. CITL and ProctorU

CITL has offered to make ProctorU available as an informal accommodation with no associated cost. Any faculty member wishing to use ProctorU will have to ensure their exam is sent to CITL at least three weeks before the final exam date. Not all exam formats are suitable for ProctorU, i.e. pen and paper exams.

4. Upcoming Lunch and Learn

The Dean of Science Office will host an information Lunch and Learn on external partners and will include information on how to find tips on engaging with external partners. Presenters will be experts within the Faculty who have experience working with government, large companies, non- profit, and funding opportunities that require an industry partner.

5. SEA Conference

Thanks to everyone who has registered for the conference. There are currently 299 registrations and approximately 150 talks/posters. This is very overwhelming and exciting, and I want to say thank you to those who volunteered to help out in any way, and be judges or feature speakers. There will be lots of exciting prizes and awards.

FSC 2935**Question Period**

Dr. Shannon Sullivan noted that the University Diary for 2022-2023 was released on March 15, 2022, and there is now a change to the normal operation in the Fall semester. In Fall 2021 semester the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was incorporated into the diary, and this was done on short notice, leaving no opportunity to plan for replacing that day later in the semester. In 2022, because of this holiday, the semester will start on the Tuesday after Labour Day.

FSC 2936**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.