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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE  
Minutes of Meeting of October 19, 2022**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. using a hybrid model of Webex and in-person (C-2045).

**FSC 2972**

**Present**

**Business Administration**

A. Stapleton

**Biochemistry**

M. Berry, V. Booth, S. Christian

**Biology**

D. Bignell, A. Chaulk, S. Dawe, L. Pena-Castillo, Y. Wiersma

**Chemistry**

C. Bottaro, L. Cahill, M. Katz, F. Kerton, C. Kozak, S. Pansare, S. Smith,

**Computer Science**

C. Dohey, A. Fiech, O. Meruvia-Pastor, T. Tricco

**Earth Sciences**

H. Corlett, G. Dunning, A. Langille, A. Leitch, M. Miskell

**Mathematics & Statistics**

J. Alam, D. Dyer, C. Evans, D. Harvey, A. Hatefi, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti, S. MacLachlan, M. Strong, T. Stuckless, K. Welford, Y. Yilmaz-Cigsar

**Ocean Sciences**

I. Fleming, P. Gagnon, E. Ignatz, D. Nichols, M. Rise

**Physics & Physical Oceanography**

D. Coombs, H. Neilson, L. Zedel

**Psychology**

A. Brown, G. Sherren

**Registrar's Office**

T. Edmunds

## **Dean of Science Office**

J. Blundell, J. Bowering, C. Hussey, S. Dufour, M. Fitzpatrick, K. Foss, T. Fridgen, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh

## **Student Representatives:**

W. Kinden

### **FSC 2973**

#### **Regrets:**

C. Onodenaloro, L. Fowler, X. Jiang, J. Lagowski, T. Mackenzie, D. McIlroy, R. Nicholas, S. Sullivan, A. Vardy

### **FSC 2974**

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved:** Minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2022, be adopted. (Berry/Rise) **Carried.**

### **FSC 2975**

**Business Arising:** None

### **FSC 2976**

**Correspondence:** None

### **FSC 2977**

#### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:** No business.

**B. Graduate Studies Committee:**

Presented by Dawn Bignell, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee:

- a. Department of Earth Science, Special Topics Course, EASC 6906, Gem Deposits, approved by the committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.
- b. Department of Earth Science, Request for Approval of a Graduate Course EASC 6060, Gem Deposits (Bignell/Rise) **Carried.**
- c. Department of Earth Science, Request for Approval of a Graduate Course EASC 6620 Groundwater Modeling (Bignell/Loredo-Osti) **Carried.**
- d. Department of Biochemistry, Calendar change – supervisory committee meetings (Bignell/Berry) **Carried.**

**C. Library Committee:** No business.

### **FSC 2978**

#### **Committee Matrix:**

Presented by Suzanne Dufour, Associate Dean of Ungraduated and Administration:  
The committee matrix is updated on-line.

### **FSC 2979**

#### **Report of the Dean:**

Presented by Jacqueline Blundell, Associate Dean of Graduate and Research:  
The Sea conference is in early stages of planning. A survey with three possible dates will be circulated and the date with a majority vote will be picked.

Due to the hurricane Fiona, the deadline for NSERC applications for Atlantic Canadians is extended to November 7.

A second RIIG consultation with Dr. Paul Adjei, Associate Vice President (Indigenous Research) is scheduled for November 2, at 12:00pm. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Research week begins November 21. The Faculty of Science will be hosting 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) for graduate students on November 21 at 11:30am. During Research week, the Faculty of Science will be hosting an On the Menu hosted by Julie Bowering: Presenting your Research to a Non-Expert Audience.

The Faculty of Science will also be hosting a social during research week. Updates for be circulated.

## **FSC 2980      Question Period**

The Dean said that the only update is that the second portion of the IUGS decision is deferred to the end of the budget cycle. The faculty positions will remain on hold and decisions will be made in the coming weeks.

No update on the list of deficiencies in the core science building.

The Dean provided the President with the motion for an open phase for the provost search that was approved at the last faculty council and received a thank you, but no other update.

The next MUNFA bargaining meeting is in early November, with more issues to be discussed. The Dean is optimistic that things are progressing.

The plan for the Chemistry/Physics building is for the remaining HSS departments currently in the Science building to eventually move to the Chemistry/Physics building.

There will be an invitation to the President to attend the next Faculty of Science Faculty Council meeting or special faculty council meeting to discuss the budget.

## **FSC 2981      Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.