



## Faculty of Science

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# FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE Minutes of Meeting of December 6, 2023

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. using a hybrid model of WebEx and in-person (C-2045).

## FSC 3049 Present

### **Biochemistry**

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

### **Biology**

A. Chaulk, D. Harvey

### **Chemistry**

H. Grover, S. Pansare, T. Stockmann

### **Computer Science**

S. Bungay, D. Churchill, M. Hamilton, M. Hatcher, J. Henderson, C. Hyde, N. Nasr Esfahani, O. Meruvia-Pastor, L. Peña-Castillo, K. Popuri

### **Economics**

K. Chu

### **Mathematics & Statistics**

J. Alam, T. Baird, E. Cardoso-Bihlo, A. Bihlo, I. Booth, C. Cigsar, D. Dyer, A. Earle, C. Evans, Z. Fan, R. Haynes, M. Kotchetov, J.C. Loredó-Osti, C. Ou, T. Sheel, A. Shestopaloff, T. Stuckless, S. Sullivan, D. Ye, N. Zheng

### **Ocean Sciences**

P. Gagnon, D. Inkpen, C. Parrish, M. Rise (Department Head of Biology)

### **Physics & Physical Oceanography**

H. Neilson, I. Saika-Voivod, L. Zedel

### **Psychology**

S. Blandford, A. Swift-Gallant, C. Thorpe

**Dean of Science Office**

J. Blundell, J. Bowering, S. Dufour, M. Fitzpatrick, T. Fridgen, C. Hussey, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, T. Mackenzie, R. Temple

**Student Representatives**

H. Butt, K. Smith, N. Vadood, R. Waye

**Regrets**

A. Fiech

**FSC 3050**

**Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved:** Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2023, be adopted. (Sullivan/Sheel) **Carried.**

**FSC 3051**

**Business Arising:** No Business

**FSC 3052**

**Correspondence:** No Report

**FSC 3053**

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

**A. Undergraduate Students Committee:**

- a. Department of Psychology – Calendar Changes, Amend PSYC 3830 course title, (Sullivan/ Loreda-Osti) **Carried**
- b. Department of Psychology- Calendar Changes, Amend Admission to Major Program, (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**
- c. Department of Psychology – Calendar Changes, Amend Admission to Honours Programs, (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**
- d. Department of Psychology – Calendar Changes, Amend Requirements for a Major in Psychology, (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**
- e. Department of Psychology – Calendar Changes, Amend Requirements for Honours in Psychology, (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**
- f. Department of Psychology – Calendar Changes, Amend Requirements for a Major in Behavioural Neuroscience (B.Sc. Only), (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**
- g. Department of Psychology – Calendar Changes, Amend Requirements for Honours in Behavioural Neuroscience (B.Sc. Only), (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**
- h. Department of Psychology – Calendar Changes, New Course Proposals, PSYC 4052, PSYC 4053, PSYC 4054, PSYC 4152, PSYC 4153, PSYC 4154, PSYC 4452, PSYC 4453, PSYC 4454, PSYC 4652, PSYC 4653, PSYC 4654, PSYC 4752, PSYC 4753, (Sullivan/Thorpe) **Carried**
- i. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, - Calendar Changes, New Program, Data Science, (Sullivan/Yilmaz) **Carried** (Note: The program

was approved, however, there was a lot of discussion regarding cross listing certain courses. The departments agreed to review all courses prior to the Fall semester to discuss whether or not the courses should be cross-listed.

**B. Graduate Students Committee:**

Presented by Jahrul Alam, Graduate Studies Committee

- a. Department of Biochemistry, Special Topics Course, BIOC 6001, approved by the Graduate Committee and present to Faculty Council for information only.
- b. Department of Biochemistry, Potential Outcome for MSC Oral Defense, (Alam/Bertolo) **Carried**
- c. Department of Computer Science, Special Topics Course, COMP 6779, approved by the Graduate Committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.
- d. Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, Special Topics Course, PHYS 6912, approved by the Graduate Committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.

**C. Library Committee: No Business**

**FSC 3054 Report of Dean:**

**Grant Submissions**

I would like to remind everyone that deadlines set for the Faculty of Science for the compliance review of the grant must be adhered to. Not meeting these deadlines means that your Department Head cannot approve and there is no time for our grants facilitation officers to review the grant and get sign off to meet the RIS deadlines.

**FSC 3055 Question Period:**

Dr. Churchill asked if the Center for AI Classroom in the Core Science building would be available for use in January. The Dean commented that it is mostly likely would not be ready for January. The computers are ordered and a process for booking the space is being worked on. The course offerings in the AI, SE and Data Science programs will be scheduled in this classroom before other courses outside of these programs. Dr. Churchill stated that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> term being told this space will be ready for instruction.

Dr. Sullivan noted that the process for calendar consultation is set-up by SCUGS. If there are any questions on this process, or suggestions for improvements to contact Dr. Sullivan.

**FSC 3056**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.