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FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE Minutes of Meeting of March 15, 2023

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. using a hybrid model of Webex and in-person (C-2045).

FSC 3002 Present

Biochemistry

M. Berry, V. Booth, R. Bertolo, R. Brown, J. Brunton, S. Cheema, S. Christian, Z. Farahnak, M. Codner, S. Harding, D. Hunt, S. Mayengbam, M. Mulligan, J. Park, F. Shahidi, A. Todd, K. Wilson

Biology

D. Bignell, A. Chaulk, S. Dawe, E. Edinger

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, L. Cahill, H. Grover, k. Jobst, M. Katz, F. Kerton, C. Kozak, S. Pansare, B. Power, H. Reader, N. Ryan, S. Smith, J. Stockmann, H. Therien-Aubin

Computer Science

S. Anthony, A. Fiech, M. Hatcher, C. Hyde, T. Tricco

Earth Sciences

H. Corlett, G. Dunning, A. Langille, A. Leitch, M. Miskell, P. Morrill, K. Welford

Mathematics & Statistics

I. Booth, D. Dyer, C. Evans, D. Harvey, A. Hatefi, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti, E. Martínez, T. Sheel, S. Sullivan, A. Variyath, Y. Yilmaz-Cigsar

Ocean Sciences

I. Fleming, P. Gagnon, M. Rise

Physics & Physical Oceanography

D. Coombs, M. Evstigneev, M. Geng, E. Hayden, J. LeBlanc, L. Men, H. Neilson, I. O'Brien, K. Poduska, I. Siaka-Voivod, K. Shorlin, M. Strong, A. Yethiraj, S. Wallin, L. Zedel

Psychology

A. Brown, D. Hallett, C. Hyde, G. Sherren, A. Swift-Gallant, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh

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J. Blundell, J. Bowering, M. Fitzpatrick, S. Garasym, C. Hussey, S. Dufour, K. Foss, J. Major, T. Fridgen, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, R. Newhook, T. Mackenzie

Student Representatives:

E. Dormody, W. Kinden, G. Sherren

FSC 3003 Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2022, be adopted. (Sullivan/Berry)
Carried.

FSC 3004 Business Arising: No Business

FSC 3005 Correspondence: No Report

FSC 3006 Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Undergraduate Studies Committee: No report

B. Graduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Alison Leitch, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee

a. Faculty of Medicine – Calendar Change - secondary changes for Biology (re; cross listing of courses), (Leitch/Berry) **Carried.**

b. Science Interdisciplinary Programs – Master’s of Data Science – Calendar Changes - DSCI 6659 and DSCI 6619 are the DSCI designations for STAT 6559 and STAT 6519, DSCI 6650 is the new, graduate version of MATH 4650, with which it will be run concurrently, (Leitch/Variyath) **Carried.**

C. Library Committee: No business.

FSC 3007 Reports of Delegates from Other Councils: No Reports

FSC 3008 Report of the Dean:

SEA Conference: Dr. Jacqueline Blundell, Associate Dean (Research) said there are near 340 registered for oral and poster presentations as well as volunteers, judges and participants.

This year for the first time there will be a Gong Show, which is a public engagement event where students will present a short presentation about their research on April 5. Celebrity judges are invited to judge, such as Amanda Mews.

The event needs judges and if you would like to participate please contact the Dean’s Office.

MUNFA Collective Agreement Summarized (attached): Dr. Travis Fridgen, Dean
This will be in effect on the date of signing; however, there are some retroactive items.

The search committee changes cannot be applied to searches that are in progress now, but if the department does have searches being advertised the Dean will find out if we can use the new collective agreement.

During a new search, all applicants are considered for the search (including international applicants). On a go forward basis, we do not divide the international and national applicants as per the previous collective agreement.

If a religious holiday falls within the exam period, the ASM should take this into account when scheduling their exam.

The salary changes apply to all ASMs, Heads and Deans included.

FSC 3009 Question Period:

Mark Berry is concerned with calendar changes not being approved due to the Job Action, however, Shannon Sullivan assures that all changes will be approved without delay.

No update on the AI and CSF space. There is an assumption that it will be ready for September.

The 3 million in tuition that will be reimbursed back to students is assumed to be the money that was not paid to Faculty.

FSC 3010 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.