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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
Minutes of Meeting of November 15, 2023**

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

FSC 3041 Present

Biology

A. Chaulk, M. Rise

Business Administration

M. Eghbali-Zarch

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, H. Grover, E. Merschrod, N. Ryan, S. Smith, M. Katz, H. Therien-Aubin

Computer Science

S. Anthony, S. Bungay, A. Fiech, M. Hatcher, C. Hyde

Earth Sciences

K. Welford

Economics

K. Chu

Engineering

A. Elruby

Mathematics & Statistics

J. Alam, I. Booth, E. Cardoso-Bihlo, R. Haynes, A. Hatefi, L. Herman, J.C. Loredano-Osti, T. Sheel, T. Stuckless, S. Sullivan, H. Usefi, Y. Yilmaz-Cigsar

Ocean Sciences

D. Inkpen, C. Parrish, M. Rise, J. Wroblewski

Physics & Physical Oceanography

S. Curnoe, E. Hayden, I. Saika-Voivod, L. Zedel

Psychology

S. Blandford, K. Hourihan, C. Thorpe, C. Walsh, D. Wilson

Dean of Science Office

J. Bowering, T. Fridgen L. Frizzell, C. Hussey, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, P. MacCallum, T. Mackenzie, R. Newhook, R. Temple

Student Representatives

V. Borges, H. Butt, S. Duglas, W. Kinden, K. Smith, A. Ullah, N. Vadood

Regrets

J. Blundell, S. Dufour, M. Berry

FSC 3042

Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2023, be adopted. (Sullivan/Bungay) **Carried.**

FSC 3043

Business Arising: No Business

FSC 3044

Correspondence: No Report

FSC 3045

Reports of Standing Committees:

Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

A. Undergraduate Students Committee:

- a. Department of Biology – Calendar Changes, cross-list existing Biology 4911, with Ocean Sciences, amend course title, update course description. Presented to Faculty Council for information only.
- b. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, eligibility wording change and honours project change, Co-operative Internship in Computer Science (CICS) , (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**
- c. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, Minor in Computer Science, (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**
- d. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, amend course, Computer Science 2001, 2002, 2003, (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**
- e. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, New course proposal, Computer Science 3019, (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**
- f. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, New course proposal, Computer Science 3730 (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**
- g. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, New course proposal, Computer Science 3766, (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**

- h. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, New course proposal, Computer Science 4019, (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**
 - i. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Changes, Amend course, Computer Science 4304, (Sullivan/ Bungay) **Carried.**
 - j. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar Changes, amend course, Mathematics 1051, (Sullivan/ Booth) **Carried.**
 - k. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar Changes, amend course, Mathematics 3161 and 4160, (Sullivan/ Booth) **Carried.**
 - l. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar Changes, amend course, Mathematics 4162, (Sullivan/ Booth) **Carried.**
 - m. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar Changes, Mathematics Majors/Honors degree –Mathematics 2030/3030/409A/B, (Sullivan/ Booth) **Carried.**
- B. Graduate Students Committee:** No Business
- C. Library Committee:** No Business

FSC 3046 Report of Dean:

1. Giving Tuesday

Donations made between November 26-28, 2023 will be matched with an equivalent amount from a special group of donors toward Memorial's Thriving Student Fund, which was created to provide funding as needed, where needed for students. Whether they need short-term emergency support, or by empowering their success through scholarships and bursaries, this fund helps students to achieve academic and personal success during their time at Memorial University.

All donations to this fund will support undergraduate and graduate students across all campuses, increasing access to education and providing financial support so that students can focus on their studies.

The link for donating is <https://www.mun.ca/give/give-online/>

2. Research Week

Research week at Memorial begins next week, November 20-24.

The '**Research Exchange**' is scheduled for Nov 22nd from 3:30-5:00 in the CSF (CSF: 1301). We will be discussing funding, industry partnerships, and planned research support initiatives. This will be followed by an open discussion about the needs of researchers in the Faculty of Science. We encourage all researchers (students, staff, and faculty) to attend and contribute. No need to register for this event.

The '**Whale of a Time**' is scheduled for Nov 22nd from 5-7 in the CSF (under the whale). We hope that all Faculty of Science students, staff and faculty attend our annual social. Food and beverages will be available. If you plan to attend the Whale of a Time, please RSVP through the link provided by Nov. 16th at 5pm.

Finally, we have 17 students giving talks in the **3M competition** on Tuesday, November 21st in the physics lab, C2039, beginning at 11:30. If you can spare the time, please come and listen to what I am sure will be some stimulating three minute theses and support our graduate students.

3. Faculty of Science @SeaHawks

We are in the preliminary stages of planning a Faculty of Science night to cheer on our SeaHawks at a double-header basketball game. There will be more information coming, but if you can please save either the 19th or the 20th of January to come out support our SeaHawks with other students, staff, and faculty in the Faculty of Science.

4. Outreach Coordinator

Danielle Nichols will be rejoining the Faculty of Science as the Faculty of Science Outreach Coordinator. This position will provide support to departments' outreach programs and/or assist departments in developing outreach activities. Initially, her main objective will be to develop a science summer camp.

FSC 3047 Question Period:

There was a discussion about the upcoming budget for April 1, 2024. Dean of Science office has not received any new information about the budget planning process in the upcoming year.

The question was raised to the possibility of the Faculty of Science being audited. The Dean said the Faculty of Science has already participated in the audit and there was no further mention of the Faculty of Science undergoing a separate audit.

FSC 3048 Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm