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**FACULTY OF SCIENCE  
FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE  
Minutes of Meeting of November 20, 2024**

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. using a hybrid model of WebEx and in-person (C-2045).

**FSC 3075 Present**

**Biology**

A. Chaulk, S. Dufour, D. Harvey, D. Marshall, M. Rise

**Biochemistry**

M. Berry, R. Bertolo, J. Brunton, S. Christian

**Chemistry**

N. Ryan, S. Smith, H. Therien-Aubin

**Computer Science**

C. Hyde, C. Sullivan

**Mathematics & Statistics**

J. Alam, I. Booth, C. Cigsar, R. Haynes, J.C. Loredó-Osti, T. Sheel, S. Sullivan, Y. Yilmaz-Cigsar

**Ocean Sciences**

I. Fleming, P. Gagnon, J. Wroblewski

**Physics & Physical Oceanography**

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

**Psychology**

S. Blandford, D. Hallett

**Dean of Science Office**

J. Blundell, J. Bowering, T. Fridgen, M. Fitzpatrick, L. Frizzell, S. Garasym, C. Hussey, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, P. MacCallum, J. Major, V. MacNab, T. Mackenzie, D. Nichols, R. Newhook, N. Squires, C. Thorpe

## **Representatives from other Faculties**

B. Misiuk (HSS)

## **Student Representatives**

F. Dominie, E. Gnam, F. Ishrak, E. Mohammadreza

### **FSC 3076 Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved:** Minutes of the meeting of June 19, 2024, be adopted. (Sullivan/Bungay)  
**Carried.**

### **FSC 3077 Business Arising: No Business**

### **FSC 3078 Correspondence: No Report**

### **FSC 3079 Reports of Standing Committees:**

#### **A. Undergraduate Students Committee:**

Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Faculty of Science, Undergraduate Studies Committee

- a. Department of Biology, BIOL 3050 Calendar Change Proposal, (Sullivan/Rise) **Carried.**
- b. Department of Biology, BIOL 3709 Proposal Description & PRs, (Sullivan/Rise) **Carried.**
- c. Department of Biology, BIOL 3711 Calendar Change for Consultation, (Sullivan/ Rise) **Carried.**
- d. ~~Department of Biology, BIOL 3712 Proposal to Cross List OSCS.~~ (New information has been submitted, this calendar change will be deferred to the December 4th Faculty Council.)
- e. Department of Biology, BIOL 4050 Proposal Title Change, (Sullivan/Rise) **Carried.**
- f. Department of Biology, BIOL 4052 Proposal Removal of Activity, (Sullivan/Rise) **Carried.**
- g. Department of Biology, BIOL-STAT Joint Honours Proposal – Remove CHEM 2401, (Sullivan/Rise) **Carried.**
- h. Department of Biology, MNBL Proposal MATH 1006 OSCS 3710, 3711, (Sullivan/Rise) **Carried.**
- i. Department of Computer Science, COMP 2001, 2002, 2003 Prerequisite Change, (Sullivan/Hatcher) **Carried.**
- j. Department of Computer Science, COMP 2004-2008 PR Restriction, (Sullivan/Hatcher) **Carried.**
- k. Department of Computer Science, COMP Concentrations, (Sullivan/Hatcher) **Carried.**

- l. Department of Computer Science, COMP Program Eligibility Math Requirement, (Sullivan/Hatcher) **Carried.**
- m. Department of Computer Science, COMP Program Eligibility Numerical Grade Requirement, (Sullivan/Hatcher) **Carried.**
- n. Department of Computer Science, COMP Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction, (Sullivan/Hatcher) **Carried.**
- o. Department of computer Science, COMP CS-Physics Joint program COMP Course Change (joint Major / Joint Honours), (Sullivan/Hatcher) **Carried.**

The following calendar changes (Paper 5 A. q to Paper 5 A. x) will be deferred to the December 4th Faculty Council meeting due to missing information.

- ~~p. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, MATH 4130 Prerequisite Changes, Paper 5 A. q. (pages 90-94)~~
- ~~q. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, MATH 4340 and 4341 Prerequisite change, Paper 5 A. r (pages 95-98)~~
- ~~r. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, AMAT/COMP, COMP/PMAT, COMP/MATH Joint Major and Honours, Paper 5 A. s. (pages 99-108)~~
- ~~s. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, ECON—MATH Major Revision, Paper 5 A. t. (pages 109-115)~~
- ~~t. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, MATH PHYS Major and Honours Revision, Paper 5 A. u. (pages 116-123)~~
- ~~u. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, STAT 2500 Course Update, Paper 5 A. v. (pages 124-130)~~
- ~~v. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, STAT 3521, 3585, 4530 Prerequisite Changes, Paper 5 A. w. (pages 131-143)~~
- ~~w. Department of Psychology, Complete calendar change proposals, Paper 5 A. x. (pages 135-362)~~

Shannon Sullivan informed Faculty Council that the university diary for the Fall 2025 academic semester will look different due to the Canada Summer Games. MUN residences are being used to accommodate the athletes participating in the Games. To allow time for the residences to be ready for our students to move in for Fall semester, the semester will have a later than normal start date. The start date will be September 9, 2025, and end on December 5, with the exam period being December 8-14. The exam grade will be released on December 19. There was a discussion around start dates and release of exams as well as the shortened student period between the last day of classes and the start of the exam period. Dr. Sullivan assured the members of Faculty Council that the SUGS is doing everything they can do for the students.

**B. Graduate Studies Committee:**

Presented by Adrian Fiech, Chair, Graduate Studies Committee

- a. Department of Biochemistry, Special Topics Course, BIOC-6002, Introduction to Applied Computational Chemistry, approved by the Faculty of Science Graduate Committee and present to Faculty Council for information only.
- b. Department of Chemistry, Special Topics Course, CHEM-6496, Advanced Analytical Techniques in Organic Chemistry, approved by the Faculty of Science Graduate Committee and present to Faculty Council for information only.
- c. Department of Earth Science, Request for Approval of a Graduate Course EASC 6173; An Introduction to Potential Field, Electrical and Electromagnetic Methods, (Fiech/Christian) **Carried**.
- d. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Core Course Proposed Calendar Changes, (Fiech/Loredo-Osti) **Carried**.
- e. Department of Psychology, Course deletions, (Fiech/Hallett) **Carried**.
- f. Department of Psychology, Calendar Change to 32.19.1 to add Health and Wellness specialization area, (Fiech/Hallett) **Carried**.

**C. Library Committee: No Business**

**FSC 3080**     **Committee Matrix:** The committee Matrix is posted on-line ([Committees | Faculty of Science | Memorial University of Newfoundland](#)) for your review and approval. Minor changes and additions to be made. (Thorpe/Sullivan) **Carried**.

**FSC 3081**     **IT Structure in Faculty of Science:**  
The Dean spoke to the plan to centralize the IT structure in the Faculty of Science.

The Dean introduced, Seth Hutcherson, the Systems Manager for the Faculty of Science. The Faculty of Science IT support team's location and a resource email will be sent out to members of the Faculty of Science once the team is in place. Mr. Hutcherson created a memo which was sent out to the Faculty of Science prior to the council meeting. This is to inform faculty and staff members of the upcoming changes to the Faculty of Science IT support team as well as other changes being implemented by the OCIO. The Faculty of Science is not planning to eliminate IT jobs within the faculty; however, job duties may be changed to better meet the needs of faculty and staff.

**FSC3082**     **Research Week Actives**  
Presented by Jacqueline Blundell, Associate Dean of Graduate and Research

During research week the Faculty of Science will be hosting: A Minute for Science, Plastic Forum, Brosnan Lecture, Research Exchange and Whale of a Time. All of the Research Week Activities are listed on [www.mun.ca/research/research-week](http://www.mun.ca/research/research-week). Please register for the events you are planning to attend.

**FSC 3083**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm