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FACULTY OF SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE Minutes of Meeting of April 16, 2025

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. using a hybrid model of WebEx and in-person (C-2039).

FSC 3110 Present

Biology

A. Chaulk, W. Gin, C. Graves, D. Harvey, H. Marshall, M. Rise

Biochemistry

M. Berry, S. Harding, J. Park, K. Wilson

Chemistry

C. Bottaro, L. Cahill M. Katz, F. Kerton, C. Kozak, E. Merschrod, N. Ryan, S. Smith, T. Stockmann, H. Therien-Aubin

Computer Science

S. Bungay, M. Hatcher, C. Hyde, M. Hamilton, T. Tricco

Earth Sciences

G. Dunning, A. Leitch, A. Malcolm, P. Morrill, S. Piercey, K. Welford

Mathematics & Statistics

J. Alam, C. Cigar, D. Dyer, Z. Fan, A. Hatefi, J.C. Loredó-Osti, K. Nirmakanna, T. Sheel, S. Sullivan, T. Stuckless, Y. Yilmaz

Ocean Sciences

I. Fleming, P. Gagnon, J. Greening, J. Wroblewski

Physics & Physical Oceanography

D. Coombs, M. Evstigneev, E. Hayden, J. LeBlanc, H. Neilson, I. Saika-Voivod, K. Shorlin, L. Zedel

Psychology

P. Bitton, K. Hourihan, C. Walsh, D. Wilson

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J. Bowering, D. Bennett, T. Fridgen, J. Gauld, C. Hussey, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, P. MacCallum, V. MacNab, T. Mackenzie, R. Newhook, N. Squires, C. Thorpe

Representatives from other Faculties

B. Misiuk (HSS), J. Dore (MED), C. Onodenaloro (MI)

Student Representatives

N. Penton, J. Lamarre, J. Minhas,

Regrets

J. Blundell, I. Booth

FSC 3111 Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2025, be adopted. (*Sullivan/Berry*) **Carried**
Correction: Dr. M. Oh's name is spelled incorrectly and is to be fixed.

FSC 3112 Business Arising: No Business**FSC 3113 Correspondence:** No Report**FSC 3114 Reports of Standing Committees:****A. Undergraduate Studies Committee:**

Presented by Shannon Sullivan, Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee

- a. Department of Computer Science – Calendar Change, COMP Concentrations:
The Computer Science calendar changes were reviewed and passed by Faculty Council meeting on December 4, 2024.
- b. Department of Biology – Calendar Change, New special topics course, BIOL 4920 –
Special Topics in Cellular & Molecular Biology of Cancer, For Information Only.
- c. Department of Mathematics and Statistics – Calendar change, New Program, Minor in
Data Analytics – Amended Program Minor Statistics

(*Sullivan/Yilmaz*) **Carried.**

B. Graduate Studies Committee:

Presented by Terrence Tricco, Member of the Graduate Studies Committee

- a. Departments of Mathematics and Statistics and Computer Science, Master of Data
Science proposed calendar changes; Revision of capstone project (DSCI695A/695B)
evaluation process – removal of evaluation by a faculty member other than the adviser
- b. Departments of Mathematics and Statistics and Computer Science, Master of Data
Science proposed calendar changes; Addition of existing COMP 6910 to MDSC elective
courses

(*Tricco/Dyer*) **Carried.**

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- c. Department of Biochemistry, Special topics course, BIOC 6003, Critiquing Research II, approved by the Faculty of Science Graduate Committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.

C. Library Committee: No Business

FSC 3115 Dean's Report

A heartfelt thank you to Travis for guidance and support over the last couple of weeks.

The provincial government recently provided their budget. However, there is no update yet regarding the Faculty of Science budget. When we have more information and details, we will share them with you.

FSC 3116 Questions

FSC 3117 Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.