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FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE
Minutes of Meeting of September 17, 2025

A meeting of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. using a hybrid model of WebEx and in-person (C-2045).

FSC 3118 Present

Biology
A. Chaulk, D. Harvey, H. Marshall, M. Rise

Biochemistry
M. Berry, V. Booth, E. Clemson, F. Kerton, J. Park, K. Wilson

Chemistry
C. Bottaro, H. Grover, M. Katz, F. Kerton, C. Kozak, E. Merschrod, S. Smith, H. Therien-Aubin

Computer Science
S. Bungay, A. Fiech, M. Hatcher, M. Hamilton, C. Hyde, T. Wareham

Mathematics & Statistics
I. Booth, C. Cigsar, D. Dyer, C. Evans, R. Haynes, D. Pike, T. Sheel, S. Sullivan

Ocean Sciences
P. Gagnon, J. Wrobewski

Physics & Physical Oceanography
D. Coombs, K. Poduska, I. Saika-Voivod, C. Sullivan, L. Zedel

Psychology
P. Bitton, S. Blandford, K. Hourihan, C. Quinn-Nilas, C. Thorpe

Dean of Science Office
J. Blundell, J. Bowering, J. Ceha, M. Fitzpatrick, T. Fridgen, L. Frizzell, J. Gauld, C. Hussey, G. Jackson, J. Kavanagh, P. MacCallum, V. MacNab, R. Newhook, N. Squires

Representatives from other Faculties
B. Misiuk (GEOG)

Student Representatives
J. Osbourne, K. Parsons

FSC 3119 Adoption of Minutes

Moved: Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2025, be adopted. (*Berry/Wareham*) **Carried**
Abstained: D. Pike, E. Merschrod, T. Wareham

FSC 3120 Business Arising: No Business

FSC 3121 Correspondence: No Report

FSC 3122 Reports of Standing Committees:

A. **Undergraduate Studies Committee**: No Business

B. **Graduate Studies Committee:**

Presented by Adrian Fiech, Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee

a) Department of Computer Science, Calendar changes, PhD in Computer Science
(*Fiech, Bungay*) **Carried.**

b) Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography, Special Topics Course, PHYS 6913: Graduate Introduction to Stellar Astrophysics, approved by the Faculty of Science Graduate Committee and presented to Faculty Council for information only.

C. **Library Committee:** No Business

FSC 3124 Committee Matrix

The updated Faculty of Science Faculty Council matrix for 2025-2026 is updated online. There are several vacant positions available. To volunteer for these positions, please contact your Head of Department or email deansciassistant@mun.ca.

FSC 3124 Dean's Report

The welcome back and Everything Science event, which consisted of departmental engagement and student focus groups, was successful. If you have any feedback on the event, please send it along to the Dean's Office.

Employee town hall on September 24, 2025, was announced. All Faculty and Staff are encouraged to attend.

The Dean of Science Awards will be held on Wednesday, October 1 at 5:00. All Faculty and Staff are encouraged to attend to support the wonderful achievements of our faculty, staff and students.

Congratulations to M. Berry on the well attended and organized event.

FSC 3125 Questions

M. Rise asked to have the terms of reference of Faculty Council circulated.

E. Merschrod raised concerns about the Faculty of Science IT support, specifically the removal of OCIOs live chat for IT support, the Dean advised E. Merschrod that he would look further into the process.

M. Berry asked for more information regarding an email sent to Head's regarding the course load waivers forms. S. Sullivan explained the process and assured council more input regarding these forms will be sent out.

FSC 3126 Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.