

Faculty of Science Coordinating Council Minutes

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Meet via Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

Dean's Office	P	Chris Houser	R	Philip Dutton	P	Dan Mennill
Biomedical Sciences	P	Andrew Hubberstey	P	Martin Crozier	P	Hamza Serdah
Chemistry & Biochemistry	P	James Gauld	P	Drew Marquardt	P	Michael Ocheje
Computer Science	P	Ziad Kobti	P	Pooya Moradian Zadeh	P	Anish Sharma
Economics	P	Nurlan Turdaliev	A	Dingding Li	P	Xueting Li
Environment	P	Joel Gagnon	P	Cameron Proctor	A	Libby George
Forensic Science	P	Maria Cioppa		N/A	P	Deanna Fisher
Institute Directors	P	Lisa Porter	P	Mike McKay	A	Roman Maev
Integrative Biology	P	Isabelle Barrette-Ng	P	Barbara Zielinski	P	Niya Vanganur
Math & Stats	P	Richard Caron	P	Adrian Zahariuc	A	Penny Cardelli
Physics	P	Steven Rehse	P	Jeffrey Rau	P	Dimitri Shinas
Non-voting	A	Luke Strong	P	Laura McLean	R	Sharon Rasul
Non-voting	P	Sara Elliott	P	Dora Cavallo-Medved	P	Bob Hodge
Non-voting	P	Margaret Garabon				

R=Regrets, S=Substitute, G=Guest

1. Welcome and approval of Agenda

- Request to un-star the Math & Stats criteria.

MOTION: To approve the revised agenda.

**Kobti /Zielinski
CARRIED**

2. Approval of Minute from February 4, 2021

MOTION: To approve the amended minutes of March 4, 2021.

**Barrette-Ng/Gagnon
CARRIED**

3. Faculty of Science Adjunct AAS II Appointment Request from Laura Chittle

MOTION: To appointment Laura Chittle as an Adjunct AAS II in the Faculty of Science for a 5 year term.

**Kobti/Turdaliev
CARRIED**

4. Report from the Dean

a. Enrolment Update:

- Expected enrolment growth of >50. Both 101 and 105 applications are up for Science.

b. Return to Campus/Fall Planning:

- Chris Houser is chairing the Action Group for Fall Return to Campus. This action group reports to Dean's & Provost's Council and the Executive Leadership Team.
- The action group is working with several advisory groups and implementation teams.
- Anticipating up to 3000 students on campus in fall.
- Mandate of the Action group is to establish plans for the Fall with a focus on student return
- Action Group areas of focus:
 - Safety

- Clarity around academic plans including staff and space implementations
- Co-curricular space and support requirements
- Assessment of usable space including implications of technology integration
- Assessment of staff/faculty return
- Key procedural bottlenecks
- Health & Safety will create University wide safety guidelines. This won't be the responsibility of each unit.
- The goal for fall is to maximize the opportunities for students to have on-campus experiences. Must be value-added experiences in which students gain by being in person.
- Discussed different learning models (online, hybrid, hy-flex).

5. Micro Credentials

- Digital badges are validated indicators of skills or competencies awarded for completing micro credentials
- Used to acknowledge competencies not shown on transcripts.
- Path to badge can differ (can depend on taking a course, showing evidence of learning a skill, completing internships, volunteer work, etc.).
- Criteria can be established by instructor, university, association, etc.
- Benefits:
 - Help capture learning not seen on transcripts
 - Help students reflect on their learning and better articulate their skills to potential employers, etc.
 - Popular with those wishing to upskill or re-skill
- Discussed the Badgr tool:
 - Free too
 - Integrates with Teams
 - Supports different levels of badges
 - Easy to customize and oversee
- All are encouraged to consider incorporating badges into your programs.
- Discussed the need for a single strategy for Science. Isabelle Barrette-Ng, Dora Cavallo-Medved, Nurlan Turdaliev, Cameron Proctor, Phil Dutton & Anish Sharma expressed interest in this group.

6. COVID-19 Screening Programs

- UWindsor is leading in the Province with the two screening programs (Wastewater testing & COVID screening)
- Wastewater testing program is running well and may have prevented an outbreak at Alumni Hall.
- Phase 1 of COVID screening is operating smoothly.

7. Undergraduate Update

- N/A

8. Graduate & Research Update

- Student Work Placement Program (SWPP)
 - This program has the potential to provide a significant influx of funding support for any workplace integrated learning (\$3 million for Science).
 - Science will likely use this funding to support future workplace integrated learning for our students.
 - Dan Mennill will be messaging Heads for their help connecting with students who still need to sign off on the documents.
- Tuition update:
 - The “Friendly Neighbour” tuition rate for American citizens or Permanent residents will start in September. This should reduce tuition for American students from \$24K to \$18K.
 - New policy “Cohort Tuition” will lock tuition amount so that there will be no increases during the length of one’s degree.
 - There will be no tuition increases to graduate programs in September.
 - Science is working on a reduced tuition plan for international PhD students. Students will pay the standard international tuition, and then Science will offer the student a scholarship in the amount equivalent to the difference between domestic and international tuition. Allocation is linked to domestic PhD student recruitment and will be based by department. (i.e. if you recruited 3 domestic PhD students last year, you will receive 3 scholarships for next year).
- Scholarship news should be released in near future. If you have exciting scholarship news, please share with Dan Mennill.
- Timing for submission of GA/TA contracts for summer term been communicated with all Department Heads, Grad Chairs and Grad Secretaries.

9. Report from Heads

Integrative Biology

- 23 4th year students participated at Ontario Biology Days. 2 received 1st place awards.

Biomedical Sciences

- Next Thursday is the departmental grad student research day. All in program grad students will be giving presentations.

Computer Science

- Over 1400 people participated in hackathon on weekend. Great success and great ideas were generated.

GLIER

- Grad showcase scheduled for next Friday. This is the result of a year long joint seminar series held with Wayne State. Students will deliver presentations and speed talks.

10. Other Business

- N/A

11. Math & Stats RTP Criteria

- Discussed the need to remove gendered language.

Motion to approve the revised criteria (gendered language removal).

**Gagnon/Kobti
CARRIED**

12. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

**Kobti/Barrette-Ng
CARRIED**