

## Faculty of Science Coordinating Council Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2022

1:30-3:30 p.m.

203 Toldo Health Education Centre

### Attendance:

<b>Dean's Office</b>	P	Dora Cavallo-Medved	P	Philip Dutton	P	Dan Mennill
<b>Biomedical Sciences</b>	P	Andrew Hubberstey	P	Martin Crozier	P	Isabelle Hinch
<b>Chemistry &amp; Biochemistry</b>	P	James Gauld	P	Drew Marquardt	P	Angela Awada
<b>Computer Science</b>	R	Ziad Kobti	A	Pooya Moradian Zadeh	A	Mohammed Ehsan Ur Rahman
<b>Economics</b>	P	Sang-Chul Suh	P	Steven Chen	R	David Henderson
<b>Environment</b>	A	Hugh MacIsaac	P	Cameron Proctor	P	Pracithaa Vijayakumar
<b>Forensic Science</b>	R	Maria Cioppa		N/A	P	Parisa Younesian
<b>Institute Directors</b>	P	Lisa Porter	P	Mike McKay	A	Roman Maev
<b>Integrative Biology</b>	P	Isabelle Barrette-Ng	P	Catherine Febria	A	Samuelle Simard-Provençal
<b>Math &amp; Stats</b>	R	Abdulkadir Hussein	P	Abdo Alfakih	A	Kenneth Enniful
<b>Physics</b>	P	Steven Rehse	P	Dan Xiao	P	Emma Blanchette
<b>Non-voting</b>	P	Anita Hu	P	Laura McLean	P	Sharon Rasul
<b>Non-voting</b>	P	Sara Elliott	P	Gemma Grey-Hall	R	Bob Hodge
<b>Non-voting</b>	R	Melissa Robinet	G	Tim Brunet	G	Nadia Gill
R=Regrets, S=Substitute, G=Guest						

### 1. Welcome and approval of Agenda

**MOTION: To approve the agenda.**

**Gauld/Hubberstey**

**CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of Minute from November 3, 2022

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 3, 2022.**

**Barrette-Ng/Gauld**

**CARRIED**

### 3. ADHDe Project Presentation

- Students gave a presentation about the ADHDe Project
- Student led initiative to promote inclusion for students with ADHD or who identify as neurodiverse.
- The project was created to:
  - Destigmatize ADHD & neurodiversity on campus.
  - Provide students with resources and support
  - Promote a welcoming environment at UWindsor.
- Discussed accessibility regulations, symptoms, barriers, accessibility and support (see presentation slides for details).

### 4. UWill Discover Presentation

- The UWill Discover theme is Sustainable Futures and will be held from March 20-24 & 31.
- The hybrid conference will include:
  - Oral Presentations

- Poster Sessions & Twitter Conference
- Plenary Sessions
- Writing Retreat
- Policy Brief Competition
- Research Reflections
- Many student roles available
- Faculty are encouraged to:
  - Allow UWill Discover Team to present at AAU & Faculty meetings
  - Participate as reviewers, judges, attend student sessions and encourage students to submit assignments
  - Share the campaign.

## 5. Report from the Dean

- Enrolment
  - Science saw another year of increase in both full time and part time students.
  - Comparing to university wide data, Science might be the only faculty with growth in the last year.
  - Grad enrolment saw significant growth.
- Recruitment
  - Application & Admission information will be sent to departments for them to begin working on conversions.
  - UWindsor Open House (Nov. 5)
    - Debriefing has begun.
    - It was a challenge getting back and forth to Lancer centre & main campus.
    - Dora has shared the feedback from Science with organizers.
  - Parent's night (online webinar)
    - Good attendance. (55-60 people)
  - Discover your Future webinars (Nov & Dec)
    - Already completed 4 of the 7 webinars. There is 1 scheduled for tonight and 2 for next week.
    - Participation has not been as high as last year.
    - Anyone who registered will receive a link to the presentation to watch it afterwards (whether they attended or not).
  - UWindsor Virtual Open Day (Dec. 8)
  - Educator's Day (Dec. 14)
    - Local Teachers and Guidance Counsellors coming to campus.
    - There will be 2 Science tours and Dora will be participating in a panel discussion.
    - Our student ambassadors have been leading many tours with potential students.
- Brightspace
  - Any questions or concerns reach out to the Science Champions, Dr. Isabelle Barrette-Ng & Dr. Ken Ng.

- If your courses haven't migrated yet, put a ticket in. They are prioritizing courses from the last 2 years. Migration of older courses won't happen until March.
- Holding Science focused workshop on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, and Drop-in Session on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Looking to offer more drop-in sessions in early January.
- We will be hiring graduate students to help with the Brightspace support in Science.
- PEARLS
  - Hosted seminar featuring 2 recent PEARLS grant winners (Dr. Tanya Noel & Dr. Trantum Kaur)
  - Dr. Chitra Rangan is leading the PEARLS initiative and can answer any questions.
- Science EDI
  - Science EDI Taskforce delivered 8 research lab presentations across Science.
  - Currently working on 8 research projects.
  - Holding workshops
    - LGBTQIA2S+ inclusion in STEM: A student-orientated workshop
    - Let's Grab a CoffeEDI
    - Mental Healing Natural Sciences (Jan. 2023)
    - Being Black in Science (Feb. 2023)
    - Pride in STEM (March 2023)
- Alumni Features
  - Science Advisory Board suggested that we should focus on our alumni stories and to help showcase what people can do with their degrees.
    - Science has created a new tagline "Because of Science @ U Windsor". This tagline will be used to feature Science alumni and their achievements.
    - First story was about Dante Bresolin. More are in the works.
    - Right now, these are daily news stories, but the plan is to use them for recruitment and promotion of Science.
    - If you know of anyone we should be highlighting, please let Sara Elliott know.

## **6. Report from Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs**

- ADUA office is working well.
- Struggling for classroom and lab spaces for the winter term.
- Undergraduate office will send out a reminder to faculty about the midterm calendar.
- This is Phil Dutton's last meeting until July 2023. We welcome Dr. Arunita Jaekel to the role as of January 1, 2023.

## **7. Report from Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research**

- Deadline for OGS & QEIGSST is January 11, 2023. We have 85 of these scholarships across campus.
- NSERC USRA program is changing:
  - We will be asking Principal Investigators to rank students if they are sponsoring more than 1 student.
  - A new set of USRAs for Black Scholars and Indigenous Scholars will be available, details still forthcoming.
  - The USRA program will be delayed a few weeks; deadline anticipated in mid or late January.

- Will focus on Graduate Student recruitment in the new year. Please reach out to Dan Mennill if you have ideas for recruitment efforts.

#### **8. Report from Associate Dean, Student & Faculty Engagement**

- Presented USci Network event updates.
- Major Gift Officer Presentation:
  - Fundraising works on a calendar year (for people to get their donation tax receipts)
  - Raised over \$575,000 this year. Funds went towards student experience, capitol, equipment, & scholarships.
  - Total UWindsor fundraising revenue for this calendar year is over \$8 million
  - Working on an alumni abroad opportunity for alumni to join the study abroad trips.

#### **9. Report from Heads/Directors**

- **Biomedical Sciences**
  - Held a successful virtual recruitment event and open house.
  - Many Translational Health Sciences and Biomed students participated at the WE-SPARK conference.
  - The new Translational Health Science program has been a great success.
- **Integrative Biology**
  - Open house was a success. Thanks to all involved.
  - Hosted a virtual open house webinar last week.
  - Hosted visit from Herman HS last week.
  - Supervising 2 Ignite students to catalogue all specimens in Integrative Biology.
- **Physics**
  - Hosted a virtual webinar.
  - Open house was a success and included 2 lab tours. Thanks to all students who helped.
  - The Technical Support Centre (TSC) is now only serving the Faculty of Engineering. Considering the need to re-open the Physics Machine Shop. Steve will be contacting everyone in Science to complete a survey on their needs for a machine shop. If you've ever needed access to the TSC, please complete the survey and encourage others to respond.
- **Economics**
  - Dr. Rose Anne Devlin from the University of Ottawa delivered a seminar about charitable contribution to community well-being with an emphasis on Indigenous communities.
- **WE-SPARK**
  - Erie St. Clair joined WE-SPARK partnership. They are including research related to migrant workers.
  - Conference was a success. Good experience for students.
  - Hired Chris Fletcher as a Research Ambassador RA. Launched an ambassador program online. This is a good way to highlight innovation in your departments.
  - WE-SPARK After Dark is held on the first Thursday of every month at the Bourbon Tap & Grill on Ottawa St. These are great opportunities for informal networking.

- Lisa is a member of Research Canada (health research advocacy for Canada). Send us your stories and we will move them up the ladder to the Government.
- Dr. Lisa Porter is the new Academic Colleague for COU in replace of Dr. Phil Dutton.
- **Science Society**
  - Hosting a Meet the Prof night in January for the welcome week (Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>) in CORE. Will include a pasta dinner. Science Society representatives will be emailing professors to participate.

#### **10. Other Business**

- N/A

#### **11. Adjournment**