

## Faculty of Science Coordinating Council Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2024

2:30-4:00 p.m.

203 Toldo Health Education Centre

### Attendance:

<b>Dean's Office</b>	P	Dora Cavallo-Medved	P	Phil Dutton	P	Tricia Carmichael
<b>Biomedical Sciences</b>	P	Andrew Hubberstey	A	Martin Crozier	P	Isabelle Hinch
<b>Chemistry &amp; Biochemistry</b>	P	Drew Marquardt	P	John Trant	P	Angela Awada
<b>Computer Science</b>	P	Ziad Kobti	P	Arunita Jaekel	P	Hossein Fani
<b>Computer Science</b>	P	Shafeen Aziz		N/A		N/A
<b>Economics</b>	P	Sang-Chul Suh	P	Hyuk-Jae Rhee	R	Elizabeth Akujobi
<b>Environment</b>	R	Alice Grgicak-Mannion	V	Chris Weisener	A	Sarika Sharma
<b>Forensic Science</b>	P	Shari Forbes		N/A	P	Mckenzie Buchanan
<b>Institute Directors</b>	P	Lisa Porter	V	Mike McKay	P	Roman Maev
<b>Integrative Biology</b>	P	Isabelle Barrette-Ng	R	Stephanie Doucet	A	Samuelle Simard-Provençal
<b>Math &amp; Stats</b>	V	Sudhir Paul	P	Abdo Alfakih	V	Mohammad Babakhani
<b>Physics</b>	P	Steve Rehse	P	Caio Licciardi	A	Nathan Drouillard
<b>Non-voting</b>	P	Olivia Youssef	P	Laura McLean	P	Sharon Rasul
<b>Non-voting</b>	P	Sara Elliott	P	Gemma Grey-Hall	R	Bob Hodge
<b>Non-voting</b>	V	Melissa Robinet	G	Clinton Beckford	G	Marcela Ciampa
R=Regrets, S=Substitute, G=Guest, V=Virtual						

### 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda

- Welcome back Drs. Dan Mennill, Ziad Kobti & Drew Marquardt.

**MOTION: To approve the agenda.**

**Barrette-Ng/Porter**

**CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of Minute from December 7, 2023

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of December 7, 2023.**

**Barrette-Ng/Maev**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Employee Mental Health Strategy (EMHS) Overview

- Clinton Beckford & Marcela Ciampa from the Office of the Vice President – People, Equity and Inclusion delivered a presentation about the Employee Mental Health Strategy.

### 4. Outreach Update

- Michelle Bondy provided an update/overview of Faculty of Science Outreach activities.
- Anyone with questions or an interest in developing outreach activities is encouraged to reach out to Michelle Bondy ([mbondy@uwindsor.ca](mailto:mbondy@uwindsor.ca)).

## 5. Update From the Dean

- Student Recruitment events ongoing (OUF, Fall Open House, Parent's Night, Educator's Day, Email Campaign, Welcome Book Mailing)
- Enrolment data for Fall 2024:
  - 3,181 applications
  - 1,547 offers
  - 73 confirmations
- New faculty onboarding workshops continue. The next session in January will be hosted by Dan Mennill and will cover the topic of research. Please encourage all new faculty to attend.
- Science, Engineering and FAHSS have developed SMART Communications Masterclasses (SSHRC funded). Sessions will be led by FAHSS faculty and are geared towards teaching Science and Engineering students new ways of communicating science. There will be a launch party next Friday to introduce the program.
- NUCLEUS steering committee had their first meeting. The committee is starting to tackle some of the questions Danielle Gyemi introduced to this Council in the Fall.
- The VPRI and VP Finance are leading an Essex Hall space study. They are working with an architect team and have been examining how space is currently used in Essex Hall and CORE. More updates to follow.
- Provost announced the start of strategic plan creations across campus:
  - Student Enrolment Management
  - Teaching & Learning
  - Student Experience
  - Academic & Research (creating a combined plan)
- Welcome Rachel Parker, temporary Receptionist in the Dean's office.

## 6. Update from Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs

- The Dean of Science search committee has identified a short list of candidates. Candidates will be on campus on Jan. 19, 22, 23 & 24. All are encouraged to attend presentations and meetings with the candidates and to submit feedback. Approach any committee member with your feedback. (Phil Dutton, Steve Rehse, Isabelle Barrette-Ng, Nurlan Turdaliev, Ken Drouillard, Isabelle Hinch, Angela Awada, or Laura McLean).
- The formal appeal process starts shortly and will run until late February.
- The Winter 2024 add/drop date is on a Sunday. The Dean's office is generally lenient on adding a few days late. These will be done on a case-by-case basis.
- Important note for instructors: If students are not enrolled in the course, they cannot do any work for assessment and they cannot be added to Brightspace.

## 7. Update from Associate Dean, Graduate Studies & Research

- Scholarship Information:
  - NSERC CGSM:
    - Applications were due in Fall.
    - Departmental rankings due Jan. 17
  - OGS/QEIIIGSST:
    - Applications were due Jan. 10
    - Departmental rankings due Mar. 1 (estimate)
  - NSERC USRA:
    - Applications due Feb. 16
    - Faculty sponsoring more than 1 application will be asked to provide a ranking of their applications.
- New faculty orientation events:
  - Research: Jan. 25 @ 3:00
  - Graduate Training: Feb. 29 @ 3:00
  - Events are intended for new faculty, but anyone interested in attending is welcome.
  - Discussed the possibility of doing a topic for the clinical adjunct group.

## 8. Report from Heads/Directors

- **Biomedical Sciences**
  - Hosted a Biomed research presentation event. Faculty looking for students each gave a talk about their research followed by informal chats. Great turnout.
- **IDIR**
  - Defended 3 students.
  - Signed a contract with a Polish organization. Expect this to attract new students.
  - Planning an IDIR tour for VPRI.
- **Chemistry**
  - Biophysical Chemistry/Biochemistry tenure track faculty search is ongoing. 4 short listed candidates will visit before the end of February. All are welcome to attend the public presentations.
- **GLIER**
  - Planning for the Great Lakes meeting is ongoing (May 20-24, 2024). Thanks to Science for their support of the event.
  - Hosting school visit at FREC & GLIER (St. Cecile)
  - The leadership team from Ontario Natural Resources is planning a GLIER visit.
  - First Lancer curling action this weekend.

- **Integrative Biology**
  - Clint Jacobs started a new course this term (Relationships with Nature).
  - Welcome to a new visiting scholar, Dr. Kifah Gharzeddin. He is a plant breeder and will be teaching a plant course.
  
- **Forensic Science**
  - The Forensic club is hosting a health/medical science related event. 2 medical research scientists will be speaking as a career night for students. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please forward to your students when the announcement comes out.
  
- **Economics**
  - Starting a book club organized by Dr. Marcelo Arbex and Sean Coughlin. The first book is “The Undercover Economist”. Anyone interested in Economics can participate.
  
- **Computer Science**
  - Hosted a grad student orientation event last week. Welcomed 800 new grad students.
  - Still working on downtown campus plans.
  
- **WE SPARK**
  - [WE-SPARK Quarter 2](#) report is available online.
  - Finished strategic planning process. Now moving into the implementation phase.
  - Hosting a Think Tank event on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the strategic plan. Re-evolving 3 areas of research (cancer, behavioral & brain health, and community & public health). Looking forward to receiving input on the plan at the event.
  - WE-SPARK After Dark is thriving. All are welcome (first Thursday of the month from 5:00-7:00).
  - Hosting a lunch & learn seminar with the Canadian Mental Health Association on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Dr. Lisa Porter will be starting a new role as the VPRI for St. Joseph’s Health Care and Scientific Director of Lawson on February 20<sup>th</sup>. She will continue her academic program at UWindsor and her Director of WE-SPARK position in this new role. Congratulations Lisa!
  
- **Math & Stats**
  - Drs. Hussein & Monfared have returned from sabbatical leave.
- **Physics**
  - Working as a consultant with Chemistry & Biochemistry on their new tenure track hire.
  - Dr. Elena Maeva retired on Dec. 31, 2023.
  - Dr. TJ Hammond is applying for tenure & promotion this year.

## 9. Other Business

- N/A

## 10. Adjournment

Porter/Hubberstey