

## Faculty of Science Coordinating Council Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Meet via Microsoft Teams

### Attendance:

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

### 1. Welcome and approval of Agenda

**MOTION: To approve the agenda.**

**Zielinski/Cardelli  
CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of Minute from April 1, 2021

**MOTION: To approve the amended minutes of April 1, 2021.**

**Barrette-Ng/Kobti  
CARRIED**

### 3. EDI Taskforce Update

- Dr. Michael Godfrey delivered a presentation on the results of the EDI Taskforce's study into the campus climate in Science and its influence on LGBTQ2S+ students' experiences and outcomes.
- EDI Taskforce will be creating workshops in the fall for students, faculty & staff.
- Conducting a study on ethnic diversity, cohesion, & persistence in lab groups. Recruiting through research supervisors. If you or your group are interested in participating, please reach out to Michael Godfrey.
- Working with CTL to make resources accessible to the broader university community.

### 4. Discussion of Value-Added Experiences for Students

- Discussed what we can do beyond the classroom to make the Fall return to campus more enjoyable and how we can add to the university experience despite the conditions/restrictions.
  - Need outdoor social spaces. Large tents with enhanced Wi-Fi, etc.)
  - Stage, karaoke machine, guest speakers, conversation corner, etc.
  - Plan field trips to provide an opportunity for students to feel like part of a group (gather at Ojibway, bird watch along river).
  - Need bookable outdoor space.

- More covered outdoor recreation areas (greenhouse style)
- Student Club tents.
- Committee was asked to consider this with your colleagues and students get back to us with your ideas.

#### **5. Faculty of Science Adjunct Assistant Professor Appointment Request from Michael Godfrey**

- Discussed the adjunct recommendation for Dr. Michael Godfrey.
- Committee tables the discussion for a future meeting to gather further information and clarification from the mover and from Grad Studies as to the requirements for external readers.

#### **6. Undergraduate Update**

- Thanks to all AAU Heads/Directors and Staff who encouraged timely submission of grades.
- Discussed Hy-Flex classrooms.
  - Installation and testing is still in progress.
  - In Toldo 100 there are 2 feed lines (camera line and projector line). All other rooms will have 3 feed lines.
  - Will be new learning experience for faculty but there are a lot of common controls that people will already be familiar with.
  - System is entirely teams based.
- Looking for ways to help the student experience in the fall. Please send suggestions to Phil Dutton.
- Discussed academic integrity (Chegg.com, discord.com, etc.)
  - We need to be very specific on the syllabus about what is and isn't allowed.
  - The Undergraduate Associate Dean office is dealing with several similar academic integrity complaints and cases.
  - Need to find a way to reduce the amount of administrative work on this. May require a university policy.

#### **7. Graduate Update**

- International PhD Tuition Reduction Scholarship.
  - Starting in September, a scholarship will be provided to international PhD students to offset the cost of their tuition.
  - Scholarship will be equivalent to the difference between international and domestic tuition.
  - Scholarships will be awarded by AAU and will be linked to the amount of domestic PhD students recruited in that AAU from the previous year.
  - Working with Grad Chairs and Secretaries on the technical details of implementing the program.
  - In the future, we may consider expanding the program to the Master's level (after providing success data)
- September will start the friendly neighbour tuition for American Master's and PhD students. This will provide a significant decrease to their tuition (from \$24k to \$18K).
- Cohorted tuition fees for International Students will start in September. Fees won't increase for any International student during their program (grad & undergrad).

#### **8. Research Update**

- Science currently has 65 approved phase 2 & 3 research plans, allowing research to continue in the field and in the lab.
- Discussed using undergrad students during the summer.
  - Continue to allow undergrads to do research if they are already on an approved phase 2 or 3 plans.
  - Dan Mennill will have instructions for adding new non-registered students before end of stay-at-home order.
- Please send your wish list ideas for use of the Student Workplace Integrated Learning Program funds to Dan Mennill this week.
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## 9. Report from Heads

### Integrative Biology

- Hosted a joint undergraduate research day with Biomedical Sciences. Event was a success and generated a lot of positive feedback.
- Welcome to the new Grad Secretary, Roxana Moreira-Diaz.

### Biomedical Sciences

- Hosted a joint undergraduate research day with Integrative Biology.
- Hosted a graduate research day in early April. Congrats to all students, supervisors, and mentors. Very high- quality presentations and data.

### Computer Science

- Held MAC orientation and MSc students today. Summer classes starting next week.
- Held a presentation day for 4<sup>th</sup> year undergrad research and project students. Very well attended.
- Hosted a graduate orientation event for 4<sup>th</sup> year undergrad students. Gave them info on programs and how to apply, etc.
- Agreement with Rocket Innovation CEO (Quicken Loan). They will give 4 talks/workshops through the summer for MAC students.
- VECTOR gave 4 scholarships (17K). Submitted another data science program to them to be recognized.
- Completed a search for 3 LTA positions. Other searches are still ongoing.
- Bachelor of Applied IT program is going to SPDC for consideration. This new program will enable many 2+2 options and will help for undergraduate recruiting.
- The CS tech team has been working to upgrade servers, storage, and speed. Ready to serve more students.
- Working on new space for MAC program. More info to come.

### GLIER

- Held a successful end of year seminar series event.
- GLIER co-hosted a seminar series with Wayne State throughout the fall and winter semesters. Ended with graduate showcase where new grad students delivered speed talks. 6 students received awards and received a 1-year membership to International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR)
- Working on IQAP.

### BCN

- BCNSA students are tutoring a dozen local high school students to prepare for the Canadian Brain Bee competition (June 3-4). Top Brain Bee winner from Windsor/Essex will receive a UWindsor tuition scholarship. Thanks to Michelle Bondy and Jeff Dason for organizing.

### **USCI Network**

- Held a successful Scientist Like Her event (80 students).
- Planning for Science Academy (July 5-9). Organizational meeting is upcoming.
- SMArt & Dean's Office is hosting the first of several SMArt Communication Master classes. This program is funded by an NSERC science communication grant. Encouraging Science & Engineering students to learn different ways of communicating science. Taught by FAHSS faculty.

### **Math**

- Large staff turn over. Welcome Lori Lanno & Kate Hargreaves.

### **Chemistry & Biochemistry**

- James is on a temporary leave. Sirinart Ananvoranich & Jeremy Rawson are serving as Co-Acting Heads.

### **WE-SPARK**

- Hosted WE-SPARK After Dark event. 40 people attended.
- Over 80 people attended the most recent Think Tank event. Next Think Tank is June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Videos will soon be released that will showcase the Innovation Award winners. Faculty & Staff are encouraged to help circulate these videos for award winner exposure.
- Student network is running and is currently recruiting.
- Created an app (similar to Facebook) for all WE-SPARK research members. This will help create groups and allow people to identify collaborators easily.
- Finalizing WE-SPARK EDI report.
- Phase 1 of COVID testing just ended. Working on summary of results. Watch for email next week about the automated process to sign up for phase 2. Hoping to start recruiting week of May 17.

### **Science**

- Fiscal year ended April 30<sup>th</sup>. Finance people are very busy finalizing fiscal year end.
- New budget model started on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Still haven't received much information about this yet.

### **Environment**

- Working on IQAP report.

### **Forensics**

- Held successful virtual TIFS conference last week. Local students and international participants/presenters.
- IQAP site visit later this month.

## **10. Other Business**

- N/A

## **11. \*Chemistry & Biochemistry APTR Research Criteria\***

**\*CARRIED\***

## **12. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.**

**Mennill/Hubberstey  
CARRIED**