MINUTES OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE
COUNCIL MEETING NO. 144
held on Monday, September 18th, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.
Ad-Hum Boardroom, AH 527

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Regrets: A. Cameron, J. Coleman, D. Fitzpatrick, P. Leavitt

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   Move to approve the agenda.
   Volodin/Coulson
   CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION TO SCIENCE COUNCIL
   Vice President (Research) Dr. David Malloy presented Indirect Cost of Research and the VPR Discretionary Fund.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 143 HELD May 12TH, 2017
   (Attached to the minutes as Appendix I).
   Volodin/Fallat
   CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
   No business arising.

5. CHAIR’S REMARKS
   • Undergraduate enrolments in Science have increased 15.3% compared to September 2016.
   • Academic Unit Reviews were undertaken last year in the Department of Biology and the Department of Computer Science. In both cases, the reports were enthusiastic about the quality of academic programming and research by those two units. In the coming academic year, the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry is scheduled for an AUR.
   • Dr. Daniel Gagnon, the former Dean of Science, has returned to Science as a member of the Department of Biology after spending a year on administrative leave.
   • Two tenure-track faculty members were recruited over the summer months: Dr. Geoffrey Fathom Grinyer (Assistant Professor of Physics) and Dr. Andrew Chan (Laboratory Instructor II in Chemistry & Biochemistry). Searches are underway or starting up for tenure-track positions in the Department of Geology and the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, as well as for a 3-year term Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science.
   • September 15 saw the successful conclusion to two searches for nominees Canada 150 Research Chairs in that both nominations were submitted to the Canada Research Chairs Secretariat. Two very strong nominees were recruited, one for a C150 Research Chair in Artificial Intelligence, and one for a C150 Chair in Water, Environment and Society. Adjudication through a national competition occurs this fall. Thank you to everyone who lent their time to these efforts, and thank you to Drs. Sandra Zilles and Peter Leavitt for leading these two searches.
• We are carefully managing Science’s financial resources after receiving a permanent reduction in our last budget cycle. Science’s priority is on investments in initiatives that significantly advance our mission in research in teaching.

6. REPORTS FROM DEAN’S OFFICE

6.1 Associate Dean (Research)

6.1.1 Graduate Admissions & Studies (Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers on the GA & S Reports). (Attached as Appendix II).

1.0 Department of Computer Science

1.1 Approved that the following modifications be made to CS 601 and CS 602 so that they are consistent with FGSR’s new Graduate Co-Operative Course Policy.
Butz/Hoeber

1.2 Approved that the following policy be adopted to guide the co-operative education program within the Department of Computer Science.
Butz/Hoeber

• The soft internal deadline for NSERC Discovery Grant applications to be received in the Dean's Office is October 1st. Science will have 24 applications submitted this cycle. This is double the number of applications from last year. Please send me the PDF of your application as soon as possible. I also encourage you to have your application read by departmental colleagues.
Note that the RO deadline is October 11th, since the UofR had 50 NSERC NOIs submitted this cycle.

• NSERC RTI is now an open competition. There are no quotas. Each researcher can submit one application as applicant or co-applicant.

• We submitted 2 Canada 150 Research Chair applications to NSERC. I would like to thank Peter Leavitt (Biology), Sandra Zilles (Computer Science), and Michelle Beitel (Research Office) for their help in preparing these applications under severe time constraints.

6.2 Associate Dean (Academic)

6.2.1 Admissions and Studies Committee

Approval of Graduands
Mobed/Coulson

6.2.2 Scholarship Committee Report

The Faculty of Science Scholarship Committee recommends Obadah Dair Bakerli, BSc in Computer Science, with Great Distinction receive the University Prize in Science at the 2017 Fall Convocation.
Mobed/Coulson

There were no applicants for the President’s Medal at the 2017 Fall Convocation. Therefore, there are no nominees for the Faculty of Science Dean’s Medal.

6.3 Faculty Administrator

• Karin Pasternak has been appointed as a Registration Officer assigned to Student Services effective June 5th, 2017.

• A search is underway for a term Machinist while Derek remains on leave.

• The College West Building renovations are ongoing. With that in mind there will be minor disruptions and construction noise for the next twelve months.
• The Lab Building renovations have also ramped up and are in full swing, again there will be minor disruptions and construction noise for the next fourteen months.
• Banner Workflow will now include postings for Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants.
• A final thank you to everyone who took part or judged in the Canada Wide Science Fair. The event was a major success and Youth Science Canada, the University, and Science has all received nothing but positive feedback and compliments with the event was run. A fantastic time was had by everyone who attended, so thank you for donating your time and energy.

7. NEW BUSINESS
Approval to accept the September 2017 revised Criteria Document for Faculty Members and Instructors (takes effect January 1, 2018).
Hall /Velez CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION
8.1 Update from URFA Council of Representatives
Britt Hall reported URFA is having difficulty achieving quorum at meetings. Please attend.

8.2 Science Student Accommodation Coordinator Positions
LeighAnne MacKnight reported on the two graduate students Science has hired to serve as Accommodations Coordinators for all 100- and 200-level courses. Accommodations Coordinators are responsible for booking extra rooms for students who require extra time or separate space; booking invigilators for these extra rooms; communicating with students with accommodations to alert them to the time and place of their accommodated exams; communicating with invigilators and arranging exam pick up and drop off.
Instructors are asked to provide them with the following details: Course Name and number; Instructor name and email; Date of midterms and final exams (or attach a copy of the course syllabus)
Instructors can send the information about to the appropriate Accommodations Coordinator:
For Computer Science, Geology, and Mathematics and Statistics, the Accommodations Coordinator (CW.Accommodations@uregina.ca). For Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Physics, the Accommodations Coordinator (LB.Accommodations@uregina.ca).

9. REPORTS FROM SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER FACULTIES/UNITS/COMMITTEES
9.1 Peter Douglas reported that the Faculty of Business Administration is looking at a MSc in Organizational Behaviour.

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER FACULTIES, SENATE AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
10.1 Charles Phelps reported the Library’s new Quickfind System is up and running and he is available to present resources in classes.
10.2 Sylvian Rheault reported La Cité is offering a Course based Masters Program.
10.3 Katya Herman reported Kinesiology and Health Studies has launched a research seminar series.

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
11.1 Biology
No report.

11.2 Chemistry and Biochemistry
• The Department is pleased to welcome Dr. Andrew Chan as a Tenure-Track Laboratory Instructor II.
• Enrolments are strong and classes are full.
11.3 Computer Science
  • Enrolments are strong and classes are full.

11.4 Geology
  • Laboratory Instructor search is ongoing.

11.5 Mathematics and Statistics
  • ACSC position search is ongoing.
  • The PIMS Post Doc Fellowship is open. Apply directly to PIMS by December 1, 2017.

11.6 Physics
  • The Department is pleased to welcome Dr. Geoffrey Fathom Grinyer as a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor.

12. OTHER BUSINESS
   Next Faculty of Science Council Meeting will be held November 29, 2017.

13. ADJOURNMENT
   Raina-Fulton/Barbi
   The meeting adjourned at 4:08pm.