

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: May 1, 2025, 12:00 - 2:00pm

Location: POD-250

1) Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum (12:00pm)

2) Land Acknowledgement

3) Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Faculty Council approve the Agenda for the May 1, 2025 meeting.*

4) Announcements

The meeting of May 1, 2025 will be recorded for the purpose of complete and accurate minutes.

5) Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Motion: *That Faculty Council approve the minutes from the meeting on February 13, 2024.*

6) Matters arising from the minutes

7) Reports

7.1 Dean's Report

7.2 Associate Dean Reports

7.2.1 Report of the Associate Dean Research, Innovation and External Partnerships

7.2.2 Report of the Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

7.2.3 Report of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate

8) Discussion items:

8.1 [CELT presentation](#) - 30min

8.2 Standing item - EDI - 45 min

Dimensions Strategic Activity - Inclusive Research Designs

This session will introduce a new Dimensions initiative focused on inclusive research design, aligned with current Tri-Agency expectations and national conversations on research excellence. We will review how embedding equity, diversity, and inclusion in research design, project planning, and methodologies enhances scientific impact and relevance, drawing on case studies across STEM disciplines.

9) Member Issues

10) Adjournment

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Minutes from FOS Faculty Council meeting of February 13, 2025

FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2025, 12:00 - 2:00pm

Location: virtual meeting

<p>Ex-officio:</p> <p>A. McWilliams D. Cramb D. Mason M. Kolios R. Viirre</p>	<p>Faculty:</p> <p>A. Abhari A. Brown A. Celsie A. Miri A. Johnson A. Laursen C. Antonescu C. Gravel C. Rebello D. Delic D. Little D. Rackus E. Da Silva E. Harley F. Duah G. Gupta G. Kochhar G. Melo G. Wang I. Coe J. Koprivnikar J. Matejovic J. McPhee K. Georgiou K. Nunes</p>	<p>K. Peter K. Rohlf M. Alalfi M. Hausner M. Mattiazzi Usaj M. Olson M. Santos N. George N. Nasr Esfahani P. Goldman P. Raman R. Botelho R. Suehring R. Valenzano S. Cornelius S. Gyamerah S. Impellizzeri S. Mustafiz S. Sabatinos S. Wylie T. Antimirova V. Toronov</p> <p>Contract lecturers:</p> <p>M. Sauer</p> <p>Staff:</p> <p>D. Niculescu</p>	<p>Guests:</p> <p>A. Cojita A. Velieva E. Hyatt K. Liu L. Fortune M. Stewart P. Wettlaufer R. Tam S. Saeed</p> <p>Students:</p> <p>Secretary of Faculty Council:</p> <p>L. Bogdanovic</p> <p>Regrets:</p>
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Members present:

1) Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum (12:00pm)

D. Mason calls the meeting to order and notes that quorum has been established.

2) Land Acknowledgement

D. Cramb acknowledges the current political climate. He notes that it provides an opportunity to imagine what life might have been like for indigenous peoples when their sovereignty was taken away from them. He encourages all to be mindful of the land we live on and how it has many resources sought out by other people and countries.

3) Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Faculty Council approve the Agenda for the February 13, 2025 meeting.*

D. Mason calls for motion. A. McWilliams moves; J. McPhee seconds. D. Mason invites discussion.

Motion approved.

4) Announcements

The meeting of February 13, 2025 will be recorded for the purpose of complete and accurate minutes.

5) Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Motion: *That Faculty Council approve the minutes from the meeting on December 5, 2024.*

D. Mason calls for a motion. A. Abhari moves; M. Kolios seconds. D. Mason calls the question.

Motion approved.

6) Matters arising from the minutes

None.

7) Reports

7.1 Dean's Report - 30 min

D. Cramb notes that the FOS Thursdays social gatherings are going well. He notes that an alternate day of the week will be considered to ensure that all members can attend.

D. Cramb notes that the University is considering partnerships with certain international universities; particularly in South East Asia (Vietnam, China and Singapore).

7.2 Associate Dean Reports

7.2.1 Report of the Associate Dean Research, Innovation and External Partnerships

M. Kolios notes February 12th was the first planning meeting for the FOS Research Symposium, which will be held on May 27th, 2025. He notes that there is a lot of activity from the graduate constituents of the committee.

M. Kolios announces Millie Shing is the new research accounts coordinator for Chemistry and Biology.

M. Kolios shares that USRA and URO programs application will be open next week. There are 13 USRA positions and 11 URO positions available for the Faculty of Science. There is an unlimited number of USRA awards for students who identify as Indigenous. He notes that this year there will be 4 NSERC USRA awards available exclusively for black student researchers.

M. Kolios encourages faculty members to reach out to students regarding applications.

M. Kolios notes that 3 CFI, 2 NSERC Tier I INOs, and SSHRC CRC Tier II INOI have been submitted.

M. Kolios shares that OVPRI launches CERC (Canada Excellence Research Chair program); TMU was allocated a total of one (1) million dollars per year, either in one or two applications at \$500,000. The deadline is on April 11th.

7.2.2 Report of the Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

R. Viirre announces a new Graduate entrance scholarship for women in STEM. Twenty (20), \$10, 000 will be offered to these students with no additional application process. Any female identifying student who applies for the four (4) FOS grad programs or to the EnSciMan are eligible.

R. Viirre notes that OGS process is open and applications are due by 9am on March 11th. These applications will also be considered for the internal TMGs competition.

7.2.3 Report of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate

A. McWilliams reminds faculty Dr. Allison Flynn, from the University of Ottawa, Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Science, has been invited by the CELT and co-hosted by FOS for the 1st of the series of 3 M. teaching fellow lectures.

A. McWilliams notes that the Undergraduate awards ceremony is going forward despite the inclement weather. A. McWilliams announces that proposals for any new Liberal studies courses need to be submitted to the Liberal Studies Committee by May 30th 2025. Any changes in course delivery format, such as having them offered online or 50% to an online format will have to get through UCC with the Dean's approval then be submitted to the Vice Provost by May 31st, 2025.

A. McWilliams thanks all the faculty, staff and students who helped support and participate in the periodic program reviews.

A. McWilliams announces staffing change as A. Velieva transfers to the Registrar's Office till January 2026 after ten (10) years of service in the role as Administrative Assistant, First Year Science Office.

8) Discussion items:

- 8.1 Standing item - EDI - 45 min
Impact of the Criteria for Awarding Federal Funding on Research Excellence in Canada

S. Impellizzeri, C. Antonescu and I. Coe share this [presentation](#).

- 8.2 Discussion of the FOS Strategic Plans - 45 min

D. Cramb presents the following information, giving a 15-minute break out to discuss academic plans, suggestions and/or questions.

- [Toronto Metropolitan University Faculty of Science Strategic Plan, 2025-2030 - Final Draft](#)
- [2022-2027 Strategic Research Plan, Faculty of Science](#)
- [2025-2030 Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Strategic Plan, Faculty of Science](#)

M. Kolios speaks on how KPI's are missing, what it is to decolonize STEM.

D. Mason's group looked at the strategic research plan, and concluded it did a good job of making sense.

V. Toronov speaks on National defense technologies and government funding. M. Kolios addresses V. Toronov comment.

R. Botelho questions what is being done to reimagine the FOS budget to help support Grad students.

R. Viirre and D. Cramb comment that more advocacy is needed.

D. Mason calls a motion for the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and Strategic Plan; R. Viirre moves; A. McWilliams seconds. Dave calls the question.

Motion is passed.

D. Mason calls a motion to endorse the FOS Strategic Plan; V. Toronov moves; R. Viirre seconds. Dave calls the question.

Motion is passed.

9) Member Issues

No member issues.

10) Adjournment

D. Mason adjourns the meeting.