COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

February 10, 2026

3:00pm – 4:30pm

via Zoom

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**
2. **Chairs Remarks**
3. **Approval of January 13, 2026 Minutes**
4. **Guest Speakers**
    a) Open Access Publishing
    John Dupuis, Scholarly Publishing Librarian
5. **Business Arising**
6. **Inquiries and Communications**
    a) Senate Synopsis January 22, 2026
7. **Dean's Remarks**
8. **Associate Dean and Head of Bethune College Remarks**
9. **Reports from Science Representatives on Senate Committees**
10. **Science Student Caucus Items**
11. **Reports from Standing Committees of Council**
    a) Executive Committee
        i. Vacancies report on the Standing Committees of FSc Council
12. **Other Business**

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MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

   Chair of Council, A. McEachern, called the meeting to order and a motion was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Agenda.

2. **Chair's Remarks**

   A. McEachern welcomed Council with a land acknowledgement and extended his best wishes for an excellent new year.

3. **Approval of December 9, 2025 Minutes**

   A motion was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Minutes.

4. **Guest Speakers**

   a) **Complex Communities: A Framework for Supporting Homelessness and Complex Mental Health on Campus – Andrea Watters Westbrook, Manager of Complex Communities**

   Andrea Watters Westbrook presented to Council, took questions and provided resources.

5. **Business Arising**

   There was none.

6. **Inquiries and Communications**

   > Senate Synopsis December 11, 2025

   Council members noted the Senate Synopsis of meeting held on December 11, 2025.

   > JSQA report September 2025 (Nov Senate)

   Council members noted the JSQA report.

7. **Dean's Remarks**

   Dean Maydianne Andrade gave the following updates:

   She aims to organize monthly, informal meetings with members from different departments across the Faculty of Science. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th from 1:00pm – 2:30pm in Lumbers 306. Alongside this, she will attend individual department meetings 1-2 times a year and reach out directly to the Science Student Caucus and other student groups.

She extended the Faculty of Science Strategic Plan 2021-2025 by one year to ensure meaningful consultations are incorporated alongside the priorities established in the York University Academic Plan. She will share a framework detailing the consultation process following the release of the university-wide academic plan.

Faculty Council has been invited to a university-wide budget consultation session with the Provost, invitations will be sent out by the Dean's Office. The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 12th from 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

The Faculty of Science budget is due this week. Following the budget's completion, the creation of next year's budget will begin.

She thanked faculty and staff for their collaboration with the recruitment training team and emphasized the importance of supporting current York University students. She also extended gratitude to the Student Services team and the Undergraduate and Graduate representatives of Council for their engagement and feedback.

Impact+ Research Chair Program, which provides $1 million per year in funding over eight years, with a potential for renewal of an additional 4 years, to a newly recruited international high-impact scholar. York is eligible to hold a maximum of 6 of these chairs through the lifetime of the project and there are 100 of them being allocated across Canada. The deadline to register a candidate is March 10, 2026.

She concluded by announcing that York's proposal for the Impact+ Chair in Epidemiology Modeling, AI and Machine Learning has been selected to move forward to the next steps in the process. She thanked several individuals across the faculty for their assistance in identifying areas of focus that aligned with the requirements of the program and finding suitable candidates.

8. Associate Dean and Head of Bethune College Remarks

a) Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

A. Skelton:

He notified Council that the CV deadline is March 2. He encouraged Faculty with questions or concerns to schedule a meeting with him to discuss any potential issues.

b) Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Education

S. Moghadas:

He provided the following updates:

NSERC has announced their allocation for Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) and information will be sent to departments so the internal recruitment process can begin.

Applications for York University Faculty Association funds (JFF & YRG) have been received and are currently being evaluated by the Research Awards Committee. The results will be announced in early February.

Information has been sent out regarding the process to recruit Research at York (RAY) students for the summer term.

He highlighted the Canada Impact+ Research Training program. He notified Council of York's allocation of 7 PhD students and 4 postdoctoral researchers. Faculty members who wish to nominate a student or researcher must currently have a Tri-Council grant that is directly related to one of the priorities outlined by the Impact+ guidelines. The deadline to submit a nominee is January 20.

c) Associate Dean, Students

M. Scheid:

The annual recruitment process for the York Science Scholars Award (YSSA) has commenced. YSSA recipients are high-achieving students who receive $5,000 at the beginning of the academic year and an additional $5,000 upon completion of one summer work term in a faculty member's laboratory.

d) Head of Bethune College

C. Jang

He provided the following updates:

Bethune College will be holding a start-of-term Open Doors event on January 19th in front of the Head Office.

Regular academic support programming for students (peer tutoring, PASS) is set to start next week.

9. Reports from Science Representatives on Senate Committees

There was none.

10. Science Student Caucus Items

There was none.

11. Reports from Standing Committees of Council

a) Executive Committee

i. **Vacancies report on the Standing Committees of FSc Council**

A. McEachern noted the vacancies that remain.

b) Graduate Curriculum Committee

i. Consent to agenda items

12. Other Business

a) **Ratification of Deborah Harris as the Physics and Astronomy representative on Graduate Curriculum Committee**

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to ratify Deborah Harris as the Physics and Astronomy representative on Graduate Curriculum Committee.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

FACULTY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE FOR:

January 13, 2026

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Ore Adekunle
Racheal Ajadi
Emily Anacleto
Maydianne Andrade
Abisola Anifowose
Taline Apelian-Sutor
Jade Atallah
Shakira Bacchus
Mark Bayfield
Kyle Belozerov
Wendy Booth
Carol Bucking
Chris Caputo
Carmina Celeridad
Ada Chan
Khansa Cheema
Hugo Chen
Julie Clark
Karyn Davies
James Elwick
Precious Fagbenro
Nadia Fatima
Pamela Fernandes
Setareh Ghorbani Sini
Dasantila Golemi-Kotra
Wayne Gordon
Josenne Guerra
Patrick Hall
Deborah Harris
Michael Haslam
Ryan Hili
Lana Hiscock
Eva Hughes
Melissa Hughes
Yuna Hwang
Derek Jackson
Stanislaw Jerzak
Tamara Kelly
Tom Kirchner
Hovig Kouyoumdjian
Patricia Lakin-Thomas
Gino Lavoie
Jerusha Lederman
Mingming Li
Neal Madras
Jin min Mao
Andrew McEachern
Ozzy Mermut
Seyed Moghadas
Aman Hassien Mohammad
Georges Monette
Natalie Moussa
Iain Moyles
Katherine Myers
Fatema Nakhuda
Gloria Orchard
Vera Pavri
Stephanie Pugliese
Mandy Ramnaraine
Lisa Robertson
Martin Romero
Acacia Rose
Vivian Saridakis
Mike Scheid
Ryan Schott
Joanne Sequeira
Brad Sheeller
Valeriia Shvetsova
Andrew Skelton
Paul Szeptycki
Wendy Taylor
Robert Tsushima
Mario Verrilli
Orville Wallace
Jeremy Webb
Andrea Westbrook (guest)
Paula Wilson
Aleksandra Wiscicka
Carl Wolfe
Jianhong Wu
Maggie Xu
Elizaveta Yakubovskaya

2025-2026 FSc Report on vacancies for Senate and FSc Standing Committees

Committee	Rules of Faculty Council - membership	Meeting time / Membership	From	To
Senate	According to the York University Secretariat based on the Senate Rules and Procedures governing the size and composition of Senate, the Faculty of Science shall have twelve members, including a minimum of two Chairs. According to The Rules of Council (Science), Faculty representation shall include the Director of Natural Science, three Department Chairs, and terms shall be for three years.	As per Senate website		
	Dean, Ex officio	M. Andrade	Designated	
	Member at large	A. Skelton, Department of Mathematics & Statistics	2025	2028
	Member at large	E. Hamm, Department of Science, Technology & Society	2024	2027
	Member at large	R. Hili, Department of Chemistry	2025	2028
	Member at large	T. Kelly, Department of Biology	2024	2027
	Member at large	W. van Wijngaarden, Department of Physics and Astronomy	2025	2028
	Member at large	T. Kubiseski, Department of Biology	2023	2026
	Member at large	V. Saridakis, Department of Chemistry	2024	2027
	Member at large	VACANT	2026	2029
	Department Chair	T. Kirchner, Department of Science, Physics & Astronomy	2024	2027
	Department Chair	J. van Wijngaarden, Department of Chemistry	2024	2027
	Department Chair	M. Haslam, Department of Mathematics & Statistics	2023	2026
	Director of NATS	R. Metcalfe, Division of Natural Science	Designated	
	Student representative	Taline Apelian-Sutor	2025	2027
	Student representative	Raman Mir Eshghi	2025	2027
Faculty Council	Chair of Council	A. McEachern	2025	2026
	Vice-Chair of Council	J. Webb	2025	2026
Staff Representatives		W. Booth	2025	2026
		D. Hossain	2025	2026
		M. Xu	2025	2026
FSc Reps on Senate Committees				
Senate Executive	1 member from FSc	T. Kelly	2024	2027
Academic Policy, Planning and Research Committee (APPRC)	1 member from FSc	G. Monette	2023	2026
ASCP (Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy Committee)	1 member from FSc	J. Elwick	2024	2027
Senate Tenure & Promotion	1 member from FSc	P. Wilson	2024	2027
Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees & Ceremonials	1 member from FSc	A. Skelton	2025	2028
Executive Committee	The Executive Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of Council and include the Vice-Chair of Council, the Secretary of Council, and one member elected from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy, and Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science, the Dean of the Faculty of Science (ex officio), one student member of Council, and one of the staff members elected to Council.	Executive Committee normally meets the first Tuesday of each month (September to May) from 3pm - 430pm		
	Chair of Council	A. McEachern	2025	2026
	Vice-Chair of Council	J. Webb	2025	2026
	Dean, Ex officio	M. Andrade	Designated	
	Asst. Dean - SEM & SEP	E. Hughes	Designated	
	Staff representative	W. Booth	2025	2026
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Seyedeh Lilia Modarresi Saryazdi	2025	2026
	Biology	M. Vicari	2023	2026
	Chemistry	C. Caputo	2024	2027
	Math & Stats	G. Monette	2025	2028
	Physics & Astronomy	W. Taylor	2025	2028
	Science, Technology & Society	V. Pavri	2025	2028
APPC	The Academic Policy and Planning Committee shall include the Dean or designate (*ex officio*), the Master of Norman Bethune College and one member elected from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy, and Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science, one student member of Council, and one of the staff members elected to Council.	APPC will normally meet the last Thursday of each month (September to April) from 9:00 am - 10:30 am		
	Associate Dean, Faculty, (ex officio)	A. Skelton	Designated	
	Head of Bethune College	C. Jang	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student Representative	Parmida Khodrang	2025	2026
	Elected staff representative	M. Xu	2025	2026
	Biology	R. Schott	2023	2026
	Chemistry	R. Fournier	2023	2026
	Math & Stats	P. Szeptycki	2023	2026
	Physics & Astronomy	W. van Wijngaarden	2025	2026
	Science, Technology & Society	VACANT	2025	2028
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	The Curriculum Committee shall include the Dean and an Associate Dean (ex officio), the Chair or nominee from each teaching Division or Department, three members elected by Council and two student members of Council.	The Curriculum Committee will normally meet every last Tuesday of each month (September to April) from 9:00 - 10:30 am		
	Member at Large	VACANT	2025	2028
	Member at Large	Paula Wilson	2023	2026
	Dean, Ex officio	M. Andrade	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student Rep	S.Paniz Hosseinipour	2025	2026
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Racheal Ajadi	2025	2026
	Biology	J. Atallah	2023	2026
	Chemistry	D. Jackson	2025	2028
	Math & Stats	M.W. Wong	2023	2026
	Physics & Astronomy	N. Blinov (F) / P.Hall (W)	2025/2025	2025/2029
	Science, Technology & Society	R. Metcalfe,/ ALT. J. Rogerson	2025	2027
	Member at Large	L. Robertson	2023	2026

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Committee	Rules of Faculty Council - membership	Meeting time / Membership	From	To
CEAS	The Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards shall consist of an Associate Dean (*ex officio*), five members elected by Council from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy and Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science, and one student member of Council.	CEAS will normally meet every alternate Thurs from 1:00 - 3:00 pm year round.		
	In addition to the above membership of the committee, Council shall elect an alternate member from each of the Departments specified above. The alternate member shall be the person polling the next highest number of votes to those elected to the committee from each Department. The alternate for the student member will be selected by the Science Student Caucus from one of its Members at Large. An alternate can only vote in the event that first elected members are not in attendance.			
	Associate Dean - Students, Ex officio	M. Scheid	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Sophia Luzskov	2025	2026
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Madeline Blanco	2025	2026
	Biology	VACANT, VACANT / ALT. VACANT	2023/2025	2026/2028
	Chemistry	P. Johnson & T.Zeng / ALT. VACANT	2023/2023	2026/2026
	Math & Stats	VACANT, VACANT / ALT. VACANT	2025/2025	2028/2028
	Physics & Astronomy	S. Tulin, B. Howard / ALT. C. Storry	2025/2025	2026/2026
	Science, Technology & Society	K. Birch / ALT. S. Domenikos	2025/2023	2028/2026
Petitions	The Petitions Committee for the purpose of hearing student petitions shall consist of an Associate Dean (*ex officio*), six members of Council, and two student members of Council. The Committee may divide the workload by splitting the Committee membership into two panels of four people each. A quorum shall consist of either (a) two faculty voting faculty members and one student member or (b) three voting faculty members.	Each panel meets once a month on Wednesday or Thursday from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm		
	Associate Dean, Ex officio	M. Scheid	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Nadia Fatima	2025	2026
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Satyam Verma	2025	2026
	Undergraduate Student Rep	Precious Fagbenro	2025	2026
	Member at Large	E. McFarlane	2025	2028
	Biology	C. Jang	2025	2028
	Chemistry	D. Jackson	2025	2028
	Physics & Astronomy	S. Jerzak	2025	2026
	Math & Stats	H. Jankowski	2025	2028
	Science, Technology & Society	C. Douglas	2025	2028
	Member at Large (STS)	J. Webb	2025	2026
	Member at Large (STS)	J. Rogerson	2025	2026
	Member at Large (Biology)	A. Mills	2023	2026
SRC T & P Committee	The Committee on Tenure and Promotions shall consist of one currently tenured member from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy and Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science elected by Council, and one student member of Council. No member of the Committee shall be a member of another Tenure and Promotions Committee at any time during their tenure on this committee.	SRC T & P Committee will normally meet the last Friday of each month (September to May) from 9:00 am - 11:00 am in LUM 305B		
	In addition to the above membership of the committee, Council shall elect an alternate member from each of the Units mandated above. The alternate member shall be the person polling the next highest number of votes to those elected to the committee from each Department. The alternate for the student member shall be selected by the Science Student Caucus from one of its Members-at-Large on an annual basis. An alternate can only vote in the event that existing members are not in attendance.			
	Associate Dean - Faculty, Ex officio	A. Skelton	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student	Valeriia Shvetsova	2025	2026
	Biology	M. Bayfield/ ALT. VACANT	2023/2025	2026/2028
	Chemistry	A. Orellana/ ALT. S. Krylov	2023/2024	2026/2027
	Physics & Astronomy	M. George (Fall), C. Bergevin (Winter) / ALT. R. Lewis	2025/2025	2026/2026
	Math & Stats	Y.Gao / ALT. B. van Rensburg	2024/2025	2027/2028
	Science, Technology & Society	S. Domenikos / ALT. D. Lungu	2025/2023	2028/2026
CoTL	Currently, the Committee on Teaching and Learning shall consist of a minimum of two Faculty members from each department, the Associate Dean – Students, one Librarian, one staff member, one undergraduate student, and two graduate students, in addition to other members invited as provided for by the Rules. Graduate students and staff nominees will indicate their interest in serving on the committee in writing to the committee, who will then approve by majority vote.	CoTL normally meets every third Thursday of each month (September to May) from 10:00 am - 11:30 am		
	Associate Dean - Students, Ex officio	M. Scheid	Designated	
	Graduate Student Representative	Fatema Nakhuda	2025	2026
	Graduate Student Representative	Sanaz Gholizadeh	2025	2026
	Undergraduate Student Representative	Setareh Ghorbani Sini	2025	2026
	Stacie Science Library	M. Wang	Designated	
	IT Representative	VACANT	Designated	
	Teaching Commons Rep	Y. Su	Designated	
	Staff representative, Elected	D. Hossain	2025	2026
	Biology	L. Adriana Puentes Jacome	2024	2027
	Biology	J. Atallah	2023	2026
	Chemistry	H. Kouyoumdjian	2025	2026
	Chemistry	D. Wilson	2025	2028
	Physics & Astronomy	N. Blinov	2025	2026
	Physics & Astronomy	C. Boukare	2025	2026
	Math & Stats	W. Liu	2025	2028
	Math & Stats	VACANT	2025	2028
	Science, Technology & Society	C. Rozins	2024	2027
Committee on Research & Awards	The Committee on Research and Awards shall consist of one member elected by Council from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Statistics, Science, Technology & Society/Natural Science, and Physics and Astronomy, one student member of Council and an Associate Dean (*ex officio*).	The Research & Awards Committee will meet when grants and awards need to be adjudicated.		
	Associate Dean - Research & Graduate Education, Ex officio	S. Moghadas	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student Representative	Ruth Igumbor	2025	2026
	Graduate Student	Aysa Tajeri Emamchaei	2025	2026
	Biology	D. Golemi-Kotra	2023	2026
	Chemistry	T. Baumgartner	2025	2028
	Physics & Astronomy	R. Kannan	2025	2026
	Math & Stats	H. Zhu	2023	2026
	Science, Technology & Society	H. Mialet	2023	2026
Appeals Committee	The Appeal Committee for the purpose of hearing student appeals shall consist of four elected faculty members from Science units, an Associate Dean (ex officio) and two student members of Council. A quorum shall consist of either (a) two faculty members and one student member or (b) three faculty members.	Meeting is held once a month and times are polled by the Committee Secretary.		
	Associate Dean - Faculty, Ex officio	A. Skelton	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student Representative	Ayesha Tahir	2025	2026
	Undergraduate Student Representative	Abisola Anifowose	2025	2026
	Member at Large	VACANT	2025	2028
	Biology	L. Donaldson	2023	2026
	Chemistry	L. Hiscock	2023	2026
	Physics & Astronomy	P. Sholz	2025	2026
	Math & Stats	M.W. Wong	2023	2026
	Science, Technology & Society	D. Monaldi	2023	2026

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Committee	Rules of Faculty Council - membership	Meeting time / Membership		
			From	To
Graduate Curriculum Committee	To provide broad review and commendation to Council via the Academic Policy and Planning Committee of all proposals received from Graduate Programs with respect to: New Course Proposals , Course Change Proposals, Minor Changes to Program/Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements, Major Modifications to Program/Graduate Diploma Academic Requirements, New Graduate Fields, New Graduate Diplomas, New Graduate Degree Programs The Graduate Education Committee shall consist of: - Associate Dean – Research & Graduate Education (ex officio) - Graduate Program Director (or designate who must be a member of the graduate program) of each Graduate Program in the Faculty of Science -one graduate student member from any Graduate Program within the Faculty of Science -one full-time faculty member from the Faculty of Health or Lassonde School of Engineering who is appointed to teach in any FSc graduate program - A member at large with knowledge of graduate programming, and experience with curriculum approvals at the Faculty-level. The Chair of the Committee is selected by the voting members of the Committee for a one-year term.	Meeting is held based on availability.		
	Associate Dean – Associate Dean Students, Ex officio	M. Scheid	Designated	
	Biology	J. Paluzzi	2023	2026
	Chemistry	R. Hili	2023	2026
	Physics & Astronomy	D. Harris	2023	2026
	Math & Stats	D. Liang	2023	2028
	Science, Technology & Society	VACANT		
	Member from Faculty of Health OR Lassonde	VACANT		
	Member at Large	D. Golemi-Kotra	2023	2026
	Graduate student	Elizaveta Yakubovskaya	2025	2026
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	The purpose of the Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity is to provide broad review and leadership to Council on matters of Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity issues with respect to: • Tenure and Promotions • Hiring and Retention of members form EDI groups • Approaches to addressing gender bias in the workplace • Research engaging equity recognized groups • Workload and service contributions of EDI members • EDI experiences in Teaching and Learning The Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity committee shall consist of: • Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs (ex officio) • Associate Dean,Research and Partnerships (ex officio) • One primary and one alternate member from each of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics & Statistics, Physics & Astronomy and Science, Technology & Society. • Two graduate students or postdoctoral fellow/visitors (one primary and one alternate) from any graduate program within the Faculty of Science • One undergraduate student	Meeting is held the last Wednesday of every month.		
	Associate Dean - Faculty, Ex officio	A. Skelton	Designated	
	Associate Dean, Dean - Research & Graduate Education, Ex officio	S.Moghadas	Designated	
	Undergraduate Student Representative	Natalie Moussa	2025	2026
	Graduate Student	Katherine Myers	2025	2026
	Graduate Student	Emily Anacleto	2025	2026
	Biology	D. Golemi-Kotra	2024	2027
	Chemistry	C. Young	2023	2026
	Physics & Astronomy	A. Kumarakrishnan	2025	2026
	Math & Stats	M. Omar	2025	2028
	Science, Technology & Society	J. Lazenby (Fall)/D. Monaldi (Winter)	2025	2026