154th Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science  
March 19, 2021 at 2:30pm  
Virtual (Zoom)

MINUTES

1.0 Research Administration System (J. Doering, M. LeBar, C. Buonpensiere, J. Harder to present)
Dr. Doering presented to faculty council members. Launch estimated to be late June 2020 in Human Ethics.

2.0 Approval of Revised Agenda
MOVED: T. Booth
SECONDED: A. Kumar
The Motion CARRIED

3.0 Approval of Minutes – 153rd meeting, February 5, 2021
MOVED: J. Boisvert
SECONDED: M. Gericke
The Motion CARRIED

4.0 Business Arising from Minutes
None

5.0 Faculty Senate Election Results
• A. Bunt – Elected
• P. Blunden Re-Appointed
• M. Shaw Re-Appointed

6.0 Wawatay Updates (S. Safi-Harb)
Dr. Safi-Harb presented and reviewed Wawatay initiatives

7.0 Dean’s Report

a) Application for a temporary cessation of the Biotechnology Programs
Submitted a 2 year temporary cessation for the Biotechnology program
Will pass through Senate April 2021

b) Undergraduate Report and Updates (B. Li)
Review of 2021 online survey of current/former students of four year Science program. 460 respondents (40% current, 60% alumni)
Presentation will be distributed
c) Research Report (B. Mark)
   Presented Faculty of Science Funding Overview from 2011-2020

d) Space updates (S. Baum)
   Infrastructure updates
   • Research
   • Teaching / Students
   • Meeting and General Access

8.0 Other Business

9.0 In Camera Session – Professor Emeriti nominations (not Voting Faculty Council members to depart at this time)
   Presentation made to voting members of Faculty Council

10.0 Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

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Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/99891752993
Meeting ID: 998 9175 2993
The RAS Project
[Research Administration System]
Faculty Council Presentation
Overview

• The Need
• Objectives of the Project
• The Solution
• Advisory Board
• Timeline
  • RITHiM
  • RAS & RITHiM
The Need

• handling of grants, contracts, and protocols (human, animal, biosafety) has been paper-based
  • > 100 forms on ORS website
  • for the uninitiated the form(s) required for approval and the process can be overwhelming

• difficulty collecting (physical) signatures

• not leveraging technology
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- increased transparency
  - ability to view where submissions and related tasks are within the process [date and time stamp]
The Solution

• survey of U15 showed no more than two institutions used the same software; some had developed their own software system

• looked at 4 vendors [only 2 had context sensitive software]

• awarded to IDΣATE™ in 2019
  • product of EnterpriseWeb®

• Senior team
  • Project Executive: Jay Doering, AVP (Partnerships)
  • Senior User: Gary Glavin, AVP (Research)
  • Senior Supplier: Mario Lebar, CIO
Advisory Board

• review and provide feedback on the “look”, ”feel”, and functionality of RAS
• ensure all relevant interfaces meet user/approver needs
• members
  • Hope Anderson [ADR Pharmacy]
  • Annemieke Farenhorst [ADR Agriculture]
  • Rob Hoppa [ADR Arts]
  • Brian Mark [ADR Science]
  • Jude Uzonna [ADR Medicine]
  • Leisha Strachan [ADR Kinesiology]
Project Scope

• 3200 users:
  • PIs, delegated users, authorize/advisie users, ORS, OREC, and EHS staff
• 25 processes to build
• 1600 data fields to capture
• 24 MRT modules affected/replaced
• 125 reports to automate
• 9 interfaces with existing UM systems:
  • Banner, EHS, HRIS, …

Project is a significant undertaking!
Stakeholder Engagement

Goals for Stakeholders

- Understand the reasons for the change
- Understand the impact on day-to-day activities
- Motivated to be part of the change
- Users have the skills, knowledge & ability to be successful - using and adopting software
  - Training opportunities to adequately prepare user
  - IST Help Desk
  - RAS email for support
Impacts

• Submission, tasks, notifications and review approval process all electronic
• Researchers’ staff will have access to approved protocols in system
• Automatic workflows – protocol submissions flow to correct role
• 3 to 2 HE FG Boards (ENREB dissolves)
HE FG Overview
HE FG Testing Team

• ~15 personnel (profs, admin. and research assistants, and a RF) signed up to provide feedback on HE FG functionality

• will be future calls for volunteers to test the other modules [animal care, grants and contracts, health ethics] of RAS
High Level Schedule

*Includes Core software functionality for all Phases
RITHiM

Government Directive

“Develop recommendations to improve time-to-conduct for human clinical and data intensive research in Manitoba through process improvement and inter-agency harmonization, while considering privacy protection, and to establish the best mechanisms for increasing industry investment and partnership potential.”
RITHiM

Recommendations [1 to 3 of 5]

• Establish a single amalgamated research review committee, which encompasses ethics, impact, and privacy reviews of clinical and data intensive research done at any relevant institution in Manitoba - using one application form.

• Designate an organizational delegate that facilitates the timely review of feasibility of data request and contract process at the approver’s institution.

• Invest in the establishment of an electronic, web accessible, research administration and information system.
RITHiM + RAS

• RITHiM will run from the University’s RAS server, but with its own customized separate install
• 98% of all the Province’s human health clinical trials are by UM employees (includes GFTs)
• a series of questions will determine whether ethics will be undertaken by UM (i.e, HE FG) or RM’s RITHiM
• HE B will continue as is (i.e., paper-based) until RITHiM is ready to launch
UM
- Animal Ethics
- Biosafety
- Contracts
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Grants
- Human Ethics

RITHiM
- Health Ethics

Non UM Entry point
Wawatay

updates

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for the Wawatay team

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Stefi Baum, Teri DeKievit, Roger Dube, Krystyna Koczanski,
Carrie Selin, Kate Yee & Christine Adams

Faculty Council, March 19 (2021)
Goals

★ Dramatically **grow** the number of Indigenous science graduates
★ Develop **closer ties** to Indigenous communities
★ Infuse Indigenous **science approaches and perspectives** into science education and strengthen mutual **research**

* Northern Lights (Anishinaabe)
Summer 2021 and beyond

Summer 2021 session (July 12, 6 weeks)

- ~12 students: “Wawatay Scholars” (being recruited)
- In-person summer session (approved by the University)
- Lodging secured (St Johns College)
- Wawatay space: 108 Allen Bldg.
- Program planning: in progress
Summer 2021 and beyond

Summer 2021 session (July 12, 6 weeks)

• **GOALS:**
  - Cohort spirit
  - Assessment
  - Exposure to research
  - Professional development skills
  - Tailored plan for advising and support
  - Familiarize students with the University environment

• **Beyond summer:** project-based pilot course, research for credit, continued cultural/social and academic support; peer mentorship

• **External Advisory Board** (being formed)

Stay tuned!

https://sci.umanitoba.ca/wawatay/
FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM SURVEY ANALYSIS
University of Manitoba Faculty of Science
March 2021
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INTRODUCTION
KEY OBJECTIVES

• Understand four-year degree program current student and alumni perceptions of their educational experience.

• Assess the level of student satisfaction with the four-year programs and identify opportunities that they would like to have/ to have had while pursuing their studies.

• Identify the strengths of the four-year degree.

• Understand what current students plan to do /and alumni have done after graduation.

• Identify the ways that current students and alumni think that the four-year degree has supported their professional goals.

SURVEY ADMINISTRATION & SURVEY SAMPLE

• The survey was administered online in January and February 2021 using the Qualtrics platform.

• Respondents were recruited via an open link on University of Manitoba Faculty of Science social media and email appeals.

• The analysis includes a total of 460 respondents following data cleaning.

• Results are segmented in the report by relationship to Manitoba Science (i.e., current student, alumna/us) and graduation year. Additionally, the data supplement includes segmentation by primary major and participation in the Science Co-op program.

RESPONDENT QUALIFICATIONS

• Must be a current undergraduate student or alumni of the University of Manitoba Faculty of Science.

• Must be enrolled in or alumni of the three-year Bachelor of Science General program or one of three four-year programs: the Bachelor of Computer Science Honours program, the Bachelor of Science Honours program, or the Bachelor of Science Major program.
• Sample sizes vary across questions as some questions only pertain to a subset of respondents.

• Conclusions drawn from a small sample size (n<20) should be interpreted with caution. Some questions, including all of the questions addressed to alumni of Mathematics and alumni of Physics & Astronomy, have been excluded from the report due to small sample sizes.

• For full aggregate and segmented results, please consult the accompanying data supplement.

• Statistically significant difference (95% confidence level) between groups are noted with an asterisk (*).

• After data collection, Hanover identified and removed low-quality respondents.

• “Don’t Know or Not Applicable” responses, and equivalent, are often excluded from the figures and analysis in order to focus on respondents who did express an opinion.
The sample is comprised of 460 respondents, 40% of whom are currently enrolled in programs at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Science and 60% of whom are alumni.

- 28% of the alumni are recent graduates (2015-2020), 46% are early- to mid-career (1990-2014), and 26% are late-career or retired (1989 or earlier).

- The most common primary majors are Computer Science (22%) and Biological Sciences (19%).

- 51% of respondents are/were enrolled in the four-year Bachelor of Science Major program; 38% are/were enrolled in four-year Bachelor of Science Honours program, 12% are/were enrolled in the four-year Bachelor of Computer Science Honours program, and 3% are/were enrolled in the three-year Bachelor of Science General program.

- 21% of respondents are participating in or participated in the Science Co-op Program.

### Primary Majors - Regrouped (n=460)

- Computer Science: 22%
- Biological Sciences: 19%
- Microbiology: 11%
- Genetics: 9%
- Psychology: 8%
- Mathematics: 7%
- Biochemistry: 6%
- Physics and Astronomy: 6%
- Chemistry: 5%
- Other: 8%

### Graduation Year - Regrouped (n=460)

- 2015-2020: 28%
- 2005-2014: 22%
- 1990-2004: 24%
- 1989 or earlier: 26%

± Text was abbreviated for the chart. Full text is available in the data supplement.
‡ Mathematics includes the mathematics major as well as applied math and actuarial math.
RECOMMENDATIONS & KEY FINDINGS
RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Expand career guidance and professional skills development opportunities.** Pursuing career goals is the most common objective of students entering the Bachelor of Science degree program, and 53% of respondents strongly agree that the program helped them to meet this goal. Nevertheless, four-fifths of all respondents agree that Manitoba could improve in career guidance (83%), professional skills development (82%), and opportunities for internships (79%). The proportion of respondents who would like to see improvements in these areas is even higher among current students and recent alumni.

  - **Continue promoting the Science Co-op program.** Satisfaction with the Science Co-op program is quite high. 75% of alumni participants and student participants who have completed three work terms are completely satisfied with the program, and 82% believe that it was very or extremely useful to their career. Yet only one-fifth of respondents participate/participated in the program, and 17% of respondents had not heard of it. 59% of alumni respondents who did not participate in the Co-op program would choose to participate if they could go back and make a different decision.

- **Introduce greater flexibility where possible.** Flexibility is of greater concern to current student and recent alumni respondents than it was to more senior alumni. 86% of current students and 72% of recent alumni would like to see more flexibility in course choices, 64% of current students and 53% of recent alumni would like to see more online courses, and 71% of current students and 64% of recent alumni would like to see different class scheduling. Only 18% of current students and 29% of recent alumni are very satisfied with course scheduling.

- **Expand advising resources.** Only 47% of current students and 38% of recent alumni are somewhat or very satisfied with Manitoba’s advising. Only 13% of current students are very satisfied. If they could go back and do it again, 87% of honours alumni respondents would make the same choice. However, among major program alumni respondents, only 48% would do the same again, while 33% would choose the honours program, and 17% would choose something other than a Bachelor of Science degree.
The four-year Bachelor of Science at the University of Manitoba is a top option for most applicants. Four-fifths of respondents indicate that the University of Manitoba was the only school to which they applied (70%) or it was their first choice (10%).

The Manitoba Science honours programs appeal to students who would like to pursue graduate studies and to those who have an interest in research. Overall, half of honours program respondents (51%) chose this program as the best route to graduate school, and one-third of respondents (34%) thought that the honours program would help them to gain valuable research experience.

The pursuit of graduate education is a more common motivation among current students than it was among alumni. 62% of current student respondents cite an interest in graduate school compared with 46% of alumni respondents.

The major program appeals to students who lack interest in the honours program requirements. If they could go back and do it again, 87% of honours alumni respondents would make the same choice. Among major program alumni respondents, only 48% would do the same again, while 33% would choose the honours program, and 17% would choose something other than a Bachelor of Science degree.

Top factors influencing respondents’ decision to enrol in...

... an honours program instead of a major program† (n=223)

- I thought it would help me get into graduate school. 51%
- The honours project helps me gain valuable research experience. 34%
- Honours was the only option available in the program I was interested in. 18%
- I thought it would help me get into professional school. 18%

... a major program instead of an honours program† (n=234)

- I was not interested in the project course requirement in the honours program. 39%
- The honours program course requirements were too restrictive. 27%
- The minimum Grade Point Average requirement for honours program admission. 21%
- The minimum grade requirements for specific courses in the honours program. 14%

†Respondents were asked to select all that apply. Percentages sum to more than 100.
Respondents report that the Bachelor of Science program helps students to achieve their goals.

- Overall, three-quarters of respondents (75%) report that they chose the Bachelor of Science program to pursue their career goals, and 87% of these respondents somewhat (33%) or strongly agree (53%) that the program helped them to achieve that goal.

- Two-thirds of respondents (67%) hoped to increase their knowledge, and 95% of those respondents somewhat (34%) or strongly agree (62%) that the program helped them to achieve that goal.

- Fewer respondents report that they were motivated to choose the Bachelor of Science degree to help them get into graduate school (37%), another program (35%), or professional school (25%), or to pursue a career in research (28%). However, among respondents with these goals, more than 80% somewhat or strongly agree that the program helped them to achieve their goal.

Which of the following goals were important in helping you decide to enter a Bachelor of Science degree program?†

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<th>Current Students (n=184)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pursuing my career goals*</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>82%</td>
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<td>Increasing knowledge</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>Positioning me for graduate school*</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>Helping to get into another program±*</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<td>Allowing me to pursue a career in research*</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Positioning me for professional school*</td>
<td>20%</td>
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±Text is abbreviated in chart. The full text is available in the data supplement.
Overall, student and alumni perceptions of the Bachelor of Science programs at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Science are positive. Three-quarters of all respondents (76%) indicate that their perception is somewhat (46%) or very positive (30%).

A higher proportion of alumni hold very positive views of the Bachelor of Science programs than current students.

- 39% of alumni report that their impression of the programs is very positive compared with 17% of current students.
- 28% of alumni would recommend the Bachelor of Science programs to a friend, family member, or colleague compared with 13% of current students.

Overall, what is your perception of the Bachelor of Science programs at University of Manitoba Faculty of Science? (n=460)
Overall satisfaction with classes, instructors, the curriculum, the rigor of the program, and the structure of the program is also quite high. Three-quarters of all respondents are somewhat or very satisfied with each of these elements of the program.

Satisfaction is consistently higher among alumni than among current students.

• For each element of the program, the statistically significant difference between alumni and current student respondent views is among the proportion of respondents who are very satisfied. The proportion of respondents who are somewhat satisfied is similar for both alumni and student respondents.

Fewer respondents are satisfied with course scheduling and advising, including fewer than half of current student respondents.

Please indicate your level of dissatisfaction or satisfaction with the following elements of the Bachelor of Science degree programs. ±

% Somewhat or Very Satisfied

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<th>Current Students (n=173-184)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Classes*</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>72%</td>
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<td>Curriculum</td>
<td>81%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>Instructors*</td>
<td>81%</td>
<td>71%</td>
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<td>Rigor of the program*</td>
<td>66%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>Structure of the program*</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>68%</td>
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<td>Course scheduling*</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>76%</td>
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<td>Advising</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>53%</td>
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**THE SCIENCE CO-OP PROGRAM**

Satisfaction with the Science Co-op program is quite high.

- Among the 21% of respondents who participate/participated in the Science Co-op program and have completed all three co-op work terms, 75% are completely satisfied and another 15% are somewhat satisfied.

- 82% of these respondents believe that participating in the program was very or extremely useful to their future career.

The top reason that alumni did not participate in the Science Co-op program is that it was not available in their degree program (41%). If they could go back and do the degree again, 59% of alumni respondents who did not participate in the Co-op program would choose to participate.

The top reasons that current students do not participate in the Co-op program is that it adds additional time to the program (41%) or they don’t believe that it is relevant to them (33%).

17% of respondents were not aware of the Science Co-op program.

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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>The Science Co-op was not available in my degree program.</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>I did not want to add an additional year to my studies.</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>The Science Co-op program was not relevant for me.</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>I did not know about the Science Co-op program.</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>I was not admitted into the Science Co-op program.</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>The Science Co-op program was too expensive.</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>27%</td>
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†Respondents were asked to select all that apply. Percentages sum to more than 100.
Most Co-op participant respondents believe that the most valuable aspects of the Co-op experience are degree-related work experience (84%) and development of technical competencies (75%). Three-fifths or more also value its contribution to their developing a professional network (65%), effective job search tools (62%), and career clarity (60%).

More than 70% of Co-op participant respondents indicate that that the Co-op program was very or extremely influential in helping them to develop skills in interpersonal communication (74%) and problem solving (72%). 67% report that the program was very or extremely influential in helping them to develop in-depth knowledge of their field of study.

What were the most valuable aspects of your Science Co-op experience? †‡(n=55)

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<td>Degree-related work experience</td>
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<td>Development of technical competencies</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Development of my professional network</td>
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<td>Development of effective job search tools</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Career clarity</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Knowledge of post-graduate opportunities</td>
<td>49%</td>
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How influential was participating in the Science Co-op program to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas? ‡

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<td>Problem solving</td>
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<td>In-depth knowledge of my field of study</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>Critical thinking</td>
<td>55%</td>
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<td>Writing clearly and effectively</td>
<td>43%</td>
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‡Only respondents who participated in the Science Co-op program and who have completed the three co-op work terms were asked to respond.
±Text is abbreviated in chart. The full text is available in the data supplement.
There is no consensus among alumni respondents who studied the biological sciences regarding the sufficiency or the interest-level of 3000-4000 level courses.

- 31% of biological science alumni respondents are satisfied with the number and interest-level of 3000-4000 level courses in their theme.

- 35% agree that the number of courses relevant to their theme was adequate but do not agree that the courses offered were sufficiently interesting.

- 27% found the number to be inadequate.

There is consensus on ease of enrolment in the required organismal courses.

- 82% of biological science alumni respondents somewhat or strongly agree that registering and enrolling in required organismal courses on the first attempt presented no issues.

- Enrolment in Biology of Fungi & Lichens is the easiest. 95% of respondents who enrolled in this course report that it was somewhat (20%) or very (75%) easy.

Which of the following best describes your opinion on the selection of 3000-4000 level BIOL courses offered in your program? The number of 3000-4000 level BIOL courses relevant to my theme...

- ... was adequate, but I had trouble finding enough BIOL courses of interest.±
- ... was adequate, and I easily found enough BIOL courses of interest.±
- ... was not adequate, and I had to substitute courses from other departments.±

‡Only alumni respondents whose primary major was Biological Sciences were asked to respond.

±Text edited for clarity. Original text can be found in the data supplement.
Overall, 48% of respondents plan to pursue or pursued graduate studies, 45% planned to enter or entered the workforce, and 30% planned to pursue or pursued a professional degree.

- Among alumni, pursuit of graduate studies has declined over time. Only 28% of recent alumni (2015-2020) pursued graduate studies compared with 45% of alumni respondents who graduated between 2005 and 2014, 52% of those who graduated between 1990 and 2004, and 59% of those who graduated in 1989 or earlier.

- Interest in professional programs is stronger among current students. 40% plan to pursue a professional program compared with 23% of alumni.

The prevalence of first jobs related to the Bachelor of Science education has declined over time. 92% of alumni respondents who entered the workforce and graduated in 1989 or earlier and 74% of those who graduated between 1990 and 2004 indicate that their first job was related to their education compared with 52% to 58% of more recent alumni respondents. 55% of respondents whose first job was not related to their education report that they were unable to find a job in their area of study.

**What do you plan to do/What did you do after graduating from a Bachelor of Science degree program?†**

- **Pursue graduate studies**
  - Current Students (n=184): 51%
  - Alumni (n=276): 46%
- **Enter the workforce**
  - Current Students (n=184): 44%
  - Alumni (n=276): 45%
- **Pursue a professional program±**
  - Current Students (n=184): 40%
  - Alumni (n=276): 23%

**Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the following statement: My first job was related to my Bachelor of Science education.‡**

- **% Somewhat or Strongly Agree**
  - 1989 or earlier (n=26): 92%
  - 1990-2004 (n=34): 74%
  - 2005-2014 (n=25): 52%
  - 2015-2020 (n=40): 58%

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‡Text abbreviated. Full text is available in the data supplement.
†Only alumni respondents who entered the workforce after graduation were asked to respond.
Overall, the most commonly cited best aspects of the program are the curriculum (41%), the cost of attendance (35%), and the faculty (35%).

- Among current student respondents, the most commonly cited best aspects of the program are job prospects after graduation and research opportunities.

- There is substantial disagreement among current students regarding the cost of attendance (33% consider it one of the worst aspects of the program) and among alumni on job prospects after graduation (35% consider it one of the worst aspects of the program).

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†Respondents were asked to select all that apply. Percentages sum to more than 100.
‡Only respondents who are currently pursuing or who graduated from the four-year programs were asked to respond.
**Indicates statistically significant difference at the 95% level between current students and alumni for both the best aspects and the worst aspects of the program.
* Indicates statistically significant difference at the 95% level between students and alumni for the worst aspects of the program only.
There is substantial support for improvements in most areas under consideration. Overall, the top three areas for improvement are career guidance (83%), professional skills education (82%), and the opportunity for internships (79%).

- In all areas, a higher proportion of student respondents express interest in improvement than alumni respondents.
- A much higher proportion of students are interested in changes in the type, format, and scheduling of courses offered. 86% want greater flexibility in course choices; 81% want more in-depth course options; 71% want different class scheduling; and 64% want more online courses.
- In many areas, recent alumni responses are more similar to current students than to senior alumni. For example, 83% of recent alumni respondents would have liked better job opportunities, 76% would have liked more in-depth course options, 72% would have liked greater flexibility in course choices, 64% would have liked different class scheduling, and 53% would have liked more online courses.
- 92% of recent alumni would have liked to see more professional skills education compared with 80% or fewer of more senior alumni.

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. In the Bachelor of Science degree programs, I would like to see/have liked to have seen...

% Somewhat or Strongly Agree

- greater career guidance.*
- more professional skills education.
- more internships.*
- better job opportunities.*
- more research opportunities.
- more in-depth course options.*
- greater flexibility in course choices.*
- a co-op option.
- different class scheduling.*
- more online courses.*

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Thank you.

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Faculty of Science
Funding Overview
2011-2020

March 19, 2021
Total Research Funding Awarded 2011-2020
Faculty of Science

Total research income from 2011-2020 (10 years): $129,442,604

*Funding based on average of the total award amount over the award period

Total research income for 2020: $20,245,062
CIHR Funding by Department
Mitacs Funding by Department

- Statistics
- Physics and Astronomy
- Microbiology
- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Biological Sciences

Yearly Funding by Department:
- 2011-2012
- 2013-2014
- 2015-2016
- 2017-2018
- 2019-2020
Industry-academic contracts and US grant by Department (no NSERC or Mitacs)
CFI Funding by Department
(not prorated)

物理学和天文学
微生物学
计算机科学
化学
生物科学
Research Manitoba Funding by Department
(Includes all programs and CFI matching funds)
(Does not include prior MHRC funding)
Internal Funding by Department (UM and FoS)
New Internal Funding from FoS for 2021
(FoS research instrumentation and more SEGS support)

1) **Advanced Synthesis with Exotic Materials – Non-Porous Metal 3D Printing**
   - Capable of creating non-porous metallic parts from a range of metallic powders and alloys for research and training purposes.
   - Brings additive manufacturing in-house for production of high-end research equipment such as ultra-high vacuum parts, medical devices, biological devices, radiation hard components, and antennas, metamaterials.

2) **State-of-the-Art 400 MHz “workhorse” NMR Spectrometer** (cost share with Chem)
   - Will serve as a cornerstone technology for research, teaching and training of HQP in the Department of Chemistry across the Faculty of Science and more broadly at UM

3) The total number of **SEGS awards** that can be held per faculty member is increasing from **2 to 3**. (Max of $31,500 per faculty member)
CATS AWAY...FOS INFRASTRUCTURE
MARCH 19, 2021
FACULTY COUNCIL
RESEARCH

Emergency power installation in Buller Annex for -80 freezers and growth chambers in progress

Research labs in Allen, BSB, Buller and Duff completed

Animal Holding Facility – aquaculture and rodent area upgrades in progress

Cryo-electron microscope for structural biology installed

NMR replacement in planning

3D metal printer for Fabrication Facility in planning

Greenhouse roof of Allen – starting planning
TEACHING/STUDENTS

Teaching laboratories (2) completed in Parker
Planetarium completed
Teaching laboratories in the planning stage for Allen and Parker
The Wawatay Indigenous Centre in Allen under construction
Student Help Centres and study areas in Allen basement under construction
Two small Armes Theatres complete - Three large Armes Theatres about to go under construction
Glenlea Observatory foundation being installed
MEETING AND GENERAL ACCESS

Ceiling of Armes corridor with skylights complete

Improvements to the Link in planning stage

Entrance to Jim Peebles Science Library being planned

250 Allen renovation almost complete

Dean’s Office renovation complete

Microbiology Department Office enlarged

Eureka Centre (ex Duff Museum) completed