

COUNCIL OF CHAIRS OF CANADIAN EARTH SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS CCCESD

Teams meeting, 12 November 2021 – Notes from Meeting

Present: Jeff McKenzie (McGill), Sam Butler (Saskatchewan), Alfredo Camacho (Manitoba), Tom Chacko (Alberta), Andrew Conly (Lakehead), Patricia Corcoran (Western), Brian Cousens (Carleton), Joel Cubley (Yukon), Jay Cullen (Victoria), Fiona Darbyshire (UQàM), Greg Dunning (MUN), Sarah Finkelstein (Toronto), John Greenough (treasurer), Djordje Grujic (Dalhousie), Ed Hornibrook (UBC-Okanagan), Stephen Hubbard (Calgary), Francine McCarthy (Brock), Bruce Newbold (McMaster), Gwen O'Sullivan (Mt. Royal), Rob Raeside (Acadia/CCCESD), Vicki Remenda (Queen's), Mario Coniglio (Waterloo), Dave Schneider (Ottawa), René Therrien (Laval), Doug Tinkham (Laurentian), Deanne van Rooyen (CBU), Nancy Van Wagoner (Thompson Rivers), Maria Vélez (Regina), Joe White (UNB), Glyn Williams-Jones (SFU).

Regrets submitted: Joel Gagnon (Windsor), Simon Pattison (Brandon), JinJun Shan (York)

- 1. Welcome:** Jeff McKenzie opened the meeting at 11 a.m. EDT. This year's edition of [Departmental Notes](#) is posted for reference.
- 2. Finances**

John Greenough presented a summary of the finances. Treasurer's report attached. P Corcoran moved, F McCarthy seconded, that the report be approved. There was general discussion that in order to maintain the balance the annual contribution be increased to \$150. Carried.
- 3. Statistics**

R Raeside reviewed the annual statistics collection (<https://cccesd.acadiau.ca/rep2020.html>). Responses were received from 31 out of 38 departments. The 2021 survey will be initiated on 1 December, with a due date of 31 January, 2022. Enrolments in our departments overall, and in the undergraduate Geology-Geophysics-Geological Engineering programs subset continue to decline, but the rate of decline has slowed. The decline in the number of graduated students has also continued.
- 4. Frank Arnott Award – Next Generation Explorers Award**

Tim Dobush and Mike Villeneuve gave a [presentation](#) on this award.
- 5. Report from CFES**

S Butler (CCCESD rep on CFES) provided a report on activities of CFES, including the National Geoscience Research Plan, an initiative chaired by Mostafa Fayed, and the climate change statement

 - President – Rachel Newrick has been very active
 - New communications director – Courtney Onstad
- 6. Interactions between Canadian Earth Science departments and geoscience professional**

Craig Nichol provided an overview of the relationship between Canadian Earth Science departments and the geoscience professional regulators (attached to agenda). He plans to provide the final results for the Halifax 2022 conference in May 2022.
- 7. Visit from the Geological Survey**

Daniel Lebel, Director General provided an overview of GSC activities. The presentation is available at https://cccesd.acadiau.ca/GSC_Update_CCCESD_Oct28_2021.pdf.
- 8. Visit from Geoscientists Canada**

Kevin Ansdell (U Sask, President of Geoscientists Canada) provided [an overview](#) of the activities of GC, referring to statistics, gender balance, resources. CCCESD participants again expressed concern about diversity expression on the websites and publications – A Waldie noted that resources are limited and requested high-resolution images to include on websites and in publications (photo release form provided at <https://cccesd.acadiau.ca>).

9. Visit from NSERC

Liz Boston (Director, Mathematical, Environmental and Physical Sciences Division), Tiffany Lancaster, Program Officer, Mathematical, Environmental and Physical Sciences Division, Kenn Rankine (Program Officer, Mathematical, Environmental and Physical Sciences Division) and incoming Team Leader Rachel Desroches attended the meeting. The presentation is available at https://cccesd.acadiau.ca/NSERC_presentation2021.pdf.

8. Visit from CFI

Claire Samson (Vice-President) and Mohamad Nasser-Eddine (Director) reviewed the [2023 Innovation Fund](#) and the [John Evans Leaders fund](#).

9. CCCESD issues

Wide-ranging discussions concerned enrolment, EDI, deferred field work, mentorship, outreach, test accommodations, and Indigenous enrolments.

11. Executive Changes

R Raeside and J Greenough continue as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Patricia Corcoran offered to accept the role of meeting coordinator. Jeff McKenzie (McGill) continues as the chair.