

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between:**

**Brandon University**

**Employer**

**-and-**

**Brandon University Faculty Association**

**Union**

RE: Faculty of Science Undergraduate Topics Courses 2026-27

WHEREAS undergraduate Topics courses in the Faculty of Science offer valuable hands-on research experience for students and contribute to the research productivity of the instructor; and

WHEREAS teaching assignment credit for an undergraduate Topics course is one-third (1/3) the student credit hour rating for each student as per 20.5.5.1; and

WHEREAS assignment of undergraduate Topics courses often puts Members in overload that may not receive budgetary approval;

The Parties agree to the following on a without prejudice or precedent basis for the 2026-27 academic year:

In the Faculty of Science, undergraduate Topics courses will be included in 20.5.5.5(b) such that a Member shall receive a maximum of three (3) credit hours for supervision of graduate thesis and/or undergraduate thesis and/or undergraduate Topics students but may elect to supervise more than three (3) such students.



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On behalf of the BUFA

Print Name: Dr. Gautam Srivastava

March 27, 2025

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Date:



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On behalf of BU

Print Name: Greg Gatién

April 18, 2025

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