

March 26th, 1971.

April 15, 1971

Minutes of the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Friday, March 26th, 1971 at 2:40 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dr. R. D. Connor, Chairman; Drs. P.K. Isaac, J. Reid, R.G. Woods, J.M. Vail, J.G. Eales, I. Cooke, D.M. McKinnon, G.E. Dunn, J.P. Svenne, M.E. Kettner, Mr. D. Sutherland. (12) W.A. Convey (Secretary).

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the third meeting were adopted as circulated.  
Reid (McKinnon).

2. Matters Arising From the Minutes

(a) The Acceptability of Computer Science 305

The Chairman reported that the Department of Education was anxious to know if we would accept this course. The Executive, having had an opportunity to study the course outline agreed to recommend it to Faculty Council for acceptance.

Reid (Woods).

Unanimous

(b) Notice of Motions re: Admission to Science

The two motions (minutes page 5, February 11th) were discussed but were not endorsed. It was agreed to consider the question again at the next Executive meeting.

3. Communications

1. Extra Professional Work by Academic Staff - to be considered later.
2. Senate Elections - The Chairman outlined the procedure and stated that whereas we had three retiring members, the distribution of seats gave us one more than last year.
3. By-Law - It was agreed that we had considered the various people mentioned in the letter from the Senate committee

but that we did not think it necessary. It was also felt that the clause dealing with removal of a Senate member should be removed from the Faculty By-Law and placed in the General By-Law.

4. Report of the Committee to Study the Core Report

The report was considered and the main points of the discussion were -

- (a) While the plan was good it must not be implemented unless there were adequate counsellors to advise the students, teachers to offer the various "phases" and funds to pay for it all.
- (b) It was pointed out that schools had trouble enough in offering both the University Entrance Course and the General Course. It was not seen how each course could be given in a variety of "phases".
- (c) It was felt the plan would remove the pressure from the student not proceeding to University. While University bound students would restrict themselves to the sequential offerings needed for university entrance, the others could sample the new courses with freedom.
- (d) It was felt that if there were no controls on the courses a student had to have for university entrance, we would find ourselves with a four year programme with the first year given over to 90 level courses.
- (e) Concern was expressed that a student could complete his required High School credits with only Grade IX or X level courses.
- (f) The Chairman referred to the new four year programme of the Faculty of Education and indicated it would enable the Faculty of Science to offer courses in the background of PSSC and Chemistry Study. Instead of traditional Physics courses more could be done to tailor instruction to the specific needs of the potential teacher.

The discussion concluded with a request to Dr. Dunn to redraft the report in the light of the discussion.

(At this point the Dean had to leave and Dr. Isaac assumed the Chair.)

5. Policy on Consulting

A Senate committee set up to review this question had recommended that each Faculty should send to Senate its own suggestions. It was agreed to set up an ad hoc committee to consider the matter, drawing on those with experience of consulting practice.

6. Lower Limit to Class Size

The University is under criticism on the number of courses being offered with very small enrolments. It was reported that in the University there were 780 classes with ten or fewer students. In our present fiscal climate pressure was mounting to "do something" about this "obvious waste". Dr. Cooke pointed out that in Science we had 27 classes with only one student in each, and 47 with ten or less. Many were Honours, graduate or summer and evening classes. Dr. Cooke was asked to provide more details for the Executive at its next meeting.

7. Half Courses

Dr. Cooke explained that concern had been expressed in some quarters about the proliferation of half courses. There are scheduling problems, examination scheduling problems, and hidden costs associated with this development. In addition students' programmes can become quite fragmented. The members of the Executive were asked to express an opinion regarding further proliferation of half courses.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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DATE March 16, 1971

TO ALL SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM Mr. G. Richardson, Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT:

The fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been scheduled for Friday, March 26th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of February 11th, 1971.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
  - a) Decision on Computer Science 305 acceptability for entrance.
  - b) 'Notice of Motions' regarding the Admission to Science.
3. Communications.
4. Report of the ad hoc Committee studying the Core Report.
5. Policy on Consulting.
6. Lower limit to class size.
7. Half courses.
8. Other business.

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