

October 25, 1971.

November 1, 1971

Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Monday, October 25, 1971 at 2:40 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dean R. D. Connor; Chairman, Drs. G. Dunn, G. Wood, I. Cooke, P. K. Isaac, J. Svenne, J. Vail, G. Eales, Mr. D. Sutherland. (9) Mr. G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Drs. M. Kettner, J. Reid.

I. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The Chairman stated that an amendment in the minutes of the last meeting was required.

At the time that the Executive Committee had been requested to select a winner for the David Renfrew Petrie Memorial Medal, the Chairman of the Awards Committee had also asked the Department of Chemistry to make a similar selection. It happened that the two choices were not the same and it was subsequently decided that because the award was more department oriented than Faculty and the fact that the department had made the choice in the past, the department's choice would stand.

Therefore, it was agreed that the minutes would show the winner of the David Renfrew Petrie Memorial Medal as G. W. Dilay and not R. J. Hayward. With this change the minutes of May 31, 1971 were adopted. Cooke (Isaac).

It was requested by Dean Cooke that a summary of the courses taken by both Dilay and Hayward be made available for the Executive's information at the next meeting.

II. Matters Arising Therefrom:

1. The winners of the Morton Stall Memorial Scholarship, awarded to the student attaining the highest average in the second year in Arts & Science and subsequently qualifying for entrance to the Faculty of Medicine, were F. R. Friesen and C. P. Thiessen.

2. The Executive Committee's recommendation that the Rosabelle Searle Leach Scholarship be split into two awards, one for the Faculty of Science and one for the Faculty of Arts, was to be recommended to Senate by the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
3. The Executive Committee's motion that the Lt. Morris M. Soronow Memorial Scholarship be shared between three candidates was accepted by the Awards Committee Chairman.
4. There was no reply as yet from the Awards Committee regarding the Executive Committee's request that (i) in future no mention of the monetary value of awards be made on the student's history or other official transcripts, and; (ii) that consideration be give to the problems faced by the Executive in awarding the fifth Isbister Undergraduate Scholarship to eleven students.

It was noted by Dr. Vail that if the University ever decided to go to a Pass/Fail system of grading, the selecting of award winners will become much more difficult, if not completely impossible. The Chairman suggested that consideration of the Pass/Fail system might be of value to the Committee and it was agreed to make this an item on the next Executive Committee's agenda.

It was stated that a report from the Selection Committee had been received by the Secretary of Faculty Council. It was felt that the report should be distributed to the Executive Committee members for their information and discussion; copies were so distributed.

While copies of the report were being made and distributed, the Chairman sought the advice of the Committee members regarding the status of the student representative on this Committee.

In the general section of the Faculty and School Council By-Law it was stated that membership on Faculty or School Council be composed of: "a minimum of three students registered in the Faculty or School". (Item I, e) In the Faculty section of the By-Law the membership clause simply states "thirteen students chosen by S.S.A.". Mr. Sutherland is now registered with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, working toward his Masters degree in Science. Although not registered in Science now, he was at the time that he was considered by the S.S.A. for this position. The problem facing the Dean was whether or

not Mr. Sutherland is eligible to be a member of this Committee and Faculty Council. His term of office is up on May 31, 1972.

After a short deliberation, the following motion was put forth. Vail (Cooke):

"that the Executive Committee recommend to Faculty Council that graduate students, having been selected by the S.S.A., be allowed to serve on the Executive Committee and Faculty Council."

Unanimous

III. Communications.

There were no communications.

IV. Lower Limit to Class Size.

A break-down of the department's comments regarding lower limits to class size had been distributed to the members prior to the meeting. In the discussion that ensued, it was pointed out that because our present staffing formula generates staff on the basis of student enrolment and not by the number of courses, consideration of lower limits in this regard appeared to be of little value. In some instances, however, if it could be shown that courses with low enrolment were unnecessary and did not form an integral part of a student's program in a particular year, then perhaps they could be cycled or even dropped. This, the Committee thought, might be of more value.

It was noted that many of the courses with low enrolment appeared in the summer and evening sessions over which the Faculty had little or no control.

Dr. Vail pointed out that the summary of the department's remarks concerning lower limits, taken out of context, could be very misleading. It was important that the departmental rationale behind making these remarks be known. With this in mind, he made the following motion. (Eales):

"that the Executive report to Senate that the prevailing feeling in Science is that a categorical lower limit was not a real concept."

Unanimous

It was subsequently agreed that the Chairman would draft a letter for Senate, giving the departmental rationale behind their replies on lower limits.

The letter would be presented to the Executive at the next meeting for their approval. In the meantime, the Chairman would also contact the Science departments regarding their feelings on the value of low enrolment in Summer and Evening Sessions courses.

V. Report of the Committee on General Studies.

The item was deferred until later on in the meeting.

VI. Silver Medal Award in Science.

Because of the fact that Science is a large Faculty with a student enrolment second only to Arts, it was felt by the Chairman and others, that it might be appropriate to initiate the awarding of an additional medal for departmental excellence. Such a medal might be a silver medal and could be awarded for highest grades in a major and/or honours program. The Chairman requested the Committee member's feelings on such an award.

It was pointed out by Dr. Cooke that the trend in Science is for major programs to involve more than one department. This would tend to complicate matters if it was felt that such a silver medal was to be for departmental excellence. Dr. Dunn stated that if the medal was for excellence in the final year of an Honours program, then it would likely be awarded to the same student who was winner of several other awards, some of which were likely to be very prestigious ones.

It was agreed that the establishment of such an award was much more involved than at first thought, and consequently, it would be deferred until it had been thought out more thoroughly.

VII. Extra Professional Work by Academics.

Earlier this year, the Senate, in an attempt to establish a consulting by-law, set-up a committee charged with this task. The report that was received from the committee stated, in simplified terms, that each faculty should set its own policy and procedures and inform Senate.

It was obvious that such a request would inevitably produce a different by-law for each faculty. This could not help but lead to more difficulty and trouble. The Chairman requested the members to express their feelings toward this matter.

Dr. Vail proposed that a Standing Committee of Faculty Council be set-up to screen all consulting requests. This committee would hold the views of Faculty Council.

It was noted by Dr. Isaac the wide spectrum of consulting - from reading a degree thesis to being head of a large business concern. This pointed out the broad knowledge such a committee would have to possess.

Dr. Svenne stated that he thought the underlying problem here was essentially that of setting down a man's job at the University. In attempting to answer this, it would ultimately lead to the evaluation of the academic.

It was pointed out that in certain faculties, consulting played a very integral part in an academic's work. Consulting in such faculties could be considered similar to that of research in Science.

Dr. Eales felt that the extra stipends staff receive for teaching summer school, could be considered as a consulting fee. This point was well taken by the Committee.

The Chairman attempted to summarize the feelings to this point by stating that essentially three alternatives were being suggested:

- (i) a nominating committee could be generated to strike a committee to draw up the by-law.
- (ii) the Executive could strike a committee to establish terms of reference for a consulting committee; Faculty Council would establish the committee to implement these.
- (iii) the Chairman could draft the terms of reference for a consulting committee for consideration by the Executive at the next meeting.

Following a short discussion on each of these alternatives, it was agreed that the members of the Executive would come prepared at the next meeting with names and concepts for the establishment of a consulting committee.

VIII. Senate Motion re: Basic Arts and Science Requirement.

For the information of the members, the Chairman explained that Senate had requested the Faculties of Arts and Science to put forth their views regarding the motion in Senate for the abolishment of the Basic Arts and Science Requirements within forty-five days.

Because it was pointed out to Senate that so little time was given for reply on this very sensitive and involved matter and because it was the feeling of both Faculties that Senate was delving into matters of a Faculty concern,

Senate requested that the originator of the motion present a brief as to why the motion was put forth. This had not yet been received. Senate had agreed that the forty-five days of grace would begin with the receipt of the brief.

V. Report of the Committee on General Studies.

The Chairman asked Dean Cooke, Chairman of the Committee on General Studies, to speak to this report.

Dean Cooke explained to the members the developments leading to this report. He briefly discussed the committee's feeling towards the various points and the rationale behind each of them. Because these were included in the report, they were not recorded in these minutes.

Dean Cooke concluded by stated that if the Executive approved the report, it would be forwarded to Faculty Council for discussion and debate. The Executive agreed that because of its significance, the report would be brought before Council at two consecutive meetings.

Dean Isaac stated that any discussion of the report by the Executive Committee, would almost certainly be the same discussion as would take place in Faculty Council. Because of this he proposed the following motion.

(Woods):

"that the Executive recommend this report to Faculty Council for discussion and debate."

Unanimous

It was agreed that the last item on the agenda, i.e. Mature Student Report, would be deferred until the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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November 2, 1971

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE October 12, 1971

TO ALL SCIENCE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

FROM Mr. G. Richardson, Secretary

SUBJECT:

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The seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been scheduled for Monday, October 25, 1971 at 2:40 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

The Agenda for this meeting will be sent out at a later date. If any of the members have business they would like discussed at this meeting, please forward the information to the Secretary as soon as possible.

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