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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM G. Richardson, Secretary - Science Executive Committee

SUBJECT:

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been called for Monday, April 9, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to conclude discussion on the proposed Second Degree Requirements and the proposed revisions to the Faculty Honours Requirements.

Attached for the members' use is a copy of the proposed Second Degree Requirements.

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Monday, April 9, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dean R.D. Connor, Chairman; Professors I. Cooke, G.E. Dunn, B.K. Kale, J. Reid, D. Punter, G. Losey, B. Macpherson; Mr. G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Professors J.M. Vail, P.K. Isaac; Mr. J. Perrin.

The Chairman requested that one brief item be disposed of at the beginning. The Committee agreed and the Secretary read a letter that he had received from the Chairman of the Committee on Courses, Dean Cooke. The Committee on Courses was recommending for approval two Chemistry courses, 2:220 F and 2:235 F, to be taught in French at St. Boniface College. Both these courses are pre-requisite for medicine and veterinary study. There would be no costs to the Department or Faculty associated with these courses. The representatives from St. Boniface College were prepared to meet with the University Chemistry Department in order to establish the course and laboratory material. There was some urgency with this request because St. Boniface College wished to include these courses in their calendar this fall.

Dr. Dunn voiced some surprise at the Department of Chemistry's not being aware, until just recently, of this request. Dean Cooke stated that the Departmental representative had been informed of the request as soon as it was received.

It was moved by Dean Cooke (Punter) that:

"the Executive Committee recommend the approval that these two courses (2:220 F and 2:235 F) be taught in French at St. Boniface College."

Unanimous.

It was requested that Faculty Council at its meeting on April 10, 1973, be asked to endorse this recommendation.

#### Second Degree Regulations.

Before asking Dean Cooke to speak to these regulations, the Chairman enquired of him whether or not it would be necessary for these regulations to go back to his Committee for study should the Executive amend them or

would they go forward as amended to the Faculty Council for endorsement? Dean Cooke replied that only a change of a very substantive nature would require the regulations to go back to his committee.

It was agreed that the Executive would discuss each of the three sections of the proposed regulations separately.

Section (a)

Dean Cooke read to the members some statistics regarding the students who at this time were requesting permission to take a second General Degree. The one outstanding fact about these students was that their performances in the first degree were generally "borderline". This lead some members to feel that perhaps attainment levels should be required before a student could take a second degree; however, it was noted that we do not require this of students taking the first degree, why should we of the second?

At this point Dr. Kale entered.

With regard to the second degree requirements of the Faculty of Education, Dean Cooke explained that these were the results of negotiations between the Faculty of Education on campus and the University of Winnipeg. These requirements had been approved by our Senate. Essentially, the requirement for the second degree was five courses beyond the four-year programme for a Bachelor of Education. It was noted that within the four-year Education programme, students were required to take from ten to twelve Arts and Science courses, depending on their particular programme. This, plus the five additional courses, meant that a student could get a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Science Degree with fifteen or seventeen Arts and Science courses, together with ten or eight Education courses.

Following this discussion, it was moved by Professor Losey (Kale) that the rubric for Section (a) be amended to read:

"B.Sc. (general) following a previous B.A. or B.Sc. (general) degree in Science from Manitoba or Other Institute."

Carried.  
1 Opposed.

Approval of the amended wording removed from this regulation, other Bachelor degrees such as the B.Sc. (Home Ec.), B.Sc. (Engineering) and B.Ed. It was felt that these would be handled separately for the time being. This would also make it possible for a student to have two Bachelor of Science Degrees.

In referring to the Bachelor of Education programme and their regulation for the second degree, Dean Cooke stated that he thought the Faculty of

Education might be approached with the idea that their Faculty literature might announce a five-year combined B.Ed./B.Sc. programme with the possibility of a student terminating it after four years with only the Bachelor of Education. Although the Faculty of Education had not be approached as yet, Dean Cooke did express optimism with this idea.

In discussing the possible overlap of course requirements involved in two Bachelor of Science General Degrees, the Chairman noted that at the last Executive meeting, the committee members gave general agreement to the likelihood of departments waiving these special requirements, but the Faculty would still require that the fifteen full courses be completed.

Dr. Losey indicated that he felt the requirement of fifteen full new courses for the second general degree was not necessary, that ten courses would be more appropriate. The rationale given to this was that the first year of both the B.A. and B.Sc. programmes could be considered as being a common, exploratory year and that the two years beyond this, e.g. ten courses, was actually the substance of the programme. Having indicated such, Dr. Losey moved an amendment to Section (a) that the "fifteen" be changed to "ten"; however, the motion failed for lack of a seconder.

There was a brief discussion on the repeating of courses in the second degree which had been taken in the first. It was suggested that perhaps this could be limited to a number, say five; however, it was pointed out that this would favour the "poorer" student in that it gave him a second chance to obtain top marks in certain courses. It was likely that "good" student would not gain by this.

At this point it was moved by Dr. Dunn (Cooke) that Section (a) of the proposed regulations be amended to read:

"Students will be required to obtain credit in fifteen additional courses (of which a minimum of eight must be from the Faculty of Science) which complete the requirements for the B.Sc. General Degree."

Unanimous.

It was moved by Dr. Reid (Dunn) that:

"Section (a) be accepted as amended."

Unanimous.

Section (b)

Discussion on Section (b) began on the surrender of the first degree to obtain the second. Some members claimed they could see no good reason for a student giving up one degree for the other, especially in the case where the degrees were not related. If the student had completed the work required for both degrees, he should be entitled to keep both. The members could see some justification in giving up the first if the second was essentially an upgrading degree, e.g. B.Sc. with Physics major to a Physics (Honours) Degree. There was also some doubt expressed as to whether or not the Faculty could legally require a student to surrender his degree.

The following amendment to the proposed regulation (b) was put forth by Dr. Reid (Losey), thus changing (b) to read:

"After completing a minimum of 30 additional credit hours and fulfilling all of the course requirements specified in the University calendar by the Honours Department(s) and the B.Sc. (Honours) residence requirements, a student may surrender his B.Sc. or B.A. General Degree to obtain a B.Sc. (Honours) Degree. A student completing 60 or more credit hours and satisfying the conditions specified above will be awarded a B.Sc. (Honours) Degree without being required to surrender his general degree."

It was subsequently moved by Dean Cooke (Dunn) that:

"The figure of 60 credit hours be removed and substituted by 90 credit hours."

Unanimous.

With this amendment to the original amendment, a vote was taken; the original amendment was Carried, with one Opposed.

It was moved by Dean Cooke (Losey) that:

"Section (b) be accepted as amended."

Unanimous.

Section (c)

With regard to this section, Dean Cooke suggested to the Committee that special consideration might be given to the two other Manitoba Universities

and that sometime in the near future a meeting should be arranged to discuss this. The Chairman agreed that this suggestion should be explored, but this need not be in the immediate future. It would be valuable to operate with no special consideration in order to determine what problems we were likely to encounter.

It was moved by Dr. Losey (Reid) that:

"Such a student must complete 90 or more credit hours and satisfy all the course requirements specified in the University calendar by the Honours Department(s) and the B.Sc. (Honours) residence requirement to obtain the Honours Degree. The requirement of an introductory course may be waived on the basis of credits in the original degree."

Unanimous.

This concluded discussion on the Second Degree Regulations. It was agreed that this would go forward to the Faculty Council meeting of April 10, 1973, under the report from the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

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