

April 30, 1975
Special Meeting

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE April 24, 1975

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE

FROM R. D. Connor, Dean of Science

SUBJECT: Special Meeting of the Science Faculty Council.

In accordance with a petition received which was signed by many members of the Faculty, I hereby summon a Special Meeting of the Faculty Council on Wednesday, April 30 at 2:40 p.m. to be held in Room 207 Buller Building. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the following proposed motion.

WHEREAS the absence of our support staff is producing serious disruption to the research, teaching and administrative functions of the Faculty as a whole, and

WHEREAS there is a real danger of permanent loss of some of our highly trained technicians to other jobs, and loss of future research grant awards and graduate students due to delays in initiating projects and curtailed progress in ongoing projects, and

WHEREAS the curtailment of our normal functions, loss of time in performing essential services normally done by support staff and our growing uncertainty about the future of the Faculty of Science and the University as a whole is severely affecting Faculty morale,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly urge all parties involved in negotiations between the University and the support staff to speedily and equitably negotiate an end to the strike.

As this is a special meeting no other business may be referred to it. A regular Faculty Council meeting for the transaction of normal business is called in accordance with the accompanying notice.

Yours sincerely,



R. D. Connor
Dean of Science

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Minutes of a Special Meeting of Faculty Council held on Wednesday,
April 30, 1975 at 2:40 p.m. in Room 207 Buller.

Members Present: Dr. R.D. Connor (Chairman); N.E.R. Campbell, R.A. Usmani,
J. Kraemer, B. Smith, H. Peat, K. Stewart, J. Rauch,
E. Huebner, R. Evans, M. Parameswaran, W.O. Pruitt, Jr.,
N. Losey, G. Losey, M. Rayburn, J. Berry, C.C. Lindsey,
J.M. Vail, H. Gesser, W. G. Baldwin, G. Lubinski,
R. Quackenbush, J.A. Wright, A. Olchowecki, L. Graham,
C.E. Palmer, S.G. Sealy, D.N. Burton, C.K. Gupta,
R.M. Lyric, I. Suzuki, R. Dowling, H. Finlayson, D.H. Hall,
T.A. Dick, H.E. Welch, B.D. Macpherson, B. Johnson,
P.R. King, J.C. Muzio, R.S.D. Thomas, M. Samoiloff,
A.F. Janzen, P. Loewen, A. Chow, J.M. Wells, R.J. MacKay,
L. Van Caesele, J.M. Stewart, H.R. Coish, R. Longton,
N. Gupta, D. Young

Regrets: J. Reid, J.W.T. Dandy, C. Anderson, B.R. Irvine, R.H. Betts,
T.W. Fyles, D. Punter, W.C. Brisbin.

Guest: Vice President Gilson.

The Chairman welcomed Vice President Gilson to the meeting and explained the unavoidable absence of our own Vice President, Dr. Fyles. The Chairman read the proposed motion and asked Dr. Stewart if he would speak to it.

Dr. Stewart agreed and explained that the motion being put forth had been drafted by five members from within his department and was an attempt by them to express their concerns with regard to the strike by A.E.S.E.S. Dr. Stewart indicated that he hoped this motion if passed and then circulated would provide an indication of the real concern of the effect of the strike by a non partisan group, as well as provide an impetus to both the University and A.E.S.E.S. to settle the strike as quickly as possible. He moved (Rauch) that the motion be approved.

Before voting on the motion, several members wanted to know where the motion would be sent if passed. Dr. Stewart said that he had in mind a tentative mailing list namely; Senate, A.E.S.E.S. Executive, Secretary of the Board of Governors and the President. It was suggested that this also go to the U.G.C. and the government but the Chairman stated that this could not be

done directly by Faculty Council. However, the President could be requested to do so when sent his copy.

A comment was made that this motion would also show to the A.E.S.E.S. members who work in the faculty that their plight was a concern of those not on strike.

It was noted that should the motion be directed to Senate it would have to go through the Senate Executive first. Because the Executive Committee had just met it would likely be several weeks before the motion got to Senate in which case the purpose of it would be greatly weakened. The Chairman suggested that if so directed he would request permission from Senate to read the motion at the next Senate meeting. He felt the disposition of the motion should be the subject of a separate motion if the original resolution passed.

With a minor wording change to the motion which was agreed to by the mover and seconder, the vote was taken and the motion carried with one dissenting vote.

A comment was made that many of the support staff in A.E.S.E.S. (roughly 25%) were paid from research grants and there was a growing concern being expressed by the grantees as to whether or not they would be able to afford the salary increase.

As to the disposition of the mailing list the following motion was made Dick (Stewart)

"the distribution of the motion be as follows;

Senate

A.E.S.E.S. Executive

Secretary, Board of Governors

President with a request that he send copies to the U.G.C. and Government, i.e.

to Minister in charge of University Affairs, and to Minister in charge of Labour,

and that the Dean request permission from Senate to read the motion at the next Senate meeting"

Dr. G. Losey (Rayburn) proposed an amendment to the motion, namely;

"that the President be requested to send copies to the individual members of the Board of Governors"

Dr. Losey explained that he was concerned that the members got the information before the next Board meeting. The vote was taken and the amendment carried with no contrary votes.

A second amendment was proposed Thomas (Duckworth) that:

"the request that the President be asked to send the motion to the government be deleted".

Several members felt that the matter was a University matter and should not involve the government. However, other members noted that the government was already involved in the strike having just recently met with the President and communicated with A.E.S.E.S.

The vote was taken and the amendment carried.

The vote on the original motion with the approved amendment was taken and was carried with no contrary votes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.