July 16,1976

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Friday, July 16, 1976 at 1:30 p.m. in 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dr. P.K. Isaac, Chairman; Drs. N.E.R. Campbell, K. Stewart,
H. Duckworth, A. Olchowecki, G. Robinson, D. Burton,
(Mrs.) K. Subrahmaniam, C. Platt and Mr. G. Richardson.

Regrets: Ms. Holly Peat.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss further the proposed Computer Science Co-op Program, hopefully reaching an Executive Committee stand which could be put before the Faculty Council meeting. In addition the matter of calling a regular or a special meeting of Faculty Council and of determining what material to be distributed to Council would be discussed.

The minutes of the Faculty Committee on Course Changes having been distributed to the members were explained by Dean Campbell. He pointed out that motions No. 2 and No. 3 passed by the Faculty Committee were most important. If the Executive approved the motions and was willing to recommend them to Faculty Council then he, as Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Course Changes, would approach the department to get their comments and views on motion 2 and 3. Dr. Burton, who is also member of the Faculty Committee on Course Changes said that the Committee discussed the matter at great length and although they did agree with the program in principle they were not enthused about the time module i.e. four months in school and four months in industry. It was their feeling that this module seemed to be more expensive and they wanted to know if the department had considered other types, in particular, one that offered two years in school, one year industry and the final year back at school. If the department had in fact considered this and/or other alternatives why was this one selected?

Motion No. 3 which considered the cost of the program was also a major concern of the Faculty Committee on Course Changes and the Executive Committee again asked if the department had any definite arrangements with industry about their contributing to the program.

It was obvious from the discussion that the Executive Committee could not support the program in its present form without more information on these and other questions raised by the members. It was fairly obvious that the Executive Committee shared the concerns of the Faculty Committee on Course Changes and supported their motions. It was moved Burton (Duckworth) that:

"the Executive Committee endorses the findings of the
Faculty Committee on Course Changes as expressed in
motions passed at its meeting of July 6, 1976 and
feels that it could not recommend the Co-op Program in
Computer Science to the Faculty Council in its present
form. The Executive, therefore, requests the Department
of Computer Science to consider modification of its
proposed Co-op Program in line with the views of the
Faculty Committee on Course Changes."

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CARRIED

It was agreed that the Chairman would meet with the Head of the Computer Science Department and express to him this committee's concern over the program in its present form and discuss with him the discretion of calling a Faculty Council meeting at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.