

The Minutes of the Thirtieth meeting of Faculty Council of Science held on Wednesday, August 10, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Members Present: R. D. Connor, Chairman; Mr. V. Simosko, Professors B. D. Macpherson, F. Zeiler, G. I. Paul, J. C. Rauch, R. Evans, S. S. Badour, H. D. Gesser, H. Halvorson, M. Clutton-Brock, P. Loewen, D. N. Burton, G. Klassen, I. Suzuki, A. Olchowecki, P.N. Shivakumar, N. Gupta, T. Schaefer, G. Baldwin, K. Mount, J. F. Brewster, R. H. Betts, H. W. Duckworth, J. C. Fu, R. Venkataraman, D. Johnson, N.S. Mendelsohn, F. Konopasek, P. Gaunt, J. McKee, F. M. Kelly, J. P. McClure, H. E. Welch, H. E. Kane (35); G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Professors B. D. Henry, S. K. Sinha, W. van Oers, F. M. Arscott, G. C. Robinson, J. Reid, S. K. Sen, S. G. Sealy, M. Samoiloff, S. Cheng.

1. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Twenty-ninth meeting held on May 5, 1977 had one correction made to them; the motion made by Dr. LeJohn on page 6 i.e. that "nominations close" was seconded by Professor Loewen and not by Professor Loly. With this correction the Minutes were approved Duckworth (Burton).

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 29, 1977 were approved Mount (Paul).

2. Matters Arising

(1) The search committee for a new head in the Department of Earth Sciences had not met recently because most of the members were conducting field work. The committee had, however, established a 'short list' of candidates and arrangements for these people to come to the campus in September were being made.

3. Communications

The Secretary read the report of the Department of Labour on the air samples that had been tested in the Parker Building for fiberglass and other fiber content. The report claimed that there was no significant amounts found. Dr. Gesser stated that he had read the report and in his estimation the tests had not been done well at all. He had spoken with the people who had conducted the test and had

convinced them to re-do the test. Dr. Gesser requested that he be present this time, and the secretary was to arrange with Mr. Tarnava, the Campus Safety Officer, that Dr. Gesser be informed of the time of the second set of tests.

4. Discussion with the Science Librarian

Following the circulation of the May 5, 1977 Minutes of Faculty Council the Science Librarian, Mr. V. Simosko, wrote to the Chairman clarifying and bringing up to date some of the information that had been discussed at that meeting. In order that council members be made aware of this and perhaps by questions obtain further information from the Librarian, the Chairman asked Mr. Simosko if he would again speak with the council members. The text of Mr. Simosko's discussion is attached to these minutes. In addition to the material contained in the attachment, Mr. Simosko informed council that statistics on student usage of the Science Library were now available for anyone interested. He also ~~said~~ stated that the Library was about to implement a computer information retrieval system. It was hoped that this would be ready sometime this year.

Asked if the members would be told when the faculty had reached its buying allotment, Mr. Simosko said that he would so inform the faculty.

In reply to how and why he would order books for the faculty, Mr. Simosko stated that he would order books for a particular department if he had received few or no request cards from them. He admitted that despite knowledge of principal areas of teaching and research and the guidance of the faculty-prepared collection policies, he would have to guess to a certain extent as to which books were most appropriate for that department. He would, however, place the faculty order requests before his own orders, but part of his duty was to ensure a well rounded general collection.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Mr. Simosko for his information.

5. Report from the Executive Committee

The report from the Executive Committee was given by Professor Duckworth.

(1) New Program. Dr. Duckworth explained that a new joint honours program for the departments of Applied Mathematics and Statistics had been proposed. The Executive Committee had studied the proposal

and after making a few minor changes had approved the program on behalf of the faculty. The details of the program had been sent to all departmental offices for Faculty Council members to view. It would now be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Course Changes following comment on questions by Faculty Council. There were no questions raised concerning the proposed program. The Chairman then announced that the proposal as approved by the Executive Committee would be sent to the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Course Changes.

(2) Dr. Duckworth explained the need for the change in the wording of the faculty's Promotion Guidelines. The need for change arose with the use of the word 'outstanding' which conveyed a different meaning when used on the promotion form than it did when used in the promotion Guidelines. The Executive Committee had studied this and had suggested the revised wording that was shown on the material attached to the agenda. After a brief discussion in which several words and phrases were suggested to replace the misinterpreted words 'above average' Faculty Council finally agreed upon the following:

"For promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor we would recognize contributions in the areas of research, teaching and administrative services (with community service included here). If the overall performance of the duties taking the three areas into account is judged to be of high quality the promotion would be acceptable."

(3) For the information of Council Dr. Duckworth read the names of the students who had won the gold medal awards in the Faculty this past academic year.

(4) The Executive Committee had considered at Faculty Council's request the item in the Faculty By-law (II.1.C.ii) which stated that membership in the Executive Committee should be representative of academic rank. Because of the declining numbers of Assistant Professors in the Faculty, it was the Executive Committee's recommendation that this item be deleted entirely from the By-law. This recommendation was now put before Faculty Council for ratification. Faculty Council approved the Executive's

recommendation. Senate would be advised of the change.

(5) Dr. Duckworth informed Council that Dr. Jamieson's motion for a change in the Faculty's major regulations was still with the Executive and was being considered along with other aspects of faculty programs.

(6) The Executive Committee had discussed the concern raised over the loss of the large blackboard brushes and had left the matter with the Dean to discuss with the Director of Operations & Maintenance, Mr. Robbins.

(7) Dr. Gesser's motion of instituting entrance examinations for the Faculty had been considered by the Executive. The Executive Committee moved that:

"Faculty Council request that the Dean set up a Committee on Admissions Policies, which would liaise with the Senate sub-committee to prepare a report and bring forward recommendations".

Faculty Council agreed that the Dean should set up such a committee.

#### 6. Report from Senate

The report was given by Dr. McKee. Dr. McKee explained that he had been away for the past several meetings and had only been able to read the Minutes of the proceedings. He said that the only item of direct faculty interest appeared to be the approval of the joint University of Manitoba - University of Winnipeg Public Affairs Program.

#### 7. New Business

A brief discussion took place regarding the conditions of the academic climate at several of the United Kingdom universities visited recently by Dr. McKee. Dr. McKee explained that these Universities had gone through the era of declining enrolments, shortages of funds, lack of research and lack of new staff that the University of Manitoba was just beginning to experience. He said that the situation now at these Universities was that the remaining staff were very heavily committed to teaching duties such that they had little time or inclination left for research. The result of this was a general air of apathy. Dr. McKee was concerned that our own University appeared to be headed in the same way and he wished to alert

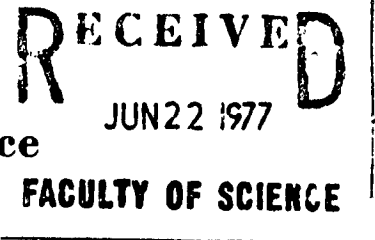
Council to this. The Chairman said that he had similar concerns and agreed to put this matter before the Executive Committee for consideration and disposition.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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## Inter-Departmental Correspondence



DATE 22 June 1977

TO Dean Connor, Chairman, Science Faculty Library CommitteeFROM Vladimir Simosko, Science Library

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Science Faculty Council Re: Science Library

In the interests of communication and accuracy, Dr. Birdsall recommended I clarify the points raised in the meeting in regards to the Library, providing additional information and certain new information and corrections.

Funds: There has been a revision in the final budget figures since the meeting took place, resulting in an increase in the funds available to Science. Rather than \$19,200 in Fund II as reported in that meeting, the final budget allotment to Science in Fund II is \$23,499. This represents an increase of 10% over last years' budget (\$21,363) for the current year.

Blanket Orders: The minutes indicate I am part of a small committee which makes the decisions concerning the distribution of blanket order material. Actually each regional librarian and Dafoe's bibliographers look at these books when they arrive and assign locations. Although there is feedback among these individuals this is not a formal committee constituted for this purpose. Dr. Birdsall wished this point made clear. Also, while (relatively speaking) we cannot take more than a "superficial" look at these books, we do look at them rather carefully in making these decisions.

Distribution of Funds: As this is a sensitive point, a fuller account of the process by which the allocations were arrived at this year is perhaps in order. A Book Budget Committee consisting of Ruth May (Chairman), Shih-Sheng Hu (law), Bob Lincoln (acquisitions), Arthur Millward (St. John's), Alicia Prata (serials), and Doreen Shanks (education) was formed to make recommendations for the asking budget and allocations for the actual budget. This Committee was a subcommittee of the Collection Development Council and reported to them. The Collection Development Council is made up of all concerned librarians, and passes on its recommendations to the Library Administrative Group, with whom final responsibility lies. This was condensed somewhat in the minutes, which could lead to misinterpretation.

Current Periodicals: Due to the problems with the location of this area as frequently expressed by the faculty, this area has been moved to the large project room on the 3rd Floor and additional stack space has been made available.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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22 June 77

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TO Dean Connor FROM V. Simosko

SUBJECT Science Faculty Council Minutes / Science Library

Reference Area: We have posted a sign indicating the index tables are not a study area, as per faculty request, and the motion by the Science Faculty Council.

Weeding: Again although the minutes are essentially correct there is much opportunity for misinterpretation as stated. Dr. Birdsall requested I clarify this point. Firstly, WEEDING IS NOT PRESENTLY NECESSARY IN SCIENCE, as we currently have adequate shelf space on the floors given over to books. The statement, "The library staff would not be able to do this (weeding) because they would not know which books were still useful and which ones not," is correct insofar as the STAFF could not do this. It should be emphasized, however, that any professional librarian in the field could do this; but, as I stated in the meeting, neither Mrs. Judy Harper (Reference Librarian) nor myself currently would have the time. Further, I do in fact have the authority to weed the collection; indeed, were it necessary, it would be my responsibility to do so. However I do not have the responsibility to make official library policies; I would always consult the Library Administration before doing anything so formal.

cc: Dr. W.F. Birdsall

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE July 22, 1977

TO All members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM G. Richardson, Secretary

SUBJECT:

The thirtieth meeting of the Faculty Council of Science has been called for Wednesday, August 10, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

### A G E N D A

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 29th meeting (May 5, 1977) and the Special Meeting of June 29th, 1977.
2. Matters Arising therefrom:
  - (i) Status of the search committee for a new Head for the Earth Sciences Department.
3. Communications.
4. Discussion with the Science Librarian in order to supply additional information and clarification to the Minutes of the May 5, 1977 meeting.
5. Report from the Executive Committee:
  - (i) Proposed new programs in the Faculty (material will be sent to the Departmental offices on August 8, 1977; copy available in Dean's Office)
  - (ii) Proposed change for purposes of clarification to the Faculty's promotion guidelines (material attached).
  - (iii) Other items discussed at the Executive Committee.
6. Report from Senate.
7. New business.

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Dr. R. D. Connor  
Dean of Science  
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FROM G. Richardson, Secretary

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SUBJECT:

Attached is a copy of the proposed change to our Promotion Guidelines. This change has arisen through a misinterpretation of the original guidelines and is meant not to change the intent but only to clarify the section in question. The Executive Committee of Faculty Council has not discussed this change but will have done so by the time Council meets.

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