

The Minutes of the 50th meeting of the Faculty Council of Science held on Friday, April 26, 1985 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Members Present: P.K. Isaac, Chair

P. Loewen	H. Williams
J. Berry	J. van Rees
F. Hruska	M. R. Parameswaran
D. Halden	W. G. Baldwin
G. I. Paul	L. A. Graham
D. Kelly	J. H. Gee
E. Huebner	T. Secco
R. A. MacArthur	H. R. Wayborn
A. N. Arnason	A. Gerhard
H. Halvorson	C. M. Wong
I. Suzuki	J. Brewster
R. G. Woods	R. Thomas
R. Gordon	N. Mendelsohn
H. Gesser	H. Duckworth
F. Konopasek	A. Ostrander
name illegible	R. Wong
J. M. Harris	P. N. Shivakumar
A. Stephens	D. N. Burton
L. K. Chan	J. C. Jamieson
B. R. Irvine	A. Chow
J. Dueck	G. Hickling
name illegible	D. Singh
D. M. Miller	A. H. Morrish
M. J. Rogers	J. Reid
D. Meek	R. Lyric
B. D. Macpherson	S. Catt (Secretary)
	J. McConnell
	S. Johannson

Regrets: J. Finlay, W. Falk, R. Hawirko, S. Sealy, M. Sumner

1. The Minutes of the 49th meeting were APPROVED on a motion by Mr. Ostrander.
- 2.a. Admission of Students on Suspension from Another Faculty

Dr. J. W. Berry moved on behalf of the Executive Committee that:

"the following policy on admission of students under suspension be established:

- a) Provided students meet entry requirements on transfer, the sole fact that they may be on academic suspension or may have been required to withdraw from another faculty should not be a consideration for admission.
- b) A student who is under disciplinary suspension from another faculty may not be admitted to the Faculty of Science."

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- b. The Chairman announced that the Board of Governors had approved the appointment of Dr. R. D. Connor as Dean Emeritus of Science.

c. Suspension of Visa Students

Dr. J. W. Berry advised Council that discussions had taken place with the Ombudsman, the University Discipline Committee, and himself and they were in agreement that suspension caused a somewhat greater hardship to visa students than to Canadian students in terms of expense and possible difficulty in obtaining a new student visa. This, however, did not seem to justify imposing lighter penalties on International Students. Discussions were held with the Executive of the Chinese Students' Association as representing the largest group of international students in the faculty and on campus. They felt the problem was basically one of information and approached Dr. Berry regarding putting on a conference for international students, with a representative from Immigration, a lawyer, and the Chairman of the University Discipline Committee. The faculty provided financial aid for the conference.

Dr. Berry wanted to correct the impression that international students were singled out. The Dean's Office's concern was about the nature of the disciplinary action and whether it was more severe on visa students. He added that there have been a lot of irregularities in the spring exam period; the number of international students involved has been quite small--fewer than Canadian students.

3. Course Change Proposals

The Chairman advised that proposals had been considered and approved by the Executive Committee, as was customary. No questions were raised.

4. Academic Regulations

i. Change in Mature Student Policy (Admissions)

When the faculty established enrolment limitations in 1984 it was decided not to admit mature students. In light of last year's experience it is felt we can now admit on the same basis as most other selective faculties; that is to require students to have basic special qualifications. Dean Berry moved on behalf of the Executive that:

"Mature students who have three 300 level subjects including Mathematics 300, one of Physics, Chemistry, Biology 300 and one other 300 level subject be admitted providing they meet the academic cut-off for the session in which they apply."

CARRIED

ii. Admission of Transfer Students

Dean Berry moved on behalf of the Executive that:

"Students admitted with less than twenty-four credit hours of university work must meet the Faculty of Science continuation requirements at the time of admission."

CARRIED

iii. Five-year Limitation for Continuing Students

Dean Berry moved on behalf of the Executive that:

"Students who have not been in attendance for more than one year must seek permission from the Dean's Office to re-register in order to ensure that work previously completed complies with current program requirements."

CARRIED

iv. Special Student Courses

Dean Berry moved on behalf of the Executive that:

1. Students registered in the final year of their degree program and completing degree requirements during that session may, at the discretion of the Dean or designate, register for a course or courses under the course classification "special". Such courses must be over and above the courses required to complete degree requirements; students are eligible for this privilege only if the special student courses do not exceed the number of extra attempts remaining in the degree program.
2. Courses listed as "special student" may not be changed to "regular student" status following the official period for adding courses in the session of registration."

CARRIED

v. Voluntary Withdrawals

Three recommendations have come forward from the Executive, as a result of a survey conducted by Dean Losey amongst Science departments, discussions of the Committee on Student Standing, discussions between Dean Berry and Dean Lobdell of Arts, and a lengthy discussion at the Executive Committee. Dean Berry suggested that recommendation (a) deadlines for withdrawal, be discussed separately from recommendations (b) and (c). Recommendation (a), if approved, would then have to go to Senate for consideration.

Recommendations (b) and (c) if approved could be implemented unilaterally; however, at this stage Dean Berry asked for approval in principle but not agreement to implement without further investigation.

Dean Berry moved on behalf of the Executive that:

"the following deadlines be established for withdrawal from courses:

First term courses -October 25
 Second term courses -February 25
 Full courses - a deadline coinciding with the end of the second term registration revision period."

Some members felt that early withdrawal dates would necessitate earlier mid-term tests if students were to get feedback. Resource implications were discussed. The question was called and the motion

CARRIED

On Recommendations (b) and (c) Dean Berry felt a discussion of the academic merits and desirability of these proposed changes would be helpful so that some direction could be given to the Student Standing Committee. He moved (C. Wong) that:

"Faculty Council approve proposals (b) and (c) in principle, but defer final decision on implementation until further information is received from the Executive:

'Proposal (b): A student enrolled in the Faculty of Science may not withdraw from the same course more than once.'

'Proposal (c): In satisfying the requirement for any degree in Science a student is allowed a maximum of six (6) voluntary withdrawals'."

CARRIED

5. Faculty Elections

To Senate: The Chairman passed to members a sheet showing nominations already received and advised that at least one more was required. Dr. A. Gerhard was nominated by Dr. Mendelsohn.

Motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Ostrander. CARRIED

The Chairman pointed out that since one of the members would be serving a one-year term only it would still be necessary to hold a mail ballot.

To Executive Committee: At least four nominations required in addition to the two already received. None were forthcoming.

It was moved by Jamieson (Reid) that:

"the deadline for nominations be extended by two weeks".

CARRIED

To Board of Graduate Studies: One nomination had been received. At least one more was required.

Nominated were: F. Hruska (Duckworth)
 H. Laale (C. Wong)

The Chairman stated that nominations could be closed if no objection was received. Prof. Jamieson/Reid so moved. Mr. Ostrander objected, and moved (Duckworth) that "nominations be extended to Tuesday, April 30th".

DEFEATED

Prof. Jamieson (Reid) moved again that "nominations close". There was no objection and the motion

CARRIED

The Chairman appointed Prof. R. Lyric to be Scrutineer.

The Chairman moved to Item 8(i) notice of motion re Promotion Policy. A memo from the Distinguished Professors in the Faculty is attached to the Agenda. After some discussion it was agreed that it would be appropriate to receive the memo for information.

6. Report from the Executive

Dr. Berry stated that all items discussed by the Executive were on the present Faculty Council Agenda.

7. Report from Senate

Prof. Duckworth reported on the matter of the Senior Scholar designation, and the appeal of Final Grades.

8. Other Business

Dr. Reid inquired whether the Dean's Office had registered a complaint about the telephone policy. The Chairman responded that questions had been asked. We have had no response as to costs but are advised an accounting will be made in July or August at which time requests may be modified.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

April 16, 1985.

TO: All members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: S. Catt, Secretary *AC*

The 50th Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science is scheduled for Friday, April 26, 1985 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 49th meeting of November 2, 1984
2. Matters arising therefrom:
 - a) Admission of students on suspension from another faculty: A recommendation was considered and referred back to the Executive, which has now come forward with a revised resolution (see attachment #1).
 - b) Confirmation of appointment of Dean Emeritus, R. D. Connor.
 - c) Suspension of Visa Students.

At the 49th meeting concern was expressed about the results of suspension of visa students. Subsequently a seminar was arranged by the Chinese Students' Association.

3. Course Change Proposals: These are approved by the Executive Committee and forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Material has been made available to Department offices for perusal by members. Questions may be raised from the floor.
4. Academic Regulations

Recommendations from the Executive Committee (see attachment #2) regarding

 - (i) Change in Mature Student Policy (Admission)
 - (ii) Admission of Transfer Students
 - (iii) Five year limitation for Continuing Students
 - (iv) Courses taken as Special Students
 - (v) Voluntary Withdrawals:
 - a) Change in deadlines
 - b) Limitation on number of times a student may withdraw from a course
 - c) Number of withdrawals allowed within a degree program.
5. Faculty elections (see attachment #3)
6. Report from the Executive
7. Report from Senate
8. Other Business
 - (i) Notice of Motion re Promotion Policy (attachment #4)