

Minutes of 82nd meeting of Science Faculty Council held Tuesday, April 22, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. in Senate Chambers.

Present:	J.C. Jamieson (Chair)	H. Perreault	P. Pachol, Secretary
	J. Birchall	D. Punter	Faculty Council of Science
	D.N. Burton	G. Robinson	250 Machray Hall
	J. Charlton	A.S. Secco	
	D. Court	M. Shaw	
	H. Duckworth	B. Southern	
	A. Gerhard	J. Stewart	
	F. Ghahramani	M. Sumner	
	B.J. Hann	I. Suzuki	
	E. Huebner	J. Svenne	
	P. Hultin	G. Tabisz	
	N.R. Hunter	R. Thomas	
	A. Janzen	L. Van Caesele	
	K. Keen	B. Wallace	
	T. Kucera	I. Waters	
	P. Laznicka	H. Wayborn	
	N. Losey	G. Williams	
	J. McKee	H. Williams	
	J. O'Neil	R.G. Woods	
	T.A. Osborn	E. Worobec	
	S. Page	Q. Ye	

Regrets:	L. Batten	P. McClure	Visitors: N. Marnoch (briefly)
	W. Falk	J. Stapleton	J. McConnell
	N. Halden	J. Teller	
	J. Harper		

Prior to the start of the formal meeting, the Dean reported on the Campus preparations regarding the flood.

The Dean requested a change in the order of the agenda moving #6 Course and Program Proposals up to #2.

1. The Minutes of the 81st meeting of Faculty Council of Science, dated November 28, 1996, were approved.

There were no matters arising.

2. Course and Program Proposals

The course and program proposals had been considered by the relevant Faculty committees and were forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Material was made available to department offices for perusal by members. No questions were raised from the floor.

It was M/S/C that the course and program proposals be approved.

3. Planned Giving Presentation

Ms Leslie Weir, Manager, Planned Giving, Office of Private Funding, gave a overhead presentation on the Planned Giving Program. Ms Weir mentioned that her office had a number of information booklets plus a gift planning software package containing a four-page presentation on the tax implications of planned giving. These are available upon request.

3. Dean's Report

Dean Jamieson reported on the following:

- The Astronomy program will be moving from Mathematics to Physics, the move having been approved by both Department Councils. Further approvals will be required including changes in the Department names. It is expected that the changes will be presented at the Fall Faculty Council meeting.
- The Dean reported that this budget was the worst the University has had to deal with. The budget was crafted on a 3.5% decline in enrolment which Dean Jamieson feels is optimistic; the decline could be more. The Dean, with the use of overheads, explained the budget situation for the Faculty of Science. The budget situation is very serious. It will be difficult to achieve a balanced budget and funds to deal with special situations and emergencies will be very limited or nonexistent. In order to balance the budget, it may be necessary to "tax" other sources of income in the Faculty, for example, income accounts and income from summer school.

There were several questions and expressions of concern from members. These included the following topics: decreases in income accounts; policy on staffing and allocation of new positions to Computer Science; teaching pressure in departments; the number of deans; possibility of layoffs; early retirement benefit; a budget geared to teaching not research makes it almost impossible to succeed in promotion and tenure; the use of the Endowment Fund for research, i.e. graduate fellowships; the effect that teaching larger classes and doing more marking is having on the ability to do research; Microbiology has been creative and is still faced with a cut.

- The Dean stated that he hadn't decided how best to deal with the income situation.
- With respect to layoffs, the Dean couldn't be specific; he will be talking to department heads regarding the budget problem.
- The Dean would like nothing better than to have a research budget; however, the University is very dependent on student fees.
- There is research support in the Faculty; we have been able to continue to supply start-up funding for new staff. The renovations and equipment budget is being restored this year and increased. It is understood from Mr. Falconer that our share will be at least at the level of two years ago.
- Dean Gerhard mentioned that Computer Science has shown a decline in three faculty members from April 1994 at a time when their enrolment is increasing. We must find imaginative ways to do things and do more with less.
- Dean Jamieson stated that departments must be creative; there is a certain amount of self-help needed so teaching loads can be kept at a reasonable level. Some departments have not faced up to this yet. Microbiology is a high demand area and where we can we will recognize that.

4. University I

Dr. D. Burton, now titled Assistant to the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost for University I, gave an update on University I activities. Two major administrative elements have been created: a University I Council and an Orientation and Advising Committee. One thing that has him worried is the amount of technical programming work to be done. One of the major elements of University I is the location; at present there is no physical space assigned.

Dr. Burton fielded questions on student counselling and advising and placement testing.

5. Associate Dean Williams' Report

Dean Williams reported on the NSERC results; it is a good and bad news story. The Faculty awards totalled \$3.4 million--a 6.4% increase. Although, when you subtract the major equipment grants, you end up with a decrease. We are going down more or less steadily. The reason is that we have a mature faculty and money is going to new faculty. In addition we are losing funding for faculty who are retiring or resigning.

Dr. Williams reported that you can now hold a Ph.D. defence with an external member who is not physically present; this can be done over the internet.

The Industry Liaison Office (ILO) requests contributions to the community of science database; one half of the faculty have done so. It is suggested faculty members contact Mary-Ann Gibson at ILO who is coordinating this activity.

In response to a question on whether we are looking at our standing in a national sense, Dr. Williams stated that NSERC does maintain some statistics, but that he would be quite prepared to look into it.

Dean Williams reported on the two major equipment awards--one to Chemistry (H. Perrault) \$251K and the other Geological Sciences (F. Hawthorne) \$209K.

6. Faculty Elections

The Dean reported that the following nominations had been received:

Senate: Lynn Batten, Tom Booth, Harry Duckworth, Arthur Gerhard
and John Page

It was M/S/C that nominations close. Election will be held by mail ballot.

Faculty Endowment Committee: Tony Secco

It was M/S/C that nominations close. Dr. Secco was declared elected.

Nomination to Board of Graduate Studies: Phil Hultin

It was M/S/C that nominations close. Dr. Hultin was declared the Faculty nomination to the Board of Graduate Studies.

Two scrutineers were requested for the Senate election: Mike Sumner and Tony Secco volunteered.

As there was no further business meeting adjourned 4.20 p.m.

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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

April 14, 1997.

TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P.A. Pachol, Secretary



The 82nd meeting of the Faculty Council of Science is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers, 245 Engineering Building.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 81st meeting of Faculty Council of Science dated November 28, 1996 (previously distributed)
2. Planned Giving Presentation--Leslie Weir, Manager, Planned Giving, Private Funding
3. Dean Jamieson's Report (Budget)
4. University I Update--D.N. Burton
5. Associate Dean Williams' Report
6. Course and Program Proposals

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7. Faculty Elections--attachment
8. Other Business

Attachments

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