

92nd mtg

Minutes of the meeting of Science Faculty Council held Tuesday, November 27, 2001 in Room 306 Buller Building at 2:30 p.m.

P. Pachol, Secretary  
Faculty Council of Science  
250 Machray Hall

- Present:
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| A. Gerhard, Chair | P. Loewen        |
| R.C. Barber       | K. Londry        |
| J. Bate           | I. Oresnik       |
| J. Birchall       | R. Patterson     |
| J. Brewster       | D. Punter        |
| W. Buchannon      | G. Robinson      |
| M. Butler         | T. Scultz        |
| N. Chow           | T. Secco         |
| D. Court          | B.L. Sherriff    |
| T. de Kievit      | B. Southern      |
| H. Duckworth      | R. Sparling      |
| I. Ferguson       | I. Suzuki        |
| B. Hann           | J. Svenne        |
| J. Hare           | G.C. Tabisz      |
| J. Harper         | A. Thavaneswaran |
| G. Hickling       | G. Valdimarsson  |
| K. Hunter         | I. Waters        |
| N. Hunter         | T. Wiens         |
| G. Klassen        | G. Woods         |
| S. Kroeker        | E. Worobec       |
| D. Loewen         | J. Zhang         |

Add  
L. Graham

- Regrets:
- |               |              |
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| S. Cheng      | M. Smith     |
| N. Halden     | J. Stapleton |
| J. Hoskins    | M. Sumner    |
| J.C. Jamieson | W. van Oers  |
| H. Perreault  | R. Wilson    |

- Visitors: J. McConnell H. Paterson

1. Minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> meeting dated April 3, 2001 were **approved**.

2. Introduction of New Members

The following new members were introduced: Trevor Schultz (Support Staff), Rob Patterson (Senior Stick), Scott Kroeker (Chemistry), Ben Li, Christel Kemke, and Jianna Zhang (Computer Science)(absent), Kristina Hunter (ESP), Teresa de Kievit (Microbiology), Jin Zhang and David Loewen (Statistics).

3. Course and Program Changes

The Course and Program Changes were considered by the relevant Faculty committees and were available in Department offices for perusal by members. No questions were raised from the floor.

4. Regulation Modifications  
a. "Attempts"

Associate Dean Robinson moved on behalf of the Executive Committee the following proposed change:

"Hours of credit for which a student registers without subsequent withdrawal are called attempted credit hours (or simply, attempts). There is no limit in the number of attempts within the B.Sc. (General), provided a student does not exceed 48 credit hours of failed and/or repeated courses." **CARRIED**

b. Second Degree

Associate Dean Robinson moved on behalf of the Executive Committee the following proposed change:

"Students possessing a first degree from a recognized university program and who have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.00 (or a 2.30 adjusted grade point average) on all previous university work are eligible for admission as Second Degree students. The Second Degree requirements may be shortened by 60 credit hours, and once admitted to a Second Degree Program students will be expected to conform with all continuation and graduate requirements as described in Section 3 below. Specific information on requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree following a degree in another faculty or school, or at another university, is available in the general office." **CARRIED**

5. Graduate Course and Program Changes

The Graduate Course and Program Changes had been considered by the relevant Faculty committees and were available in Department offices for perusal by members. No questions were raised.

6. Revision to Faculty Council By-laws

It was moved on behalf of the Executive Committee that the text of Section IV. Senate Representation be replaced by the following text:

"All full-time members of the academic and support staff of the University who are members of the Faculty Council of Science (except for those who are designated *ex officio* under Section 26 of the University of Manitoba Act) shall be eligible for election to Senate from the Faculty Council of Science.

All members of the academic and support staff (including *ex officio* members of Senate) who are members of the Faculty Council of Science are entitled to vote in Senate elections, provided they are able to vote at the time and in the manner prescribed by the Senate and the Faculty Council by-laws or regulations." **CARRIED**

7. Dean's Report

Acting Dean Gerhard updated Faculty Council on the following.

- Dean Jamieson's surgery
- Computer Science and Engineering Building. Dr. Gerhard showed a rendering of what part of the building will look like.
- University Field Station (Delta Marsh). Dr. Gerhard showed a drawing of the residence project which will go ahead this winter.
- Most of the funding for the Ed Leith Cretaceous Menagerie in Geological Sciences is in place with a realistic opening being September 2002.
- Recent thefts which have occurred have a cost of over \$50K. There is a talk of video cameras being installed.

8. Faculty Election - Endowment Fund Committee

Dr. Gerhard reported to Council that at the close of nominations we had received two nominations from the Mathematical and Computational Science Division. They are: R. Eskicioglu (Computer Science) and Xikui Wang (Statistics). Dr. Gerhard called for further nominations from the floor; there were none. It was moved that nominations close. **CARRIED**

The election by mail ballot will be held from among the members of the Mathematical and Computational Science Division.

9. Other Business

Acting Dean Gerhard called Faculty Council's attention to 3 proposals they had received; the first from Dr. Gardner with ESP removed, the second being the School Proposal and the third a SPPC report which effectively proposed a combination of the 2. He indicated that, as he understood it, all three proposals will go forward to Senate without recommendation from Senate Executive. He also indicated that Faculty Council had approved two motions with regard to this issue a year ago. He wanted to know what Faculty Council's position now is.

Dean O'Kell informed Council of the situation in Arts. The Physical Geographers were in favor of Dr. Gardner's proposal but it was not unanimous in the department. He indicated that the School Proposal was approved by Arts Faculty Council. He also indicated that Dean Jamieson and he had appeared before SPPC and that they believe that environmental education would be better served with the School Proposal.

Several members wondered how this process would be handled on the floor of Senate.

Dean Gerhard indicated that there was a motion by Geological Sciences Department Council. The members in attendance at the meeting were unanimous in favour of the FEERS proposal.

Dr. Hunter indicated that ESPAC met 2 weeks ago and voted 8 to 1 in favour of the ESP in a School. There was no opposition to a Faculty as long as Environment was not in the title.

The Senior Stick wondered which proposal, FEERS or the School, would be most student friendly.

Dr. Hunter indicated that the environmental science students are a very spirited and active group of students.

Dean O'Kell stated that students in Physical Geography probably would feel a new faculty is essential to their careers.

Dr. Svenne indicated that there were 3 students on SPPC and they took an active part in Committee debate.

Dr. Ferguson gave his reasons for the motion of Geological Sciences to support FEERS. He sees it as being a strong positive for the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Duckworth indicated his main concern would be the loss of Geological Sciences. In his view the loss of ESP has to be faced. SPPC recognized the value of it and has included it in their proposal. He indicated that he did not feel Faculty of Science should support the FEERS proposal in its present form.

Dean Robinson indicated his concern with the possible outcome. Vice-President was well intentioned and wanted to do something. The fourth alternative would be the status quo and that would be unsatisfactory.

Dr. Sherriff stated that the advantage of a new faculty would be its very strong voice on environmental issues. It would be an advantage with industry, government and nationally.

There were no motions put forward by Faculty Council.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 p.m.

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**Office of the Dean**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

November 20, 2001

TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P.A. Pachol, Secretary



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**Tuesday, November 27, 2001**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
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**Please note change of location**

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6. Revision to Faculty Council By-laws - replacement of text in IV. Senate Representation (see attachment)
7. Dean's Report
8. Faculty Election - Endowment Fund Committee (attachment)
9. Other Business

**Attachments**

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