

MINUTES

98th Meeting of the Science Faculty Council

Held on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in Senate Chambers

Present:

M. D. Whitmore (Chair)	G. Robinson
A. Gerhard	M. Abrahams
P. Dibrov	J. Chipalkatti
M. Chestley	R. Padmanabhan
T. Schultz	L. Wang
W. Buchannon	B. Southern
H. Duckworth	J. van Lierop
T. Osborn	R. Eskicioglu
S. Page	E. Huebner
K. Mount	S. Whyard
P. Loly	G. Anderson
B. Macpherson	N. Lovejoy
J. Harper	T. Kucera
G. Woods	G. Krause
E. Schippers	S. Cheng
T. De Kievit	P. Loewen
J. Bate	P. Blunden
I. Waters	D. Punter
A. Worley	D. Gillis
J. Hare	N. Hunter
T. Booth	H. Perreault

Regrets:

J. Hoskins	Thavaneswaran
G. Goldsborough	S. Kroeker
F. Hruska	F. Gauvin
P. Graham	W. Baldwin
J. Williams	E. Worobec
P. King	M. Piercey-Normore
T. Secco	H. Cameron
M. Sumner	

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 97th meeting dated March 30th were approved as circulated by H. Duckworth and seconded by P. Loewen.

MOTION: CARRIED

2. Introduction of New Members

The following new members of Faculty Council were introduced:

Chemistry – Francois Gauvin, James Xidos

Computer Science – Dean Jin, Hui Zhang

Mathematics – Jaydeep Chipalkatti, Eric Schippers

Physics and Astronomy – Jason Fiege, Johan van Lierop, Mark Whitmore

Zoology – Gary Anderson, Steven Whyard

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. Graduate Course Changes

There were no changes to be considered.

5. Dean's Report

Dean Whitmore reported on the following:

- **Associate Deans**
Dr. Whitmore thanked Arthur Gerhard and Gordon Robinson for agreeing to serve an additional year as Associate Deans, and Mike Butler for staying until the end of August. Dr. Butler has been replaced by Mark Abrahams, Associate Dean, Research.
- **Enrolment**
As of November 1, UGS up over 3% and up from 2003 by 9.9%. Student numbers up by 7.9% from last year and graduate student numbers were constant, 304 this year as opposed to 305 last year.
- **SIP**
Three positions were allocated to Science in July; in Physics and Astronomy, Mathematics and Chemistry. Requests for additional positions were made in the Fall SIP – no results to date.
- **Canada Research Chairs**
There is currently a search underway involving the Faculties of Environment, Engineering and Science for a Tier 2 Chair. 3 candidates have been short listed and will give seminars and be interviewed on November 19, 22 and 24.

The Faculty of Science has been allocated two Tier I Canada Research

Chairs. In consultation with Department Heads, two proposals will be chosen to take forward.

- EITC
They are a few days behind schedule, due to weather conditions, but still planning on September 2005 occupancy.
- Faculty of Environment
The name change to Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources has been approved.
- Research Report
Mark Abrahams, Associate Dean, Research, reported on the following:
 1. Differential Fees and Scholarships for International Graduate Students :
GPA formula for international graduate students will be revised. There will be two scholarship programs, an Entrance Scholarship valued at \$4,000, and an International Grad Student Scholarship of \$5,000, or an automatic \$6,000 award if they have received a U. of M. Fellowship award.
 2. Canada Foundation for Innovation
6 new CFI grants for a total value of \$2.5 million
 3. NSERC Grants
There were 40 new grant applications this fall. The faculty will contribute 7.5% to equipment grants and Dr. Keselman's office has agreed to provide \$30,000, or more, if the funds are available. There were 11 equipment grant applications for a total of \$750,000. Whether contributing faculty funds towards these grants will make a difference in success rates will be considered after notification of awards has been received.

6. Faculty Election

Guenter Krause was elected to Senate, replacing David Punter, for a term ending May 31, 2007.

Pourang Irani, Computer Science, was elected to serve on the Endowment Fund Committee, for a term ending May 31, 2007.

7. Endowment Committee Terms of Reference

The Endowment Committee Terms of Reference were last reviewed in 1999. According to the terms of reference they must be approved every five years. G. Robinson moved that the revised Terms of Reference and Guidelines be approved. T. Booth seconded the motion.

H. Duckworth moved that the word “teaching”, in number 4 of the Guidelines, be replaced with “academic”.

MOTIONS: APPROVED

8. Other Business

The schedule of Faculty Council meetings needs revision in order to meet Senate deadlines. The meetings will now take place the first half of September and the first half of January.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.