

# MINUTES

## 100<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Science Faculty Council

Held on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Senate Chambers,  
245 Engineering Building

**Present:**

M. D. Whitmore (Chair)	R. Roshko
M. Abrahams	B. Worobec
N. Hunter	P. Budzelaar
B. Macpherson	J. Arino
S. Portet	G. Krause
B. Mark	E. Huebner
M. Sumner	T. de Kievit
D. Gillis	M. Piercey-Normore
P. Blunden	C. Hu
M. Chestley	T. Schultz
P. Dibrov	B. Worobec
J. van Rees	

**Regrets:**

R. Thomas	J. Williams
Y. Zhang	G. Baldwin
F. Gauvin	H. Perreault
J. Hare	P. Loewen
P. Loly	G. Hickling

### 1. United Way Awards Presentation

Dean Whitmore welcomed Dennis Hrycaiko, Co-Chair of the United Way Campaign. Dr. Hrycaiko presented the Faculty of Science with two Quantum Leap awards, one to the general Faculty of Science as a whole and one to the Department of Microbiology. Quantum Leap awards are presented to organizations for increasing workplace donors or donations by 25% or more and increasing workplace donations by \$1,000 or more.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 99th meeting dated March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 were approved with one change in wording. Under the Dean's Report, bullet number 7, the word "intends" should be changed to "fears". The approval was moved by Brian Macpherson, seconded by Norm Hunter and approved.

**MOTION: CARRIED**

### **3. Introduction of New Members**

Dr. Whitmore welcomed Roy Roshko, Associate Dean of Administration, Betty Worobec, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and Brian Macpherson as Acting Head of the Department of Statistics for a one year term.

The following new members of Faculty Council were introduced:

**Chemistry** – Peter Budzelaar

**Mathematics** – Stephanie Portet, Julien Arino

**Microbiology** – Brian Mark, Sylvia Cardona

**Physics and Astronomy** – Can-Ming Hu, Jason Fiege

**Statistics** - Brad Johnson

### **4. Course and Program Changes**

Dr. Betty Worobec summarized the course and program changes. The 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.

### **5. Graduate Course Changes**

There were minor changes to graduate courses which Mark Abrahams outlined. There were no questions raised from the floor.

### **6. Faculty Election**

Peter King and Tom Booth were elected by acclamation to Senate for a three year term ending May 31, 2008.

### **7. Dean's Report**

Dean Whitmore reported on the following:

- **Promotions and Tenure**

The Dean congratulated all the successful applicants for tenure and promotion in 2005

Tenure:

Sylvie Renault - Botany

Rasit Eskicioglu – Computer Science

Shaun Lui, Robert Craigen – Mathematics

Pavel Dibrov – Microbiology

Liquin Wang, Xikui Wang - Statistics

## Promotion:

Mike Shaw to Senior Instructor – Biology  
Sylvie Renault to Associate Professor – Botany  
Scott Kroeker to Associate Professor – Chemistry  
Vojislav Misic to Associate Professor – Computer Science  
Sajid Hussain to Instructor II – Computer Science  
Abba Gumel to Professor – Mathematics  
Jayanne English to Associate Professor – Physics & Astronomy

### ▪ New Positions

The Faculty of Science was awarded 8 positions in the Spring SIP, which included the UFA NSERC renewal and Department of Statistics Head. The search for a Tier I Canada Research Chair in Advanced Materials continues, as well as two Tier II Chairs, one in Structural Biology and the other in Genomics.

### ▪ Endowment Fund

Interest from the endowment fund (approximately \$90,000 this year), plus the student's contribution (\$85,000). A referendum will be held in November and it is proposed that the student fee will increase to \$150.00 from \$75.00. UMFA is very supportive of this and there will be a campaign to visit classrooms.

### ▪ Budget Projection

A deficit is still being projected of approximately \$150K to \$200K this year.

### ▪ EITC

The official opening of the EITC is Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to everyone involved in this endeavour, especially Jim Jamieson, John Bate and Peter King. The Computer Science space has been allocated to Statistics, Mathematics, Research Services and ITS.

### ▪ New Space for Botany

The Botany department is expected to expand into the Greenhouse and the lab area attached to the Monsanto Building. The Faculty of Science is working on getting space in the Pharmacy Building as well.

### ▪ Computer Systems Renewal

The Computer Systems renewal project has been an enormous strain on Departments and staff. The Student Information System (Aurora) should be running in time for Summer Session registration in March. The Vice-

President (Administration), Debbie McCallum and the Executive Director of Human Resources, Terry Voss, will be attending the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Administrative Council to discuss the HR system, and Neil Marnoch and Dave Morphy of Student Affairs will attend to discuss the Student Records system.

- **NSERC Results**

The Faculty provided funding to NSERC equipment grants which appears to have increased the success rate. The program will be renewed again this year. Non-equipment grants – 93% success rate for new and renewal grants. Based on dollar values equipment grants had a success rate of 84.9%, with the national average being 37.7%. The equipment grant success rate based on application numbers in 2003 was 17%, 33% in 2004 and 64% in 2005. The total amount requested in 2005 was \$842,055 for 15 applications. The amount received was \$715,597.77. The V.P. Research will provide support for those applications requesting funding up to \$150,000.

- 8. Fippa**

Sharon McCullough of the Fippa office attended the meeting and did a presentation entitled “FIPPA DO’s and DON’Ts at the University”. A copy of her presentation is attached.

- 9. Other Business**

There was no other business to report.

- 10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.