

# MINUTES

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

Held on Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in 111 Armes

**Present:**

M. D. Whitmore (Chair)	R. Roshko
M. Abrahams	E. Worobec
J. Bate	T. Berry
P. Blunden	T. Booth
J. Brewster	W. Buchannon
S. Cheng	J. Chipalkatti
P. Dibrov	M. Docker
A. Gerhard	K. Gough
E. Huebner	G. Krause
T. Kucera	P. Loewen
G. Lukacs	B. Macpherson
G. Moghaddam	I. Oresnik
S. Page	H. Perreault
M. Piercey-Normore	G. Robinson
T. Schultz	B. Southern
R. Thomas	J. van Lierop
M. Shantz (recorder)	

**Regrets:**

G. Baldwin	R. Craigen
H. Duckworth	D. Gillis
L. Graham	P. Graham
J. Hare	J. Harper
F. Hrushka	N. Hunter
K. Scott	E. Smirnova
G. Williams	A. Worley

Agenda items #4 and #5 to be switched.

### 1. Approval of Minutes

One amendment to the minutes of the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting – Item #1: Approval of Minutes should read: A motion to approve the minutes of the 104<sup>th</sup> meeting held on September 1 was moved by B. Macpherson and seconded by N. Hunter.

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes, as amended, of the 105<sup>th</sup> meeting held on September 21, 2006. Moved by P. Loewen and seconded by J. Bate.

**CARRIED**

## 2. Course and Program Changes

Dr. Worobec outlined the following changes, which have been approved by the Faculty of Science Committee on Courses:

- Computer Science: areas of specialization have been reorganized
- Joint Mathematics-Actuarial Mathematics Program: due to limited enrollment, the decision was made to not continue this program next Fall
- Microbiology: name and course description changes to 4000 level courses, and change to prerequisites for 3000 level courses, particularly in courses with a molecular/genetic aspect
- Psychology: one course was deleted and a new course added
- 3-Year General Degree in Science: an increase in the number of required Science credit hours from 54 to 60 and added the proviso of at least 36 credit hours at the 2000 and 3000 levels from two upper level Science subjects (i.e. 18 ch from each subject, and at least 6 ch of the 36 from the 3000 level)

**MOTION:** to approve the proposed course and program changes. Moved by E. Worobec and seconded by T. Booth.

**CARRIED**

## 3. Endowment Fund

- Dr. Worobec outlined the proposed amendments and rationale to the Faculty of Science Endowment Fund terms of reference. The following amendments have been approved by the Faculty of Science Executive Committee:
  - increase total membership from ten to eleven
  - increase graduate student membership from one to two (one from a biological science program and one from a physical, mathematical or computer science program), chosen by the Dean in consultation with GSA. Graduate student members must have Teaching Assistant experience in their given or a related field.

**MOTION:** to approve the amendments to the Faculty of Science Endowment Fund terms of reference. Moved by E. Worobec and seconded by T. Booth.

**CARRIED**

## 4. Dean's Report

- Congratulations to:
  - Ken Standing, Werner Ens and Oleg Krokhin (Physics and Astronomy), Harry Duckworth and H el ene Perreault (Chemistry) – the Faculty of Science team recipients of the 2006 NSERC Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Technology.

- Byron Southern, the Manitoba project leader for the successful CFI proposal to help expand Westgrid into Manitoba. The award represents a “project cost” of approximately \$4.8M for Manitoba.
- Department of Chemistry for securing \$550K in funding from Western Economic Diversification for laboratory upgrades in Chemistry (in addition to the \$270K of in-kind support, \$230K funding from the Science Endowment Fund and some monies from the Science budget).
- Tom Berry for organizing the scientific program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Peguis First Nation Science, Engineering and Technology Symposium – there were 297 students registered this year.
- Headship searches are currently underway for the Department of Statistics and Biological Sciences
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Faculty of Science Awards Celebration was held February 20. Would like to increase student participation next year. Please send any suggestions for improvements to the Dean.
- The search for the next University President is in its early stages.
- SIP news: requests for new faculty are submitted twice a year. Science requested 13 positions but got one. Hopefully may be allocated more in the Spring.
- currently working with Department Heads on the Strategic Plan, a draft of which will be sent to Faculty Council in the not too distant future
- Budget: projections for the end of the fiscal year indicate a deficit of \$200K. This will be discussed at the next Administrative Council meeting. Overview for next year: Science lost the unallocated carryover (expected 30% of \$450K but now gone), plus may lose tuition revenue if enrolment decreases. It is projected that at the start of next year Science will have a deficit of ~\$400K. The first priority is to request an infusion of \$400K, plus additional funds for new projects.

## **5. Promotion & Tenure Policies**

- Dean Whitmore gave a presentation which highlighted his proposed changes and discussed the rationale and process. Copies of the power point presentation and the proposed new document will soon be emailed to faculty members.
- The Dean welcomes feedback from faculty members by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

## **7. Adjournment**


The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

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DATE: February 15, 2007

TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: Lorraine Lester, Secretary 

**AGENDA**  
**106th Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2007**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Room 111 Armes**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 105th meeting held on September 21, 2006.
2. Course and Program Changes.  
The Course and Program Changes have been considered by the relevant Faculty committees and are brought to Faculty Council for information. They are available in Department offices for perusal. Questions may be raised from the floor.
3. Endowment Committee Terms of Reference for approval.
4. Promotion and Tenure Policies.
5. Dean's Report.
6. Other Business.