

MINUTES

111th Meeting of the Science Faculty Council
held on Tuesday, February 26th, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in 245 Engineering

PRESENT:	M. Whitmore (Chair)	E. Worobec	R. Roshko
	P. Graham	P. Loewen	R. Thomas
	M. Piercey-Normore	B. Hann	D. Gillis
	A. Worley	M. Docker	J. Anderson
	J. van Rees	M. Speare	K. Sharma
	A. Gerhard	T. Kucera	P. Blunden
	B. Southern	G. Lukas	J. Brewster
	P. Dibrov	R. Eskicioglu	K. Scott
	P. Thulasiraman	J. McLeese	M. Fry
	J. van Wijngaarden	N. Hunter	B. Macpherson
	T. Schultz	J. McConnell	J. Athayde
	J. Armah	J. Penner	D. Dhaliwal
	M. Shantz (secretary)		
REGRETS:	G. Krause	E. Smirnova	G. Robinson
	F. Hruska	J. Hoskins	P. King
	F. Gauvin		

1. NAVITAS Program

- Dr. Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost gave a presentation on the NAVITAS Program (International College of Manitoba), followed by discussion with faculty members.
- It is a 2-year program - the first year is a foundation year and in the second year students begin first year university courses. Courses with a lab component will not be offered at this time.
- Departments will evaluate courses, curriculum and approve instructors. An Advisory Council has been struck, consisting of R. Lobdell (Chair), the Dean of Science, the Dean of Arts, the Chair of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (currently N. Hunter), plus three members of the International College of Manitoba (ICM).
- Students complete 30 credit hours at ICM. They must apply to the University the same as other students and meet U1 admission requirements.
- Concern expressed about the involvement of faculty members, sensitivity to sharing exam materials, and competition for good instructors.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 110th meeting held on December 13, 2007, with the following amendments: #2, item 3 - to read Chemistry and Physics Joint Honours program; #4, delete item 2; and #5 should be included under Dean's Report. Moved by R. Eskicioglu and seconded by J. van Rees.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report.

4. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes

- Dr. Worobec outlined the course and program changes (copy available in department offices). There were a number of very minor changes, the majority of which resulted from departments' review of the 2008-09 Calendar.

MOTION: to approve the course and program changes. Moved by R. Eskicioglu and seconded by N. Hunter.

CARRIED

5. Proposal for a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Forensic Science

- The formal proposal prepared for COPSE is available in departmental offices.
- The first intake of students will begin in 3000 level courses for Fall 2009.
- Initial start-up cost of ~\$800,000 and annual operating costs of ~\$500,000, which includes salaries for the Director, other faculty positions, and several sessional appointments.

MOTION: to approve the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Forensic Science program proposal. Moved by R. Eskicioglu and seconded by D. Gillis.

(1 opposed)
CARRIED

6. Department of Biological Sciences Department Council Bylaws

MOTION: to approve the Department of Biological Sciences Department Council Bylaws. Moved by J. Anderson and seconded by D. Gillis.

(1 opposed)
CARRIED

7. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Committees

- The terms of reference for the Faculty of Science committees were rewritten and all committees now have a similar format.
- Terms of reference are to be reviewed every 5 years.
- Two existing committees were absolved and two new committees were formed.
- Standing committees will report once a year to Faculty Executive, who will in turn submit a report to Faculty Council

MOTION: to approve the changes to the Terms of Reference for the new and existing Faculty of Science Committees. Moved by G. Lukacs and seconded by R. Eskicioglu.

CARRIED

8. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Standing

- Faculty Executive recommended that students be allowed to view their final exams during the appeal period.
- Departments will be responsible for the development and administration of this process. Student input is required in the development stage of the procedures.
- Implementation date - in place no later than the December 2008 exam period.
- Departments are to report the procedures to be used to the Dean prior to the December 2008 exam period.
- The appeal deadline will be set by the Dean's Office.
- Students will pay a nominal fee directly to the department for viewing a final exam.

MOTION: to approve the Faculty Executive recommendation that students will have access to final exams during the appeal period. Moved by G. Lukacs and seconded by P. Graham.

(2 opposed)
CARRIED

9. Dean's Report

- The current budget situation is not too bad.
- The Dean's Office has hired a half time Development Officer, Karen Fowler, who is visiting Department Heads. The job description for a new Faculty of Science LAN Administrator is currently at HR, and we are also working on a job description for a new Faculty of Science Communications Specialist.
- The 3rd Annual Peguis First Nation Science and Technology Symposium was held February 21 and 22. Special thanks to Tom Berry and all others who participated.
- Science was allocated six positions from the Fall SIP process, essentially to replace retirees. There is some uncertainty as to whether we lost a position, which is being checked into.
- The call for Tier 1 CRC proposals is due in the Dean's Office by March 3rd.
- Welcome to Peter Graham as the new Associate Dean (Research).
- Currently recasting the Strategic Research Plan and the overall Strategic Plan. They will soon be ready for Administrative Council.

10. Other Business

Nothing to report.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. Moved by G. Lukacs and seconded by R. Roshko.

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DATE: February 20, 2008
TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science
FROM: Lorraine Lester, Secretary

AGENDA
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Tuesday, February 26, 2008
2:00 p.m.
Senate Chambers, 245 Engineering Building

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 110th meeting held on December 13, 2007. (attached)
2. Business Arising from the Minutes.
3. Discussion with Dr. Robert Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost regarding Navitas Program.
4. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes (available in department offices).
4. Proposal for a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Forensic Science (department offices).
5. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Standing (department offices).
6. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Committees (department offices).
7. Department of Biological Sciences Department Council Bylaws for approval (attached).
8. Dean's Report.
9. Other Business.