

# MINUTES

113<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Science Faculty Council  
held on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in 245 Engineering

PRESENT:	M. Whitmore	B. Worobec	B. Southern
	F. Lin	X. Wang	J. Bate
	P. Graham	R. Roshko	J. Harper
	G. Krause	H. Duckworth	J. Anderson
	T. Berry	M. Freund	M. Davidson
	R. Padmanabhan	P. Budzelaar	J. McKee
	G. Sobie	J. van Wijngaarden	J. Anderson
	T. Booth	S. McKenna	P. Hultin
	C. Platt	M. Khajepour	G. I. Moghaddam
	G. Williams	R. Sparling	N. Hunter
	J. van Rees	T. Kucera	G. Tabisz
	M. Piercey-Normore	C. Sommerfeld	P. Blunden
	S. Renault	S. Singh	J. Sorensen
	G. Robinson	J. Armah	M. Docker
	E. Huebner	J. Williams	B. Mark
	M. Doob	T. Schultz	M. Chestley
	D. Barnard	H. Cameron	G. Lukacs
	L. Lester (Secretary)		
REGRETS:	F. Hruska	E. Smirnova	K. Scott
	J. Hoskins	J. Hare	M. Sumner
	C. Bartels	H. Luong	D. Court
	L. Graham	D. Gillis	R. Eskicioglu
	P. Loewen	R. Thomas	

## 1. Introduction of Dr. David Barnard, President

John Bate, Department Head of Computer Science, introduced and welcomed Dr. David Barnard as the newest member of the Department of Computer Science.

Dr. Barnard addressed Faculty Council speaking about financial and budgetary issues which the university is facing and conducted a question and answer period.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting held on September 9, 2008 with the following amendment: Under "Introduction of New Members" remove Dr. David Barnard. Moved by J. Anderson, seconded by J. Bate.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

- The Science Fair is still in need of judges.
- The Pequis Workshop has been cancelled this year due to lack of availability of Faculty members to run workshops. It should be up and running again next year.

#### **5. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes**

##### **Course Changes:**

B. Worobec outlined the course changes in Computer Science that were approved by Faculty Executive Council, according to the new functions of Faculty Council and Faculty Executive.

##### **Program Changes:**

Three motions were brought forward on the recommendation for approval by Faculty Executive as follows:

**MOTION #1:** That a Minor in the Faculty of Science comprise a minimum of 18 credit hours specified by the department(s) offering the minor, and, that courses required in a student's specific Honours or Major degree program be acceptable for use in a chosen Minor. Moved by B. Worobec, seconded by G. Lukacs.

**CARRIED**

**Discussion:** The intent is not to hold a major and minor in the same subject and it is up to the department to determine acceptable courses. H. Duckworth moved an amendment to the motion that a student cannot hold a major and minor in the same subject. J. Anderson seconded. The amendment to the motion was subsequently withdrawn.

**MOTION #2:** That the Faculty of Science allow Double Majors in consultation with the Department(s). The following wording change was proposed "Based on an agreement between the Departments involved, the Faculty of Science allows Double Majors." Moved by B. Worobec and seconded by X. Wang.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION #3:** That the limitation of a maximum of 42 credit hours from one department, or a maximum 60 credit hours from two departments be removed from the General degree requirements. Moved by B. Worobec and seconded by J. Anderson.

**CARRIED**

#### **6. Joint Geophysics-Physics Degree Proposal**

**MOTION:** To approve the proposal for a Joint Geophysics-Physics Degree. B. Worobec moved approval of the proposal, seconded by K. Sharma.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Council Membership

The Faculty Executive Council's recommendation regarding the membership of Faculty Council was to make the following changes:

- remove the provost of University College
- add a representative from the Department of Economics
- add a representative from the Department of Geological Sciences
- add a graduate student representative.

The reasoning behind these recommendations is that the Faculty of Science does not run programs through University College so there is no need for a representative, and there are joint programs with the departments of Economics and Geological Sciences so there is the need for a representative from those two departments. The opinion of the Executive Committee was that the membership of Faculty Council is appropriate and all members should have voting rights.

**MOTION:** To remove the Provost of University College from the Faculty Council membership and add a representative from the Departments of Economics and Geological Sciences, as well as a graduate student. The voting membership will remain as is. Moved by B. Worobec, seconded by J. Van Rees.

**CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION**

## 8. Dean's Report (attached)

- Dean Whitmore reported that the Honours and Awards committee has met and there is another meeting scheduled. The committee is looking at developing some support staff awards as well as faculty and student awards. The recommendations from that committee will be forwarded to Faculty Council eventually.
- B. Worobec reported that the exam viewing process appears to be a success. 31 students have reviewed their final exam and 10 have appealed, as opposed to 35 who appealed last year, so there are a reduced number of appeals since the inception of the exam viewing process. UMSU is working on bringing it to Senate to make it a University-wide policy.
- Department Heads and Senators have been asked to give their opinion on University 1. If faculty members have thoughts on University 1, talk to your Department Heads.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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DATE: January 29, 2009  
TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science  
FROM: Lorraine Lester, Secretary

AGENDA  
113th Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science  
Thursday, February 12, 2009  
2:30 p.m.  
Senate Chambers, 245 Engineering Building

- Approval of Agenda & Exec Committee*  
1. Approval of the Minutes of the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting held on September 9, 2008.
2. Business Arising from the Minutes.
- Report of Executive Committee*  
3. Introduction of Dr. David Barnard, President.
- etc.*  
4. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes (attached).
5. Council Membership (attached).
6. Dean's Report.
7. Question Period.
8. Other Business.

*Future meetings.*

- 1. Approval of Agenda*
- 2. Minutes*
- 3. Business arising.*
- 4. Report of Executive Committee*