

MINUTES

122nd Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science
held on Friday, February 18, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Chambers

PRESENT: M. Whitmore (Chair) R. Roshko M. Piercey-Normore
T. Schultz G. Lukacs E. Huebner
J. Sorensen H. Perreault F. Gauvin
G. Robinson T. Booth M. Domaratzki
Judy Anderson V. Keown B. Mark
J. Markham K. Brassinga B. Southern
A. Samson G. Krause J. Roth
G. Anderson P. Graham J. Baltes
J. van Lierop R. Thomas T. Andres
M. Shantz (recorder)

REGRETS: John Anderson P. Hultin R. Eskicioglu
J. Williams K. Gough R. Compton
L. Wallace K. Sharma S. McKenna
J. Hare

GUEST: J. McConnell

While waiting for a quorum, informal discussion on MSPACE and the undergraduate course and program changes took place.

Quorum was met and the meeting came to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: to approve the agenda as circulated. Moved by T. Booth, seconded by G. Robinson.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the 121st meeting of Faculty Council, held on January 11, 2011. Moved by G. Robinson, seconded by T. Booth.

CARRIED

3. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes – M. Piercey-Normore

The program changes, as circulated, have been approved by the Committee on Courses and Programs, reviewed by Faculty Executive and forwarded to Faculty Council for approval.

MOTION: to approve a change to the Faculty's Minor regulations that will allow students to declare multiple minors in the 4-year degree programs. Moved by M. Piercey-Normore, seconded by J. Baltes.

CARRIED

- J. Sorensen proposed an amendment to the motion approved by Faculty Executive for the physical chemistry focus area - to replace MATH 2750 with MATH 2720 in the list of non-chemistry courses.

MOTION: to approve the four new focus areas and the modifications to two existing focus areas in the Department of Chemistry, as circulated, including the above amendment to the physical chemistry focus area. Moved by M. Piercey-Normore, seconded by G. Lukacs.

CARRIED

The following course changes, as circulated, are for information only as they have been approved by Faculty Executive:

- three course modifications in Biological Sciences - BIOL 1020, BIOL 4330, BIOL 4560
- Computer Science has a new course, COMP 1012, starting in Fall 2011 which is targeted towards Science and Computer Engineering students.
- the introduction of three topic courses in Chemistry, two of which have been approved by Faculty Executive, and one is pending approval from the Joint Chemistry and Microbiology Committee on Biochemistry and Biotechnology
- three course modifications in Chemistry - CHEM 2470, CHEM 4570, CHEM 4580

4. MSPACE – P. Graham

- A suggestion was made that the wording on the MSPACE form, as circulated, be changed from “If you are requesting restriction of public access...” to “If you are selecting restriction of public access...” to better reflect that it is not mandatory for students to electronically publish their theses.

MOTION: After careful and detailed consideration of the potential deleterious impacts on graduate students and their supervisors due to premature publication of graduate student theses on MSPACE, the Faculty Council of Science requests that the Faculty of Graduate Studies reconsider its current handling of the publication of theses on MSPACE. The Faculty Council of Science proposes a simple mechanism (described separately) that will allow for appropriate delays in publication without the need for pre-approval, when necessary, and that will also ensure that the supervisor(s) involved will be made aware of any delay (or lack thereof) being selected by a graduate student. Moved by P. Graham, seconded by Judy Anderson.

CARRIED

5. Dean's Report

- The time to completion department data is available and Department Heads have been informed of how to obtain this data.
- Six searches in the Faculty of Science have recently been authorized.
- The Faculty of Science recently received a \$1.3 million donation to the Faculty Endowment Fund. Currently considering how to leverage major donations into the launch of some major campaigns.
- The seasonal closure of Delta Marsh has not made an impact on the use of the field station this winter. Flooding typically occurs during April/May and flood preparation discussions are underway with Wendy Buhr, Manager at Delta Marsh.

6. Other Business - nothing to report

7. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Moved by G. Robinson and seconded by T. Booth.

CARRIED