

MINUTES

**133rd Meeting of the Science Faculty Council
held on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in
Senate Chambers**

PRESENT:

P. Graham (Chair)	M. Piercey-Normore	John Anderson
R. Flynn	J. McConnell	P. Loewen
S. Kirkland	B. Johnson	B. Li
R. Thulasiram	K. Koczanski	C. Bartels
D. Herbert	A. Samson	M. Shaw
P. Budzelaar	R. Davis	J. Sorensen
R. Eskicioglu	D. Court	V. Keown
J. van Wijngaarden	B. Southern	S. Lapointe
J. Markham	B. Mark	M. Gericke
K. Sharma	K. Scott	T. Kucera
Judy Anderson	M. Shantz (recorder)	

REGRETS: M. Whitmore, M. Docker, G. Anderson, Yang Zhang, R. Sparling, G. Robinson, D. Gillis, H. Cameron, S. McKenna, R. Borgersen, K. Campbell, S. Woods

GUEST: T. Schultz

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: to approve the agenda. Moved by K. Sharma, seconded by R. Eskicioglu.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the 132nd meeting of Faculty Council, held on December 12, 2013. Moved by M. Piercey-Normore, seconded by B. Johnson.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes - nothing to report

4. Open Access Publishing Support

- V. Keown explained the libraries are gathering support from various Faculty Councils to help the libraries in their effort to get further support for Open Access from the University.

MOTION: to table the Open Access motion, as circulated. Moved by R. Eskicioglu, seconded by B. Mark.

DEFEATED

MOTION: to approve the Open Access motion, as circulated, to have the Faculty of Science support the University signing the Compact for Open Access Publishing Equity (COPE). Moved by John Anderson, seconded by V. Keown.

DEFEATED

5. Update on Endowment Committee Terms of Reference

- The original terms of reference focused preference on large undergraduate class sizes which include many non-Science students, and which we therefore considered changing.
- Subsequently, an issue arose regarding ICM student access to microscopes purchased through Endowment funds, without any ICM contribution to that fund. Money has been received from ICM via the University to ensure their students have access to these microscopes. ICM provided funds to the University and not to the Endowment fund per se.
- The proposed changes to the terms of reference will have to be revisited by the Endowment Fund Committee.

6. Committee on Student Standing - Changes to Terms of Reference

- M. Piercey-Normore presented the proposed two changes, as circulated.

MOTION: to approve the two changes to the Committee on Student Standing terms of reference, as circulated. Moved by J. Sorensen, seconded by J. van Wijngaarden.

Discussion:

- T. Kucera had concern that the wording in the first change "...including denying appeals with no further consideration" allows for a wide range of interpretation.
- After discussion, it was proposed to revise the first change (as circulated) to read: "Rule on appeals pertaining to academic matters submitted by students. The Chair (Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies) can, when warranted, decide on behalf of the Committee, to deny an appeal judged to be without merit."

Amendment to the above Motion:

MOTION: to approve the two changes to the Committee on Student Standing terms of reference, as follows: the first change to have the above revised wording; and the second change to have the wording as circulated. Moved by T. Kucera, seconded by B. Johnson.

CARRIED

7. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes

M. Piercey-Normore outlined the undergraduate course and program changes as follows:

The changes, as circulated, to the courses listed below have been approved by Faculty Executive Committee and brought to Faculty Council for information only:

- Computer Science: COMP 1010, COMP 1012, COMP 2130, COMP 3030, COMP 3490, COMP 3820
- Mathematics: MATH 1200, MATH 1210, MATH 1300, MATH 1310, MATH 2130, MATH 2132, MATH 2120

The following 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:

- Actuarial Mathematics - BSc Honours
- Psychology - BSc Honours
- Statistics - BSc Statistics-Actuarial Mathematics Joint Honours
- Statistics - BSc Statistics-Economics Joint Honours

MOTION: to approve the above program changes, as circulated. Moved by R. Eskiciouglu, seconded by R. Thulasiram.

CARRIED

8. Dean's Report

- The Faculty recently lost Jiri Sichler (Mathematics) and Maureen Paisley (Dean's Office). They both contributed greatly to the Faculty and will be missed.
- The results from the Faculty budget submission will not be known until sometime in May, but it is safe to say it has the potential to be a challenging year.
- Congratulations to Gordon Robinson and Gwyn Williams, whose nominations for Professor Emeritus have recently been approved by the Board of Governors.
- Research Signature Areas - the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International) has proposed ten potential research themes: human rights and social justice; indigenous peoples and knowledges; integrative health research; sustainable and resilient (Prairie/Northern) communities; materials; water stewardship; understanding and communicating information; Arctic system science; safe and healthy foods; and culture and creativity.
 - Each theme area will have a committee composed from names provided by the Deans/ADs. All committees plan to have initial meetings by the end of Spring Break.
 - Discussion followed with concern expressed over the lack of important areas covered by the 10 themes.

MOTION: In the absence of any prospective increase in the profile of Discovery Science, the Faculty Council of Science invokes the Vice-President (Research and International) to include "Fundamental Science" (similar to Culture and Creativity) to the proposed research themes. Moved by Judy Anderson, seconded by K. Sharma.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUS**

9. Other Business

- John Anderson has been recommended to serve on the University's Strategic Planning Committee.
- The Faculty of Science input session for the University's Strategic Planning Framework process is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, in 208 Armes.
- B. Mark noted that the MSpace form was not included in the PhD thesis defense distribution package, and R. Thulasiram confirmed it was missing in a defense he recently chaired. P. Graham will follow-up with the Faculty of Graduate Studies as to why they were missing.

10. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.