

November 26, 1971.

Seventh Meeting

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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DATE November 10, 1971

TO ALL MEMBERS OF FACULTY COUNCIL

FROM Mr. G. Richardson, Secretary - Faculty Council

SUBJECT:

The seventh meeting of the Faculty Council has been scheduled for Friday, November 26, 1971 at 2:40 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building. The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Correspondence.
4. Acceptance of Economics 301 for entrance to the Faculty.
5. Course Changes.
6. Policy on Patents (letter attached).
7. Discussion and debate on the Report on B.Sc. (Gen.) and General Studies Program.
8. Other Business.

December 3, 1971

Minutes of the seventh meeting of Faculty Council held on Friday, November 26, 1971 at 2:40 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Members Present: Dr. R. D. Connor; Chairman, Professors I. Cooke, R. J. Lockhart, A. Giesinger, D. Punter, E. R. Waygood, J. Shay, D. J. McCarthy, A. H. Shephard, M. F. Halasz, P. R. King, G. G. C. Robinson, A. Olchowecki, J. A. Wright, T. Booth, R. B. Ferguson, J. H. Loudfoot, S. K. Sinha, J. J. Eales, J. H. Gee, J. C. Rauch, K. W. Stewart, H. Laale, C. C. Lindsey, G. Lubinsky, R. Wallace, R. H. Betts, S. Standil, P. Kakela, L. P. Stene, M. Samoiloff, H. Weisman, K. Subrahmaniam (Mrs.), K. Subrahmaniam, M. Oretzki, D. O. Wells, H. R. Coish, D. G. Douglas, J. M. Stewart, J. J. McCutcheon, B. Johnston, K. Mount, G. F. Atkinson, J. A. Gerhard, E. Bock, B. Kale, B. D. Macpherson, A. Chow, C. M. Wong, K. K. Ogilvie, J. L. Charlton, B. R. Henry, J. M. Vail, W. H. Kleiner, F. J. Ward, G. Woods, R. Bochonko, M. Kettner, <sup>Mrs.</sup> P. Wyatt, J. Kelly, J. Boyd, E. Schollenberg, M. Marsh, Misses G. Sweetland, D. Wallace, A. Siba. (66) Mr. G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Drs. R. S. Thomas, W. G. Barker, W. Davis, L. Van Caeseele, R. Green, Mr. D. Sutherland.

I. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The following amendments were made to the list of members present:

Dean D. J. McCarthy, Drs. S. Sen, and S. Standil were added; R. S. Thomas was changed to M. S. Thomas.

With these amendments the minutes were adopted. Cooke (Boyd).

II. Matters Arising Therefrom.

(i) As directed at the last Faculty Council meeting, the Chairman had written a letter to Senate stating Council's dismay and concern over Senate's apparent intervention into the Basic Arts - Basic Science Regulation, a matter heretofore considered to be a Faculty matter. The Chairman read the letter and

noted that copies had been sent to the Deans of Arts and Education.

In answer to Dr. Standil's question as to whether or not Senate still expected a reply from the Faculty, the Chairman stated that the Senate Executive had put a hold on the matter pending a reply from Mr. Zaifman outlining his reasons for presenting the original motion in the first place. This had now been received and we would have to reply in forty-five days.

(ii) The Chairman informed Faculty Council that a Faculty Committee on Consulting had been established by the Executive Committee but that it had not yet met.

(iii) With regard to the matter of graduate students serving on Faculty Council and the Executive Committee, the Chairman explained that he had been given a verbal approval by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures and he had followed this up with a confirming letter to that committee.

(iv) The Chairman reminded Faculty Council that it had, at its last meeting, agreed to the establishment of a Faculty Flower Fund. He explained that the Dean's office had been receiving individual contributions through the mail (some anonymous) whereas it had been agreed that they would be sent to the head of the respective departments for collection and subsequent forwarding to the Dean's Office.

### III. Correspondence.

The Secretary read two letters that had been received; one, a letter of thanks from Professor J. Vail for the flowers sent by Council and the other, a letter from the Vice-Stick, Miss G. Sweetland, informing Faculty Council of the Festival of Life and Learning slated for February 9, 10, and 11.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Dr. Standil (Kelly sr.) that:

"the Executive Committee decide how the Faculty will arrange the Festival with the students."

Unanimous

### IV. Acceptability of Economics 301 for Entrance to the Faculty.

The Chairman noted that at the last meeting of Faculty Council it had been agreed that the course outline for Economics 301 would be made available

to Council members for their perusal, before Council was asked to vote on approving this course as satisfying one of the courses acceptable for entrance to Science.

It was moved by Mr. Kelly jr. (Boyd) that:

"Economics 301 be accepted."

Unanimous

V. Course Change.

The Chairman asked Dean Cooke to speak to this matter.

Dr. Cooke stated that the course change material, which had been made available to all Faculty members, had been approved by the Executive Committee at its last meeting. If there were no objections by Council to the changes, Dr. Cooke (Kale) moved that:

"the course change material be accepted."

Unanimous

Dr. Cooke asked the Council if it had any objections as to the procedure adopted by the Executive for distributing the changes, i.e. by sending a covering letter to all Faculty members indicating that copies of the material were available in the department office as well as the Dean's office. There were no objections voiced regarding the procedure.

VIII. Other Business.

The Chairman asked Dean Isaac to explain to Council the Science Course and Teaching Survey questionnaire.

Dr. Isaac pointed out that in the past similar surveys had been run by U.M.S.U. but that this year the questionnaire had been prepared by the Science Advisory Committee and handled by the Science students. He explained that in order to assure the success of the survey the cooperation and goodwill of the staff was required. He explained that the Committee had tried to make the questionnaire as objective as possible and had for the first time included questions pertaining to the laboratories. He concluded by saying that the plan was for the survey to be distributed twice, once now and once in second term.

In the discussion that ensued it was stated that the survey would involve only undergraduate students this year but that in future it might be possible to include graduate students. It was hoped that the results would eventually be compiled in booklet form for general distribution, but in the meantime they would be sent back to the individual instructors through their departmental office, the feeling being that initially the instructor would benefit most by them. Some members of Council felt that the survey would be more realistic if it was conducted after the student had completed the course, however, it was pointed out by Dr. Isaac the difficulties in attempting such a task. It was noted by Dr. Standil that another questionnaire along the same lines as this one, was being devised by a combined Senate/U.M.S.U. committee. Dean Cooke concluded by saying that the Science Student Association had done an excellent job so far on this survey and it was his hope that they would receive the full support of Faculty to see the job completed.

It was moved by Dr. Samoiloff (Weisman) that:

"Faculty Council accept the questionnaire."

Carried  
1 Opposed  
5 Abstentions

VI. Policy on Patents.

The Chairman noted that he had received only one reply on the apparent government revision of the Patent Act. He asked that if other comments were to be made that they be forwarded directly to Professor Leckie's office.

VII. Report on the B.Sc. (Gen.).

Dr. Connor asked Dean Isaac to take the Chair so that he could speak to the report.

Before commencing the discussion, Dean Cooke wished to clarify one point, namely, that if Science did decide not to offer a Program of General Studies, this did not preclude it being proposed and offered by another Faculty. If such was the case Science would, if requested, offer Science courses to it.

Dr. Connor, in speaking to the B.Sc. (Gen.) report stated that he concurred with proposals 1 and 2. With regard to number 2, he noted that it would be Faculty Council that would make the ultimate decision on any inter-departmental major.

Regarding proposal number 3, the removal of the minor, Dr. Connor noted that it was not so long ago that the prevalent feeling was that a minor was required. Now, it was felt that it was not. He wanted to know what changes have taken place that have caused us to want to remove it.

Dean Cooke replied that originally a minor was intended to be supportive of the major. For example a student taking a major in Physics usually selected a minor in Mathematics. However, the practice that has developed over the past several years has made the minor much more independent. It is now conceived as being separate from and independent of the major. What the report is attempting to do is to re-establish the original conception of the minor by allowing departments to specify required ancillary courses.

There was some concern expressed about the interdepartmental majors becoming too specialized and restrictive to the point where it would make entry to post-graduate study very difficult, if not impossible. Dr. Cooke replied that it was the Council that would give final approval on such programs and if it had any doubts about this, it would not endorse the program.

Dean Connor wondered if by removing the minor from Science we might be penalizing the student who might want to transfer into Arts, which has a minor requirement. Dean Cooke stated that in years one and two of a student's program there would be no problem with such a transfer, but in third year there would. However, he assured the Dean that the matter was one that would be discussed thoroughly in the up-coming Liaison Committee meeting.

With regard to proposal number 5, the Arts regulation, Dean Connor pointed out that originally this regulation was intended to expose students to the humanities and social sciences, which they didn't get in high school. However, with the changing high school pattern of more freedom and more courses from which to choose, he could see where this regulation might not be as effective today. Dean Cooke concurred with him and stated that it was his committee's feeling that even if the regulation was dropped, the majority of Science students would continue to take Arts courses. With the added proposal of accepting more courses from outside faculties, the freedom of attaining breadth in the B.Sc. (Gen.) program remained; in fact it was enhanced. He did point out, however, that his committee was deeply divided over this proposal.

Dean Connor pointed out that any decision on the Arts requirement should be based strictly on academic grounds and that considerations as to what might happen if other faculties dropped their Science requirements, however trenchant the results might be to us, were quite irrelevant to the present

report. The Council was aware that 52% of our teaching was to students in other faculties. We had absolutely no control over the actions of other faculty councils who could remove their science requirements at any time, whether or not we had the present report under consideration.

There was some discussion that if the Arts requirement was dropped, there might be some "retaliation" from other faculties. Dean Cooke dispelled this feeling, saying that he doubted if there would be any retaliation at all. He pointed out that, at this moment, the Arts faculty were considering dropping the Science requirement and their ultimate decision would in no way be effected by Science's decision.

At this point Dean Connor resumed the Chair.

It was felt by some members that a more meaningful requirement for Science students might be a requirement for courses in one of the Mathematical fields, or even one course in each of the three science areas; viz. the pure, the physical, and the natural sciences.

In concluding the discussion Dean Cooke stated that the report would have to go through the Liaison Committee before going to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Kelly (Loudfoot) that:

"Faculty Council refer voting on the Report on the B.Sc. (Gen.) to a special meeting of Faculty Council to be called within ten days."

Unanimous

An amendment to this motion was proposed by Professor Samoiloff but it was voted as being out of order.

16 - out of order

12 - accepted.

It was moved that the recommendation at the end of the Report on Proposed Program in General Studies namely,

"that a separate program leading to a Bachelor of General Studies need not be introduced as a part of the offerings in the University of Manitoba"

25 - in favour

1 - opposed

15 - abstentions

It was moved by Dr. Standil (Cooke) that:

"the Arts and Science Liaison Committee meet before the next Faculty Council meeting for discussion of the report and report back to Faculty Council."

Unanimous

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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December 6, 1971