

February 4, 1972

Eighth Meeting

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE January 24, 1972

TO ALL SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM G. Richardson, Secretary - Faculty Council

SUBJECT:

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The eighth regular meeting of Faculty Council has been scheduled for Friday, February 4, 1972 at 2:40 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Communications.
4. Senate Report.
5. B.Sc. (General) Report. *with its going to Senate or can remain doc. and leaving implem to exec. & Sep vote?*
6. Report from the Senate Admissions Committee (material attached).
7. Report from the Executive Committee.
8. Other Business.
Fest of life Learning vs Science & Health

GR:wac

February 14, 1972

Minutes of the eighth meeting of Faculty Council held in Room 207 of the Buller Building at 2:40 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 1972.

Members Present: Dr. R. D. Connor, Chairman; Professors R. J. Lockhart, A. H. Shephard, I. Cooke, G. Losey, M. Doob, G. Woods, R. Venkataraman, P. R. King, J. C. Muzio, K. Mount, G. F. Atkinson, W. R. Wall, N. E. R. Campbell, M. Samoiloff, F. J. Ward, J. C. Rauch, C. C. Lindsey, K. W. Stewart, J. H. Gee, R. H. Green, H. Halvorson, R. M. Lyric, C. T. Chow, F. W. J. Davis, J. J. Eales, D. N. Burton, J. M. Stewart, J. Shay, R. E. Longton, L. VanCaesele, S. S. Badour, R. Saint-Denis, J. Svenne, M. Aleksuk, C. R. Peterkin, H. R. Coish, G. Baldwin, E. Bock, H. Weisman, G. G. Hickling, J. M. Vail, W. N. R. Stevens, B. D. Macpherson, J. H. Loudfoot, A. Chow, W. H. Kleiner, N. S. Mendeloshn, P. K. Isaac, G. Dunn, K. K. Ogilive, A. Giesinger, H. D. Gesser, R. G. Stanton, J. A. Gerhard, R. H. Betts, Misses Z. M. Frankel, A. Siba, D. Wallace, Messrs. J. Kelly, M. Marsh, D. Sutherland.

Regrets: Dr. W. Sibley, Professors R. Wallace, D. H. Hall, W. Stobie, J. Reid, Messrs. J. Boyd, R. Browning.

Before commencing the meeting, the Chairman announced the sudden death of Professor B. Noonan, Department of Mathematics and Astronomy, early this morning. He advised the Council that a tribute would be given at the next Faculty Council meeting.

I. Minutes of the Last Meeting. (November 26, 1971)

The following amendments were proposed by Dean Cooke:

- (i) on page 6, second paragraph: the sentence beginning "Dean Cooke dispelled.....all." to be replaced by, "Dean Cooke did not feel there would be any retaliation. Other faculties may choose to act independently and for their own academic reasons."

(ii) on page 6, third paragraph: the phrase "viz. the pure, the physical, and the natural sciences." to be replaced by, "the mathematical, the physical, and the life sciences."

With these amendments the minutes were approved. Wall (Giesinger).

II. Matters Arising Therefrom.

There were no matters arising from the last Faculty Council meeting.

III. Communications.

The Secretary read a letter that had been received from the Science Student Association, explaining the reason for the delay in the professor/course evaluation questionnaire results. It stated that the problems had been corrected and the results could be expected within the next couple of weeks.

IV. Senate Report.

It had been agreed by the Executive of Senate, that each Faculty should have a spokesman who would report back to the faculty on Senate's action at its meetings. The proposal arose from Senate's concern over the apparent lack of communication between itself and the faculties. It had been suggested at the Science Executive that each of the Science Senators take turns in presenting the report, but when the proposal was put before the Senators they preferred to appoint one of their members to be the Faculty reporter: the member appointed was Professor W. R. Wall.

In the report given by Dr. Wall, it was noted that classes would begin next fall on Thursday, September 14; registration would be the week prior, September 7 to 13.

The Ph.D. program in Computer Science had been approved by Senate.

The Science Faculty By-Laws had been approved by Senate.

VI. Report from the Senate Committee on Admission.

The Chairman explained that the Senate Admission Committee had proposed to the Senate Executive that, during advance registration, when a student is given a provisional 'place' at the University, that he confirm his acceptance with a refundable \$50.00 deposit.

If the student subsequently did enter the University the full deposit would be applied towards his tuition. If, on the other hand, the student did not show up after sending in his deposit, he would forfeit the deposit. If he withdrew his application before a given deadline the \$50.00 would be returned in full. At a time when enrolment limits were likely to be enforced it was hoped that this procedure would reduce the number of 'no-shows' which, if numerous, could result in the actual enrolment figures being well below the projected figures. The Chairman concluded by saying that this would undoubtedly create financial hardships on certain students who wouldn't have \$50.00 so early in the summer and it would still not guarantee the student showing up in the fall.

It was noted that the money was refundable to the student if he informed the Registrar of his intentions to withdraw before August 15th.

Dean Cooke stated that Ontario universities have a non-refundable deposit system and their no-show rate was still comparable to ours without such a system.

It was the opinion of the student representatives on Faculty Council that the \$50.00 deposit would definitely be a hardship to many students. It was pointed out that many students receive bursary funds to pay for their expenses and these were not received until the fall; how could these students possibly pay the deposit?

It was felt by Dr. Stanton that the \$50.00 would achieve little other than act as a deterrent to many students who would seek admission to the other Universities in the province rather than meet this deposit. He pointed out that last year the University of Manitoba was one of the very few universities in Canada to have an enrolment increase and he felt that it would be in the University's best interest to do all possible to perpetuate this good fortune.

It was moved by Vail (Bock):

"that this Faculty communicate to Senate that it is not in favour of any deposit of this nature."

Unanimous

VII. Report of the Executive.

The report was given by Professor G. Dunn.

1. Lower Limit to Class Size.

It was the Executive Committee's recommendation that no lower limit to class size be set. In addition to this, it recommended that Summer and Evening courses be integrated with the regular University program.

2. Proposal to Modify Faculty Election Procedures.

The Executive Committee had received a proposal from Professor Gratzner that the procedure to elect members to the Executive Committee and to Senate be modified. He suggested that nominations be made at one meeting, a nomination form (prepared by the Dean's Office at the Executive's request) be filled out by the nominator for the nominee and sent to all Faculty Council members between the first and second meetings and at the second meeting the elections be held. It was hoped that this procedure would make for a more knowledgeable vote by Council.

It was the Executive Committee's recommendation that this procedure be adopted and for the up-coming elections of Executive Committee and Senate replacements, the nominations be proposed at the March Faculty Council meeting, and the elections held at the April meeting, with the nomination forms being completed, collected and circulated between the two meetings.

3. Terms of Reference - Student Standing Committee.

The proposed terms of reference for this committee are to be attached to the agenda of the next Faculty Council meeting in order to give the members a chance to study them before any discussion on them takes place.

4. Location of Faculty Council Meetings.

The Executive Committee had received an enquiry into the possibility of holding Council meetings at a time other than Friday p.m. It was pointed out that the only time Room 207

Buller was available for meetings of three period duration, was on Friday p.m. If Council members did not mind a different location for their meetings, arrangements could be made to reserve the Senate chambers.

It was moved by Ferguson (Wall):

"that Faculty Council meeting locations and dates be alternated between the Senate chambers on days other than Friday and Room 207 Buller on Fridays."

26 in Favour

20 Opposed

5. B.Sc. (General) Report.

The Chairman asked Dean Cooke to speak to this item.

Dean Cooke explained that the Executive Committee had had a special meeting in which to discuss, consider and make recommendations on the remaining items of the B.Sc. (General) Report. These recommendations were now passed on to Faculty Council in the hopes that they would facilitate Council's ultimate decision.

Before commencing with the Executive Committee's recommendation, Dean Cooke proposed the following amendment to Proposal I of the report (Campbell):

"that Proposal I be changed to read, 'that credit (D or better) must be obtained in 90 credit hours (15 full courses) for the B.Sc. General Degree'."

Unanimous

Proposal VI.

It was the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Item VI be passed on to Council with a list of alternative options and that it be Council's decision as to the disposition of this item. It was moved by Wall (Samoiloff):

"that Council consider only alternative number one, namely, that it adopt the Committee's proposal and have no special Science requirement."

Carried

3 Opposed

It was subsequently moved by Cooke (Giesinger):

"that Council adopt Proposal VI as presented by the Committee viz; the Science Requirement be removed."

Carried
Unanimous

Proposal VII.

It was moved by Dean Cooke (Barker):

"that Proposal VII be adopted."

Carried
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Proposal VIII.

It was explained by Dean Cooke that the reason for this proposal was to guard against specialization in any one area. This regulation would limit the number of courses a student could claim from any department or area for credit towards his degree. It was suggested by Professor Lockhart that in the case of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy, Astronomy should continue to be considered as a different subject field than Mathematics, as has been done in the past. The Council agreed with this and it was moved by Dean Cooke (Barker):

"that Proposal VIII, clarified to read, 'of the 90 hours of credit (15 courses) for the B.Sc. General, no more than 42 credit hours (7 courses) may be from one department and no more than 60 credit hours (10 courses) may be from two departments', be adopted."

Carried
Nem con.

Proposal IX.

In the discussion that took place regarding this proposal it was pointed out by Dean Cooke that this section was very complex and would be difficult to understand fully unless one was continually working in this area. He explained that the objectives of this section were essentially three fold; (i) to provide a mechanism whereby a student could be suspended before he had completed two years of study, as was not the situation; (ii) to simplify the existing regulations; and (iii) to reduce the number of allowable attempts in order to gain credit in 15

courses, from 23 to 20. After testing four different models, Dean Cooke felt that Proposal IX achieved these objectives in large measures.

He explained that the term Academic Suspension was really not as ominous as it might sound. It meant the withdrawal by the student from university for a year, with a formal "reinstatement attempt" procedure to be followed if and when he returned.

It was felt by several members that this regulation might be too lenient, for it appeared possible that a student could go on and off the probation status, without being suspended, and still offer adequate credit to graduate. Dean Cooke explained that this was possible. However, in this case, the committee had to exercise judgement for, as he pointed out, there was a very fine line between suspending a student too early and too late.

Dean Isaac stated that with the present student advising system offered by the Faculty, it was improbable that a student would fail five courses in one year. If such a situation appeared likely the student would be advised to drop several courses or even drop the year completely, with a view to returning the following year.

It was moved by Cooke (Losey):

"that Proposal IX be accepted."

Carried

1 Opposed

It was agreed by Council that Proposal IX be reviewed after a year's operation (and the results be reported back to Council).

Proposal X.

Faculty Council concurred with the recommendation of the Executive, namely that Proposal X be deleted from the report subject to further consideration in the Executive Committee.

Proposal XI.

Faculty Council concurred with the statement in Proposal XI.

As to the ultimate disposition of the report, it was moved by Kelly sr. (Shay):

"that the report be forwarded to Senate as amended."

Carried

Unanimous

As to the implementation of the report, it was moved by Kelly sr. (Shay):

"that the Executive Committee of Faculty Council be authorized to implement the report as soon as practicable after receiving Senate approval."

Carried

Unanimous

VIII. Other Business.

The Chairman asked Dr. Kettner if he had anything to report on the Festival of Life and Learning. Dr. Kettner replied that a list of appropriate speaker's names had been forwarded to the Student Council for their consideration. Miss Sweetland stated that the list had been received and they had attempted to contact the individuals but had met with only moderate success.

There being no further business, it was moved (Wall) that the meeting be adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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