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## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM G. RICHARDSON, SECRETARY, Science Executive Committee

SUBJECT:

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The seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

### A G E N D A

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the sixteenth meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Communications.
4. Second Degree regulations.
5. Continued discussion on the proposed Honours regulations.
6. Fees for Honours students.
7. Discussion of Departmental Councils.
8. Other business.

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Minutes of the seventeenth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Wednesday, May 23, 1973, at 2:00 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dean R.D. Connor, Chairman; Professors I. Cooke, P.K. Isaac, J. Reid, G.E. Dunn, B. Macpherson, B.K. Kale, D. Punter; Mr. G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Professor J.M. Vail.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the sixteenth meeting held on May 9, 1973, were adopted, Cooke (Reid), with the following changes:

On page 2, first sentence, 4.35 should read 4.40;

The title on page 3, no. 8, was changed to read "Courses Outside the Faculty".

2. Matters Arising Therefrom.

The request from the Science Advisory Committee that the loan periods of library books for academics and students be reconsidered, had been referred to the Science Library Committee by the Executive at the last meeting. Since then, the Science Library Committee had met and considered the matter; the result of which was that a sub-committee was formed to study the overall loan policy, prepare a recommendation, and report back to the main committee.

3. Communications.

There were no communications.

4. Second Degree Regulations.

The Chairman asked Dean Cooke to speak to this item.

Dean Cooke stated that the Student Standing Committee, because they hear all the appeals and set the immediate policies, were very conscious of the problems involved here, and have therefore restricted the regulation at this

time to second Bachelor of Science (General) degrees from only those first degrees which are Bachelor of Science (General) or Bachelor of Arts. With this, Dean Cooke took the members through the prepared material. At the conclusion, Dean Cooke requested that the members delete the last paragraph beginning, "we wish to make ...", from the bottom of page 2, this having been typed into the draft in error.

At this point, Professor Macpherson joined the meeting.

In referring to the grade point average on attempts, Dean Isaac felt that any student who graduates from a first degree should be allowed to do the second degree via the ten courses route. It was his feeling that the minimum requirement on attempts tended to discourage students, when in fact he doubted that this was really what we were aiming to do.

Professor Dunn responded by saying that he was against students getting two general degrees. He referred to the type of student that took the two general degrees. These were usually the ones who could not get more senior degrees (e.g., upgrade general to honours). He felt that to the public, two degrees, be it two general or a general and an advanced, would be looked upon in the same light, when in fact this was far from being so. He concluded by saying that he could see no sense whatever in a student taking two Bachelor of Science (General) degrees; a Bachelor of Science (General) degree after a Bachelor of Arts degree made a bit more sense, but in his opinion still not enough to warrant special consideration.

Dean Cooke replied that his committee had given the matter of two Bachelor of Science (General) degrees considerable thought, and their conclusion was that there could be cases where such a programme was valid, and as such the student would qualify for the second general degree. Professor Punter stated that he would prefer to see a student in this case get one degree, but with two majors attached to it. He agreed with Professor Dunn that a Bachelor of Science (General) degree following a Bachelor of Arts did make more sense than two Bachelor of Science degrees.

In reply to how many of the 21 applications now with the Faculty were students with a Bachelor of Arts as their first degree, Dean Cooke answered

that this was so with the vast majority of them.

Dean Connor stated that the combined degree programmes, e.g., Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Education, etc. (where a student sets out to obtain two degrees as a package), were appealing and that further consideration to these should be given. Dean Cooke agreed.

Professor Kale entered at this point.

Discussion up to this point revealed the various views held by the members on allowing two general Bachelor of Science degrees. The Committee was in general agreement that two Bachelor of Science degrees was not a desired programme of study, but they did concede that the situation for such could exist. Therefore, they agreed to take the question to Faculty Council at the next meeting, and get Council's feeling towards this. It was subsequently agreed that in the meantime, the Committee would only consider the Bachelor of Science degree as a second degree following a Bachelor of Arts first degree. With this concurrence, the draft requirements on page 3 of the distributed material were altered to exclude all mention of the Bachelor of Science following the Bachelor of Science as a first degree.

It was moved by Professor Reid (Cooke) that:

"the second sentence in paragraph 1 on page 3, which reads, 'Student who had a Grade Point Average on attempts of at least 2.0 in a University of Manitoba Bachelor of Arts may be awarded the second bachelor's degree (Bachelor of Science) after completing only 10 more courses, subject to the conditions specified below', be retained."

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Carried.

5 in favor

1 against

The Committee then discussed each of the following regulations separately:

- For the 10 additional credits:

1. Thirteen attempts will be allowed.

This was acceptable to the Committee.

2. This regulation was to be left for the time being, but was to be

returned to before the end of the meeting.

3. At least eight must be acquired at the University of Manitoba.

This regulation allowed for up to two courses from another University. This was acceptable.

4. Not more than seven may be from one department.

This regulation was the same as in the first degree, and was acceptable.

- Of the 25 credit used for the two degrees:

5. At least nine must be Faculty of Science courses (the rest of the draft regulation was deleted).

The Bachelor of Science regulations require a student to have at least eight Science courses; the Bachelor of Arts programme requires a student to have at least one Science course; therefore, within the two degrees, a student must have at least nine Science courses. This was acceptable.

6. There must be two full major packages in different subject areas with one being a Science major. All courses in the Science major, except the introductory courses, must be completed within a six calendar year period.

This was acceptable to the Committee.

In returning to regulation No. 2, Dean Cooke stated that the motion approved by the Executive at its sixteenth meeting of May 9, 1973, regarding courses from outside the Faculty, was the result of many discussions in various committees, with numerous alterations and changes to the original regulation, and although at that time when the motion was approved it represented final compromise positions, when considered in totality, it was not a regulation that would benefit or properly serve the Faculty as a whole. The motion on page 4 represented an extreme situation which was likely to exist only in rare circumstances. However, if the Faculty was to advertise this particular selection of courses and thereby encourage students to take it, the resulting loss of U.G.S.C.H.'s (undergraduate student credit hours) to the Faculty, from which are calculated directly the Faculty's academic staff entitlement, the support staff entitlement, supplies and expenses,

special academic funds, travel allotments, and contingency funds, would be disastrous.

The Committee members continued discussion on this matter for some time, resulting in the following agreements:

1. That the regulations would remain as at present and continue to require that a student be allowed to take at least one approved course from outside the Faculty.
2. That the student, if he wished to take a non-approved course, would have to show the relevancy of the course to his programme and have it approved by the Committee on Courses.
3. That the Committee on Courses be requested to do their best in considering these student requests for approval, provided the request is made well in advance (3 months) of the relevant registration.
4. That the Committee on Courses be asked to keep tight reins on the special courses list.
5. That the May 4, 1973, draft and the resulting amendment of the Executive Committee be withdrawn and not forwarded to Faculty Council.

Professor Macpherson stated that he would like to reaffirm the existing faculty regulations for the sake of the Committee on Courses, and request of them that when they reconsider this matter, that they do so within the confines of our existing regulations and not contrary to them. He moved (Punter) that:

"The Committee on Courses should not vet all other University courses, and if no other requests come to it for approval, it should leave the special list as is."

Unanimous.

Professor Kale reiterated his feelings that the request referred to the Committee should come from students.

Finally, it was moved by Professor Reid (Macpherson) that:

"item No. 2 of the draft of requirements for the second degree (May 9, 1973, draft) be deleted."

Unanimous.

These requirements will now be forwarded to the Faculty Council with the sections renumbered appropriately.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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June 5, 1973