

May 1, 1975  
Thirtieth Meeting

Minutes of the thirtieth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Thursday, May 1, 1975, at 2:40 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dean R.D. Connor, Chairman; Profs. N.E.R. Campbell, I. Cooke, J. Westmore, K. Stewart, B. Henry, G. Losey, J. Svenne, C.D. Anderson, D. Burton, D. Punter; Mr. B. Smith and Mr. G. Richardson.

Before commencing the meeting the Chairman introduced the new student member of the Executive Committee, Mr. Brian Smith.

1. The minutes of the twenty-eighth meeting held on January 10, 1975 and the twenty-ninth meeting held on February 10, 1975 were approved Henry (Burton) and Henry (Cooke) respectively.

2. Matters Arising Therefrom

(i) Four Year General Degree Program

The Chairman indicated that several departments still had not sent in their comments; he would send them a reminder letter requesting them to do so.

(ii) Departmental Councils

The departments had been reminded that the departmental council by-laws were due and the Chairman said that he had requested they be submitted by May 15.

(iii) 90 Level Course in Mathematics

Although a short discussion took place on the cost of providing the S.A.C.U. mathematics tests for purposes of this 90 level course, there was nothing more to report on the status of this matter.

(iv) Naming of N.E.M.P.

Nothing to report.

(v) Challenge exams

Since forwarding to Senate the motion on challenge exams which Faculty Council had approved at the January 24 meeting, nothing

more had been heard on this subject except that the Chemistry Department was prepared to have all of its courses challenged.

(vi) Continuing Education Report

The report, which is attached to the agenda of this meeting, had been forwarded to the Senate Committee. A copy of this report will be sent to each Faculty Council member for discussion at the up-coming meeting.

A brief discussion ensued on the matter of control over credit courses. Courses for credit in our Faculty given during the evening and summer sessions are now in the faculty's control, however when summer school becomes part of the Faculty of Continuing Education, it was questioned as to who would end up with ultimate control of these courses. The Dean replied by pointing out paragraph 2(i) of the faculty's response to the Vice President, which stated our concern on this matter. The report was accepted by the Committee and would be forwarded on to Faculty Council.

3. Communications

The Chairman indicated that he had received word from two members of this Committee that they would be unable to serve out the remainder of their terms due to their approval for Sabbatical Leaves. This, coupled with the four members whose terms end on May 31, 1975, meant that Faculty Council would be electing 6 new Executive Committee members. Both the Chairman and Dr. Campbell expressed their sincere appreciation for the contributions made by these members.

4. Request from Dean Lawless

The Chairman said that he understood the request from Dean Lawless as being "does the Science Faculty consider the two courses 89:101' and 89:102 as courses worthy of meeting the Science requirement for an Arts degree". He stated that the Arts requirement for their General Degree is that a student pass at least 1 full course from each of the Humanities, Social Sciences and Science. The Arts

Course Approval Committee is considering allowing these two courses as courses satisfying the Science requirement. While it is true that the Science Faculty gives Science students credit for these courses, it is credit fulfilling the requirement that Science students take a minimum of 6 hours of credit for acceptable courses offered outside the faculty; these courses fall into this category and are not Science courses.

They do not have a lab associated with them, they form no part of any major or minor program in Science, they may be taken without any previous Science training and finally, they were not designed to meet the academic requirement of a Science course. The Chairman did say that the courses were well prepared courses, the teachers were very good scientists and that any Arts student who takes these courses would certainly get a feeling for Science concepts. He concluded by saying that in general, comments that he had received from Science students who had taken the courses were that the course was a good one and certainly one that produced thought on scientific philosophy.

In the discussion that followed, those members who were familiar with the courses agreed with the Chairman's comments. They felt although that in order to satisfy the Science requirement for Arts, courses acceptable to Arts should be courses taught in the Faculty of Science; these were not. It was felt that these courses confined their study to a very narrow area, they did not have a lab and there were many other courses especially in Agriculture, that were far more Science oriented than these and they were not accepted by the Faculty.

In concluding it was agreed that the Chairman would meet with Dean Lawless and express the Committee's comments and feelings.

5. Comments on the Report on Graduate Studies

The report that was forwarded to the Senate ad hoc Committee on Graduate Studies was attached to the agenda for this meeting. The members of the Executive Committee having read the report were asked to comment on it.

In response to a question as to why the University of Manitoba should be the only graduate degree granting body in the province, it was pointed out that in order for a University to have a viable graduate program it must reach a "critical" size. This critical size takes into consideration such facilities as research, library, research funds and academic staff. It was felt by some universities that the University of Manitoba had just reached this level, certainly the other provincial universities were quite some way below this level. Dean Campbell stated that the report was written from a Science point of view; the Committee could not comment for other faculties.

It was noted that the other provincial universities did not have viable honours programs yet, how could they possibly consider graduate programs.

One very essential requirement to any graduate program was an adequate library facility. At this moment the other universities did not have this in all areas of study, although the University of Winnipeg library for Arts study was considered "good".

The Chairman pointed out that at the moment Science had a good informal working relationship with the University of Winnipeg. This was a joint arrangement where facilities and staff were shared but where the University of Manitoba was the degree granting body. Fear was expressed by several members that if this informality was formalized by government intervention this relationship would cease. The report had been sent to each Faculty Council member and further discussion was likely to take place at the next Faculty Council meeting.

#### 7. Other Business

- (i) Dean Campbell requested agreement from the Committee to reply to a Senate request for a response on "part-time study" by stating that Science's only reference to this was in our new honours regulations and that no other regulation was necessary. The Committee agreed.

- (ii) The Chairman stated that it was necessary to replace 3 retiring members of the Student Standing Committee. In the past these new members were appointed by the Dean in consideration of their involvement in similar matters and he would like the Committee's concurrence to do so again at this time. The Committee agreed to his making the appointments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.