

Forty-Seventh Meeting

June 8, 1977

The Minutes of the Forty-seventh Meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Wednesday, June 8, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dean R. D. Connor, Chairman; Professors P. K. Isaac, B. D. Macpherson, C. R. Platt, P. Loewen, J. Brewster, K. Subrahmaniam, A. Olchowecki, G. G. C. Robinson and Mr. G. Richardson.

Visitors: Mr. E. Lister, Professor C. Henry and Dr. J. C. Jamieson

Before commencing with the meeting the Chairman introduced the new members of the Executive, Drs. P. Loewen and J. Brewster and the visitors for the meeting, Mr. E. Lister, Professor C. Henry and Dr. J. Jamieson.

1. The Minutes of the Forty-sixth meeting held on May 9, 1977 were approved Robinson (Subrahmaniam).
2. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
3. There were no communications.
4. At the agreement of the committee, item 7 of the agenda was discussed at this point in the meeting.

The Chairman explained briefly that the proposal requested that the major program for the departments within the Faculty of Science be increased by one full course, that is 6 credit hours. This would mean that instead of 30 credit hours comprising the major program this would now be 36. The number of specified courses would remain the same at 3. The Chairman asked Dr. Jamieson to speak to this motion as it was he who introduced it at Faculty Council.

Dr. Jamieson stated that the problem which led to this motion arose with those pre-med students who after completing first year decided not to continue in the medical stream but to go into Zoology in the ecology program. The ecology program requires the bio-chemistry course 235. Being ex-pre-med, these students would have taken 2.120 which is inorganic and which would not allow them into 235 which requires a prerequisite organic course. What they have to do then is take 2.220 concurrently with the 235

resulting in them having 3 full Chemistry courses, leaving only 3½ courses available for the department to prescribe in the ecology program. The department felt that this was unduly restrictive. Dr. Jamieson did mention that there was a proposal being considered now which would replace the 2.220 course by a specially designed half course which would allow the department to prescribe an extra half course.

Dr. Jamieson said that although this was the main reason for proposing the change there were several others. One of these was the problem the Chemistry Department has encountered in their discussions relating to changing the honours and general programs. The department is considering combining the first three years of the present honours and general programs into a common program with the honours being one additional year. If the department was permitted to increase its major requirements from 5 + 3 to 6 + 3 courses it was felt that it would make the new scheme more viable. By combining the first three years the department felt it would also give their students more time in which to decide whether or not to take the honours program as well as it would likely generate more UGSCs for the department and faculty.

In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that the Chemistry Department would have to bear in mind not to make their common three years too tough for the general students in their attempt to come up with a common general-honours program.

Dean Macpherson explained that there would be about 60-70 students involved in the Chemistry-Zoology ecology program. These students who now have to take the 220 course are having difficulty and many are dropping out.

The Chairman noted that the University of McGill has a three year honours program and that as far as he is aware it is quite acceptable; had the Chemistry Department thought about the possibility of achieving in four years what McGill does in three? This had not been considered.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Jamieson for his time in coming to the meeting to explain his motion. He asked the committee to think about the proposal and said that he would take the suggestion to the current meetings of the

Biology Departments and get their views.

5. For the information of the members the Chairman read the names of the winners of the Chancellor Machray Prize in Mathematics. He asked the committee to approve the ad hoc committee's choice. It was moved Platt (Robinson) that:

"the Executive Committee approve of the winners of
the Chancellor Machray Prize"

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4. The Selection of Bursary and Award Winners

Before deciding upon the actual winners the committee agreed that the winners of the Chancellor Machray Prize would be eligible for any of the other awards and bursaries because of the fact the Chancellor Machray Prize was a "once only" prize. With regard to the other awards, the Executive agreed to retain its policy of trying to give approximately equal monetary award to each student.

(i) The University of Manitoba Faculty Association Scholarship

Because there were eight students with G.P.A.s of 4.50 it was suggested by Dr. Robinson that the committee take into consideration the extra courses taken by several of the students. The committee agreed and on that basis it was moved Platt (Olchowecki) that:

"LEGG, T. P. (549167) be declared the winner"

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(ii) and (iii) Maxwell Rady Scholarship and Morton Stall Memorial
Scholarship

Because it was known that one of the candidates for this award was going into Medicine it was decided to consider the Morton Stall at the same time.

It was moved Robinson (Isaac) that:

"SEAH, S. T. (822134) and JESSEN, M.E. (481086) share
the Maxwell Rady Scholarship equally and JESSEN receive
the Morton Stall Scholarship and SEAH receive an ISBISTER
Scholarship"

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(iv) University Womens Club

It was moved Subrahmaniam (Platt) that:

"HOLT, M.A. (446125) be awarded the scholarship"

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(v) Rosabelle Searle Leach Scholarship

It was moved Platt (Loewen) that:

"CHENG, K. H. (155781) receive this award"

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(vi) Isbister Scholarships

It was moved Robinson (Loewen) that:

"SEAH, S.T. (822134)

MARCYNUK, D.M. (594182)

ANDERSON, K. E. (019507)

ISRAELS, J. S. (471338)

LASKER, S. H. I. (541126)

receive Isbister Scholarships"

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It was agreed that all the other students with 4.50 G. P. A.s who were eligible to win this scholarship would have a notation put on their transcripts that they relinquished this award in favour of another.

(vii) Alumni Association Scholarships

It was moved Isaac (Olchowecki) that:

"the following students receive full Alumni Scholarships:

HARRISON, M.P. (403162)

TOLENICK, R. J. (698128)

TALBOT, E. F. J. (890260)

SCHWARZ, C. J. (819121)

PENNER, A. R. (772405)

HOMIK, L. A. (447076)

NIEUWENBERG, R. A. (686116)

ROBERTSON, D. A. (776330)

CUTHILL, T. R. (207170)

MILLER, M. H. (645281)

PENNER, R. T. (722441)

WELCH, J. M. (956085)

LEUNG, T. H. (552578)

and the next twenty-two candidates with G. P. A.s
between 4.30 and 4.35 on 30 credit hours receive
half an Alumni Association Scholarship"

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Finally it was moved Macpherson (Platt) that:

"Mr. Lister and Professor Henry be empowered to
make any adjustments necessary to the listed winners"

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The Chairman thanked Mr. Lister and Professor Henry for their assistance.

6. Executive Committee Reporter

Nominated for the position of Executive Committee reporter at Faculty Council was Dr. H. Duckworth - Subrahmaniam (Olchowecki).

It was moved Olchowecki (Loewen) that:

"nominations close"

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Elected by acclamation for the position was Dr. H. Duckworth. The position will be for one year.

8. The Chairman explained that the Faculty has just about run out of academic staff at the Assistant Professor level and this was beginning to cause some concern with regard to the item in the faculty by-law which states that membership to the Executive Committee should be representative of academic rank. At the last Faculty Council meeting it was moved that the Executive Committee consider this problem.

Asked as to what the rationale behind this item was the Chairman stated that it had been the intention to ensure a good mix in the Executive of the various academic ranks as well as staff in the various age groups. The Chairman said that it was up to the Executive to decide whether or not

to delete or modify the item. It was moved Subrahmaniam (Platt) that
"Item II, 1, C, (ii) be deleted from the Faculty
Council by-law"

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This would now go to Faculty Council for approval.

7. Before adjourning the meeting the Committee returned to Dr. Jamieson's motion. Dean Isaac gave a brief history of the development of the major concept in the faculty starting back at the time of the joint Arts and Science sequence program. He said that at the time of the introduction of the major/minor program, thought had been given to the idea of having the major in a 1, 2, 3 format but that it was turned down because the committee felt that with the minor it tied up too many courses for a general program. Since that time Arts and Science have separated and the minor idea has been replaced in Science by the three specified courses idea. This too was causing some concern because it was felt by some to be too restrictive for a general program.

Most of the committee members felt that the addition of one extra course in the major should have to be justified by the requesting department before being approved by the faculty. They also felt that a department should not feel that it had to prescribe six courses in its major just because this was approved for some departments. Asked what he thought might happen if such a proposal went to Senate, the Chairman said that it was quite likely the student senators would oppose it on the grounds that it was a further imposition on them.

It was agreed that the committee would consider this matter and in particular the specific problem between Zoology and Chemistry for the next meeting.

There being no new business the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE May 25, 1977

TO Members of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council
 FROM G. Richardson, Secretary *GR*
 SUBJECT:

The Forty-Seventh meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been called for Wednesday, June 8, 1977 at 2:00 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

A G E N D A

- ✓ 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Forty-Sixth meeting.
- ✓ 2. Matters Arising Therefrom:
- ✓ 3. Communications
- ✓ 4. Selection of the bursary and award winners for faculty.
- ✓ 5. Ratification of St. John's Mathematics Prize.
- ✓ 6. Appointment of an Executive Committee reporter for Faculty Council.
- 7. Preliminary discussion on the following motion which originated out of the last Faculty Council meeting:
 "moved by Jamieson (Welch) that:
'Faculty Council ask the Science Executive to prepare a report on the desirability of allowing Departments to specify a major study area in which a maximum of 54 credit hours is specified with up to 36 hours of credit from a single Department'."
- ✓ 8. Request to consider item II, 1, c (ii) of the Faculty of Science by-law (copy attached) for the purpose of eliminating the requirement of an Assistant Professor.
- 9. Other Business.

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cc: Professor C. Henry
 Mr. E. Lister