

Fifty-Third Meeting
May 31, 1978

Minutes of the Fifty-third meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Wednesday, May 31, 1978 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dean R. D. Connor, Professors B. D. Macpherson, P. K. Isaac, B. Mayba, H. Duckworth, P. Loewen, J. Brewster, A. Olchowecki, C. Platt and Mr. G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Professor G. Robinson

Visitors: Mr. E. Lister and Professor C. Henry

1. Minutes of the Fifty-second meeting held on May 10, 1978:

The minutes of the Fifty-second meeting were approved Duckworth (Mayba).

2. Matters Arising Therefrom:

(i) Computer Science Honours Program

This item was deferred to the end of this meeting.

3. Communications:

There were no communications.

4. Selection of Award Winners:

Before commencing the committee agreed that the initial round of selections would be tentative until a final assessment of the winners was made, having considered all the awards. It was further agreed that if the selected winner became ineligible at some later date, Professor Henry and Mr. Lister would be empowered to choose the alternative.

1. UMFA Scholarship

On the basis of previous awards being made on G.P.A.'s of less than 4.50 on entire programs, but of 4.50 over 30 credit hours or more (e.g. 4.50 in 36 credit hours out of say 39 credit hours) it was moved Loewen (Duckworth) that

"the UMFA scholarship be awarded to WALLEY, Keith Robert #938206"

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2. Maxwell S. Rady Scholarship

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It was moved Loewen (Olchowecki) that

"the scholarship be awarded to ANDERSON, K.E. #019507"

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3. Morton Stall Scholarship

It was moved by Olchowecki (Loewen) that

"the scholarship go to MACKENZIE, Shelagh K. #582334"

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4. Rosabelle Searle Leach

It was moved Duckworth (Platt) that

"the scholarship go to SCHAREIN, Robert Glenn #5039893"

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5. University Women's Club

On the basis of having more Science courses, it was moved Platt (Duckworth) that

"the scholarship go to ADDISON, Brenda M. #5008015"

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6. Isbister Scholarship

It was moved Duckworth (Loewen) that

"the first four scholarships go to

Seah, S. T. #822134

Makarenko, D. #587299

Stevens, W. A. #5013118

Legg, T. P. #549167"

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It was then moved Loewen (Duckworth) that

"the fifth scholarship be split between the five students with 4.45 G.P.A.s each receiving an Alumni scholarship or

if Con, Andrew R. #176034 is awarded the Hogg Award, then

he not receive a share of the fifth Isbister award and it
be split four ways instead"

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Winners were:

Con, Andrew R.	#176034
Lasker, S.H.	#541126
Young, L.T.	#995623
Labies, H.C.	#5038143
Tsun, N.S.	#912335

7. Alumni Awards

Having allocated 5 Alumni Awards along with the Isbister Scholarships,
it was moved Olchowecki (Loewen) that

"the next 11 awards be made to

Boulton, J.E.	#095314
DeHaan, J.	#221132
Veregin, R.P.	#926180
Stanko, C.K.	#864128
Stephan, W.	#5006746
Bayomi, D.J.	#5038879
Patterson, C.D.	#717344
Stalder, P.E.	#862078
Holt, M.A.	#446125
Bedder, M.D.	#058143
Froese, R.G.	#325217"

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It was moved Mayba (Duckworth) that

"the remaining 7 Alumni Awards be split between the 10
students with G.P.A.s of 4.30"

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Cheng, K.H.	#155781
Fritz, W.J.	#324051
McClarty, G.A.	#612077
Vogt, L. A.	#929066
Millar, E.C.	#644166
Millar, M. M.	#5025962
Plett, E. G.	#736142
McGinnis, R. K.	#5015656
Ramsay, J. A.	#5038332
Lander, C. A.	#536144

8. Governor General's Gold Medal

It was moved Platt (Mayba) that

"the award go to ANDERSON, K.E, #019507"

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In concluding the selection of award winners the committee moved Platt (Duckworth) that

"all motions made previously be ratified and that Professor Henry and Eric Lister be authorized to make any subsequent adjustments deemed necessary"

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5. Discussion of Criteria and Guidelines for the Awarding of the Gold Medals.

The Chairman began by reading the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting which stated the problems associated with the selection of the Faculty's gold medal winners and alluded to some of the possible tie breaking considerations. He said that although this year's list of candidates was much closer in grades than in most other years, each year's candidates produce some similarities that require lengthy discussions and a decision by this committee and it was felt that it was appropriate that the faculty had some consistent criteria and guideline on which to base their selection.

Professor Henry said that Science was not alone in its difficulties, practically every faculty and school was faced with similar problems in their deliberations. He recalled some time back that Senate had been approached with regard to the possibility of awarding more than 1 Gold Medal and they had ruled that because the award was unique, only 1 should be presented. He explained that each faculty had its own regulations and guidelines for determining the winners and it was his feeling that as long as the basis for the faculty decision was defensible and consistent it would be viewed favourably by any committee. What the bases were though would have to be the faculty's decision, there were no university wide guidelines.

In answer to why the award was made on the student's final year and not on two or even all years' performance, he said that it was largely because of tradition. Dean Macpherson referred to a letter from Senate dated 1974 in which it was stated that the medal be awarded to the student with the highest

grades in his final year. Professor Henry acknowledged this but confided that he felt this could be changed if thought fit.

Other points of view recorded were,

- (1) making the awards on the basis of standing in Science courses (only) in the program,
- (2) consideration of the relative numbers of Science courses,
- (3) consideration of the level of courses taken for the degree (it is possible to get a General B.Sc. with no course more senior than second year),
- (4) consideration of previous years' work or all work within the program.

The Committee discussed the problem in a general manner and concluded that this was something that should not be solved at this single meeting. They did feel it was a problem that had to be faced. The next Executive Meeting would involve the newly elected members so that a second set of views could be obtained. This item would appear on the next agenda.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Lister and Professor Henry for their assistance and they left the meeting.

2. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes:

The report on the apparent restrictiveness of the Computer Science Honours program was referred to by Dean Macpherson. He said that all the information that he had requested from his staff was now completed and he was in the process of studying it.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE May 17, 1978

TO The Members of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council

FROM G. Richardson, Secretary

SUBJECT:

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The Fifty-third meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been called for Wednesday, May 31, 1978 at 2.30 p.m. in room 250 Allen Building.

A G E N D A

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 52nd meeting.
2. Matters Arising Therefrom:
 - (i) Chairman to report on the restrictiveness of Computer Science Honours program.
3. Communications.
4. Selection of Bursary and Award winners.
5. Discussion of criteria and guidelines for the awarding of gold medal awards.
6. Other business.

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cc: Prof. C. Henry, Director of Awards Office
Mr. E. Lister