

October 9, 1980

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The Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council held on Thursday, October 9, 1980 at 2:40 p.m. in room 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: C. C. Bigelow, Chairman; Professors P. K. Isaac, N. E. Losey, W. D. Hoskins, J. Charlton, R. G. Woods, T. G. Berry, P. Loewen, D. Punter; Mr. G. Stewart; S. Catt, Secretary.

Regrets: Professor J. W. Stewart

Visitors: D. Derenchuk, V. Taylor

1. The Minutes of the 62nd meeting of May 26, 1980 were approved as circulated.

2. Matters Arising:

(a) Professor Losey spoke to the Interim Report of the ad hoc committee to consider the question of a proposed B.C.Sc. degree and other matters affecting the Computer Science Department. The Committee had met with Professor M. Doyle, Chairman of the Computer Science Curriculum Committee and had produced an interim report and wished to receive views of other members of the Faculty on it. The Chairman said the Dean's Office would circulate the interim report to department heads for comments from faculty members, and the Senior Stick has a copy to make available to students to read.

Professor Losey noted the interim report recommended a change in the entrance requirements to the Faculty and there followed a good deal of discussion on this. A motion was made but after discussion was not voted on and instead it was decided that a Notice of Motion would be introduced in Faculty Council, but this would not be a motion of the Executive Committee, but rather of an individual member.

Professor Woods referred to the second paragraph of page two of the interim report regarding mathematical and statistical content of Computer Science courses. Professor Losey reminded the meeting that the report is an interim one, and that the committee is in contact with the Chairman of the Computer Science Curriculum Committee. She assumed the final report would be somewhat more detailed in its comments on this matter. The committee did not feel it could give detailed instructions to Computer Science and had restricted itself to more general comments. Professor Woods wanted assurance that the committee would stay in existence long enough to look at the Computer Science Curriculum Committee's report and make comments if it sees fit. The Chairman said the committee is a committee of the Dean's, and that the answer to Professor Woods' question was yes.

Further discussion of the interim report centered around the question of narrowness of the Computer Science Honours program; a member asked if the faculty should regulate the breadth of honours programs, the Chairman responded that it was not this committee that should do so.

3. Proposed Course Changes

Professor Losey outlined the work already done on the faculty's course change proposals, including the committees which had already considered them and the work done in the Dean's Office in checking for overlap, etc. She then took the Committee through the departmental proposals; each of which were discussed in some detail. Motions were made, seconded and carried to approve each department's submissions. Professor Losey outlined an additional change requested by the Zoology Department which was not included in its submission, that involved a change in the title for course 22.360 from "Advanced Invertebrate Zoology" to "Advanced Experimental Invertebrate Zoology" and with this addition the faculty course change proposals were approved. These will now go forward to Faculty Council for information.

4. Report from Student Standing Committee: Regulations Review

(a) Continuation in the Four-Year Major

Professor Losey outlined the modifications requested by the Student Standing Committee concerning hours at which students should be assessed for continuation in the program, and number of failed hours allowed. It was moved by Professor Losey (Isaac) that the proposed changes be approved.

CARRIED.

(b) Transfer and Assessment of Mature Students

Professor Losey outlined the proposed changes by which Mature Students transferring in from other institutions would have their grades considered in a manual calculation of progress towards achieving Regular Student status. It was moved by Professor Losey (Hoskins) that the proposed changes be approved.

CARRIED.

(c) Entry to Honours Computer Science

The proposed change in entrance requirements formed part of Computer Science's course change proposals, and it was approved under 3. above.

5. Local Disciplinary Committee Structure

The Chairman told the Committee that the Science Local Disciplinary Committee would probably have to be called together in the near future, and that the Chairman of it had brought two suggestions to the Executive concerning structure and quorum.

It was agreed that Dean Bigelow and Professor Robinson would meet and prepare a recommendation for Faculty Council.

Report from Computer Science on the Status of the Honours Program

Professor Losey advised that this report has been carefully studied by the ad hoc committee on the proposed B.C.Sc. degree which had pointed out some errors to the Chairman of the Computer Science Curriculum Committee. The report is still under study. Dr. Stanton had asked for comments on the report. A suggestion was made that the Executive Committee indicate recognition of the work done by Computer Science and that a letter might be sent to Dr. Stanton thanking him for his attention to the matter and looking forward to further progress.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE Sept. 29, 1980

TO Members of the Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council

FROM C.C. Bigelow, Chairman

SUBJECT:

The 63rd meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday, October 9, 1980 at 2:40 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

A G E N D A

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 62nd meeting, of May 26, 1980.
2. Matters arising:
 - a) Interim Report of the ad hoc Committee to consider the question of a proposed B.C.Sc. degree and other matters affecting the Computer Science Department; attached.
3. Proposed Course Changes; material attached.
4. Report from Student Standing Committee - Regulations Review: material attached.
 - a) Continuation in the 4-year Major.
 - b) Transfer (and assessment) of Mature Students.
 - c) Entry to Honours Computer Science.
5. For Information
 - a) 1979 Award Winners (requested by Dr. Charlton); attached.
 - b) Local Disciplinary Committee Structure: letter from Dr. G.G.C. Robinson; attached.
 - c) Report from Computer Science on the Status of the Honours program: requested by the Executive Committee at the October 10, 1970 meeting; attached.
6. Other Business.