

April 6, 1982

The Minutes of the 69th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council held on Tuesday, April 6, 1982 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: C.C. Bigelow, Chairman; Professors D. McKinnon, J.M. Stewart, T. Berry, K.W. Stewart, P.K. Isaac, N.E. Losey, R.G. Woods, K. Kocherlakota, N. Arnason, Mr. H. Christianson; S. Catt, Secretary.

Regrets: N. Hunter

Visitors: Ms. C. Prosk, Ms. D. Derenchuk

- 1) The minutes of the 68th meeting, with the correction noted, were approved on a motion by J.M. Stewart (McKinnon).
- 2) Entrance Scholarships  
The Chairman presented a table of figures showing numbers of high school contest winners who registered at the University in 1981. The Chairman will ascertain if the Awards Office has funds to provide full tuition scholarships in these cases.
- 3) Jared Israels Award  
The Chairman reported that Prof. Bochonko (Mathematics & Astronomy) is a member of the University awards committee administering the award.
- 4) Course Change Proposals  
Prof. Losey explained that Senate had agreed to receive course change proposals at this time because the Computer Science Co-op program required some full courses to be divided into half courses for scheduling in the Honors Co-op Option. Graduate course changes were being presented for information following a change in procedures by which the Committee on Courses now handles graduate course changes.

Joint Botany-Zoology Ecology Program

Prof. Losey (J. Stewart) moved approval of the changes and modifications proposed. Prof. Arnason felt 5.333 was a useful course and should not be dropped. Prof. Stewart said the change was in order to get the basic core program in place and it was believed that most students would take the Statistics course as an option. The motion was CARRIED.

Computer Science

Prof. Losey (N. Arnason) moved approval of the proposed changes. The motion was CARRIED.

Mathematics and Astronomy

Prof. Losey (R.G. Woods) moved approval of the proposed changes. The motion was CARRIED.

Physics

Prof. Losey (R.G. Woods) moved approval of the proposed changes. The motion was CARRIED.

Statistics

Prof. Losey (D. McKinnon) moved approval of the proposed changes. The motion was CARRIED.

Statistics Graduate Course Changes

The changes were being proposed to reflect the expertise of new staff members. Prof. Losey (N. Arnason) moved approval, and the motion was CARRIED.

Courses Offered in Other Faculties and Schools Acceptable for Credit in the Faculty of Science

Administrative Studies

The courses listed are offered in the Actuarial Honors program in Science, however students who drop out of the program are presently

not allowed credit.

Prof. Losey (McKinnon) moved approval of the addition of these courses to the list of those acceptable for credit in Science, and the motion was CARRIED.

#### Physical Education

Prof. Losey explained that the course was being presented for approval for the second time, having been rejected by the Executive in October 1981, and moved (P.K. Isaac) that it be approved for credit in Science.

A discussion followed in which a member expressed opposition because he felt the course in question had no academic merit. Another felt that some students would find it of value in their working careers.

The vote was called and the motion was DEFEATED.

(8 opposed, 2 in favour)

#### 5) Academic Regulations

##### 1) Five-Year Academic Suspension

A survey of other faculties' regulations showed that Science is out of tune with them and Prof. Losey felt it was also out of tune with students' expectations. It is proposed to reduce the five-year term to two years.

Prof. Losey (P.K. Isaac) moved acceptance of the proposed changes in policy and procedure. After some discussion and clarification of technical points the vote was called and the motion was CARRIED.

##### 2) Reinstatement after One-Year Academic Suspension

It is proposed to allow students to assume a full course load rather than be restricted to two full course equivalents.

Prof. Losey moved (H. Christianson) that the proposal, revised policy, and procedure, be accepted. After some discussion and clarification the vote was called and the motion CARRIED.

6) Other Business

1) Old Exam Papers

Prof. Woods enquired whether the Science Student Council file of old exams was working well. Mr. Christianson responded that in second term problems had arisen due to down-time of the copying machine, and thefts of pass keys. The SSA would like to have more exams available.

2) Prof. McKinnon asked about the faculty budget. Dean Bigelow responded that there had been a \$57,000 cut in funds; there is a special allocation from the President to apply to problem areas and he expects to get about \$125,000 from that; he has heard nothing about the possibility of lab fees being applied more widely than in the past.

3) Prof. Woods raised the question of entrance exams and asked if the Dean's Office would advocate it. Dean Bigelow will be discussing it with Department Heads. Prof. Losey pointed out the expense involved in administering entrance exams; Prof. Kocherlakota felt students should pay to write. The question of a trimester system was raised. Dean Bigelow said he had recently received a letter from Provost Johnson on the subject but knew of no other discussion.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE March 23, 1982

TO Members of the Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council

FROM Sheila Catt, Secretary to the Committee *SC*

SUBJECT:

The 69th meeting of the Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 1982 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Bldg.

AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of the 68th meeting (October 5, 1981). The minutes require correction as follows:
  5. Proposed Course Changes: Mathematics.  
The motion to approve by Dean Losey/Christianson was Carried.  
The amendment proposed by Dr. Woods was not approved.
- 2) Matters Arising:
  - (1) Entrance Scholarships (waiver of tuition) for high school students who are winners of contests sponsored by Science Departments (at present they receive \$150 rebate on tuition).
- 3) For information:

The Dean received (attached) notification of the "Jared Israels Award". The notice has been circulated to Department Heads.
- 4) Course Change Proposals:

Material will be delivered to members prior to the meeting.
- 5) Academic Regulations:

Academic Suspension and Reinstatement (material attached).
- 6) Other Business.

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attachments

C.C. Bigelow