

The Minutes of the 49th Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science held on Friday, November 2, 1984 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Members Present: P.K. Isaac (Chair), P.C. Loewen, T.G. Berry, G. Woods, K.W. Stewart, B.D. Macpherson, H.W. Duckworth, N.R. Hunter, L.C. Graham, S.K. Sinha, G. Baldwin, D. McKinnon, R.C. Barber, I. Suzuki, J.Gee, F.J. Ward, T. Dandy, J. Charlton, F.M. Kelly, J. Stewart, N. Kenkel, J. Reid, M.E. Kettner, R.H. McCamis, D.H. Hall, A.F. Janzen, A. Gerhard, S. Oh, W. Falk, L. Feigelman, R. Strauss, D.L. Sitaram, M. Rohringer, D. Soufi, P. Babb, T. Dunmore, R. Wong, P.N. Shivakumar, E. Shiu, C. Platt, J. Teller, D. Kelly, S. Cheng, L.K. Chan, N.D. Gupta, A. Ostrander, C.M. Wong, C.D. Anderson, J.F. Brewster, P.R. King, M.S. Doyle, R. Hawirko, R. Quackenbush, D.N. Burton, J.W. Berry, S.G. Sealy; (56), S. Catt, Secretary; S. Johannson.

Regrets: F.G. Stambrook, J.C. Jamieson, H.B. LeJohn, M. Sumner, J. Shay, P. McClure, W.C. Brisbin, N.E.R. Campbell, F.M. Arscott.

Confidential Session

The Minutes are held in the Dean's Office.

Open Session

(1) The Minutes of the 48th meeting were approved on a motion by Graham (McKinnon).

(2) Introduction of New Members

Dr. Reid (Botany) introduced Mr. N. Kenkel.
Dr. McKinnon (Chemistry) introduced Dr. A. Secco.
Dr. Suzuki (Microbiology) introduced Mr. A. Spence.
Mr. Lloyd Feigelman (Senior Stick) introduced Ramona Strauss, Diane-Leela Sitaram, Martin Rohringer, David Soufi, Peter Babb, and T. Dunmore.

(3) Course Change Proposals

The Chairman advised Council that the Faculty's course change proposals had been approved by the Executive Committee and copies made available in Department offices, and invited questions or comments. There were none.

(4) Admission of Visa Students

Dean Berry reported for the Executive Committee (see attachment to Agenda) and moved "that the 15% quota not include transfer students but only new admissions". CARRIED.

(5) Admission of Students on Academic Suspension in Other Faculties

Dean Berry reported for the Executive (see attachment to Agenda) and moved that "Students on suspension from other faculties not be admitted to Science during the first year of suspension".

There followed discussion on the difference between a student being suspended and one being "required to withdraw" from a professional program. The latter might well be a good student but one not suited to a professional program.

On question as to the difference between academic and disciplinary suspension, Dean Berry noted a student on academic suspension must meet certain academic requirements before being admitted.

Kelly (Thomas) moved an amendment substituting "disciplinary suspension" for "suspension".

Prof. Ostrander expressed the view that the faculty would be adding to a penalty already given, thus the student would be in double jeopardy.

There was no vote on the original or the amended motion. Instead it was moved by Dandy (Doyle) that

"The motion be tabled and referred back to the Executive Committee for further consideration." CARRIED.

(6) New Earth Sciences Building

Dean Isaac briefed Council on the naming of the building. It appears the name will be selected by the Chancellor's Committee (Earth Sciences had earlier forwarded their proposal which Executive had approved to that Committee). It is now obvious there is no urgency and consideration of the matter will be deferred until some future date.

(7) Report from the Executive Committee

The Chairman reported that

- (a) The Executive reporter's term on Executive had expired on May 31/84 and through an oversight no new reporter had been appointed, and
- (b) all matters of substance considered by the Executive since the last Faculty Council meeting appeared on this meeting's agenda, so that
- (c) There was nothing to report.

(8) Report from Senate

Dr. Duckworth reported on meetings from April to October. Subjects discussed in Senate included: Library centralization - not recommended; academic evaluations of students re professional unsuitability; siting of new Admin. Studies/Transport Institute building; post-graduate program in Genetics; Sports and Exercise Research Institute; Regional Institute for Technological Developments in Engineering; Post-retirement Senior Scholar appointments which is at discussion stage.

(9) Other Business

1. Dean Berry reported on admissions and enrolment 1984-85 Regular Session. Change in enrolments from 83-84, he believed, resulted from three things:

- (1) our new admissions requirements;
- (2) had we not instituted these new requirements there would still have been changes; universities across western Canada were experiencing a decline in applications, particularly in Science;
- (3) there was an increase in the percentage of "no shows". The rate had been constant over several years, this year western universities found the figure increased.

Science's target figure for Year I was 1200. 1446 students were admitted on the basis that the "no shows" would normally result in 1200; due to the increase in rate of "no shows" the figure was reduced further to 1113. Roughly half of the decrease was attributed to general fallout, e.g. "no shows", the other half to enrolment limits. Retention rates in Year I would probably go up.

Dr. Doyle asked what was the cause of the attrition between 3rd and 4th year. Dean Berry responded that about 75% of all Science students are in the 3-year program.

In response to a question re "no show" penalty, he said there is a non-refundable application fee for out-of-province students. It was felt that the increase in "no-shows" might be due to students applying to more than one university because of the raising of admission standards. Asked if there was a change in mix of courses in first year, he said that enrolment in some courses was down 10-15%.

A student member asked if enrolment limits were imposed to limit the number of students or on academic grounds. Dean Berry said it was for both reasons but that students with lower high school scores had not done well.

The Director of Admissions felt that advancing the application date had some effect, especially on applicants from out-of-province.

2. The matter of suspension of Visa students.

Prof. C.M. Wong was concerned that suspension would cause these students to lose their visas and be deported or sent home.

Dean Berry indicated there had been a number of cases in the past few months and that he had some discussions with the President of the Chinese Students' Association. Other faculties were experiencing the same situation but Science has the largest number of visa students.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE October 25, 1984

TO Members of Science Faculty Council

FROM Sheila Catt, Secretary *SC*

SUBJECT: The 49th Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science is scheduled for Friday, November 2, 1984 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

AGENDA

Confidential Session (Members only may be present.)

Material to be circulated at meeting.

Open Session

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 48th Meeting of March 23, 1984.
2. Introduction of new members.
3. Course Change Proposals: approved by the Executive Committee and presented to Faculty Council for information. Course change material as approved by the Executive is available for perusal in the Department offices. Questions may be raised from the floor of council.
4. Admission of Visa students - report from Executive (attached).
5. Admission of students on Academic Suspension in other faculties. Recommendation from Executive Committee (attached).
6. Report on naming of the new Earth Sciences Building.
7. Report from Executive Committee.
8. Report from Senate.
9. Other business.

C. C. Bigelow
Dean of Science

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It was moved by Dr. Duckworth (Sinha) that the meeting go into Confidential Session. All those present who were not members were required to leave the meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Kelly (Barber) it was proposed that

"Dr. R.D. Connor be nominated to the position of Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Science".

The motion was

CARRIED.
NEM. CON.

The meeting then moved into Open Session.