

April 2, 1985

The Minutes of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council held on Tuesday, April 2, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Present: J. W. Berry, Chair; N. Hunter, D. McKinnon, N. Arnason
K. Sharma, G. Paul, L. Feigelman; S. Catt, Secretary;
J. McConnell, S. Johannson.

1. The Minutes of the 81st meeting were APPROVED on a motion by D. McKinnon (Hunter).
2. Course Change Proposals

Department of Computer Science: Modification of 74.125 APPROVED on a motion by N. Arnason (Hunter).

Department of Earth Sciences: Deletion of 7.741 and addition of 7.7xx Geophysical Imaging and Data Processing and 7.7xy Analytical Geochemistry APPROVED on a motion by N. Hunter (Paul).

Department of Zoology: Addition of 22.lxx Essentials of Human Physiology APPROVED on a motion by McKinnon (Sharma).

In response to a question the Chairman explained that the present course change proposals were those that had developed after the normal course change period and did not represent the Faculty's proposals for this year, which would be developed and considered in the usual manner over the summer and fall and would be brought to the Executive Committee in October.

- 3.a. Admission of students on suspension from another faculty.

Moved by N. Arnason (Sharma) that "the following policy on admission of students under suspension be established:

- a) provided students meet entry requirements on transfer, the sole fact that they may be on academic suspension or may have been required to withdraw from another faculty should not be a consideration for admission".
- b) A student who is under disciplinary suspension from another faculty may not be admitted to the Faculty of Science.

In the discussion following the Chairman defined "suspension from the Faculty" and "suspension from the University".

Prof. Hunter felt that a specific wording regarding students who are "required to withdraw for reasons of professional unsuitability" should be included in the motion, this being a subject now under consideration by a Senate sub-committee. Prof. Arnason believed this was covered in the general wording of a) of the resolution and Prof. Sharma agreed. Prof. McKinnon asked if statistics were available on the progress of students admitted to science while on suspension from another faculty. None were available but

Ms. Johannson's feeling was that such students who tended not to meet the minimum standards for continuation were Engineering students entering with few attempts left.

The motion was called without amendment and was

CARRIED
1 OPPOSED

b. Change in Mature Student policy.

Moved N. Hunter (Feigelman) that

"Mature students who have three 300 level subjects including Mathematics 300, one of Physics, Chemistry, Biology 300 and one other 300 level subject be admitted providing they meet the academic cut-off for the session in which they apply."

CARRIED

c. Admission of certain transfer students.

Moved N. Arnason (Feigelman) that

"Students admitted with less than twenty-four credit hours of University work must meet the Faculty of Science continuation requirements at the time of admission."

CARRIED

The purpose is to ensure that transfer students admitted to Science would not be placed on ~~probation~~ ^{SUSPENSION} immediately on admission.

4.a. Five-year limitation for continuing students:

Moved N. Hunter (Feigelman) that

"Students who have not been in attendance for more than one year must seek permission from the Dean's office to re-register in order to ensure that work previously completed complies with current program requirements."

CARRIED

b. Special Student Courses.

Moved D. McKinnon (Arnason) that

(i) Students registered in the final year of their degree program and completing degree requirements during that session may, at the discretion of the Dean or designate, register for a course or courses under the course classification "special". Such courses must be over and above the courses required to complete degree requirements; students are eligible for this privilege only if the special student courses do not exceed the number of extra attempts remaining in the degree program.

- (ii) Courses listed as "special student" may not be changed to "regular student" status following the official period for adding courses in the session of registration.

CARRIED

The objective is to prevent students from using "special student" status to gain extra attempts in their degree program.

c. Voluntary Withdrawal Regulations.

The Chairman advised that the Faculty of Arts is in process of considering

1. a change in deadlines for withdrawal
2. limitation on the number of times a student may withdraw from a course
3. the number of withdrawals allowed within a degree program.

He felt that item 1 should be considered separately.

Moved N. Hunter (Sharma) that

the following deadlines be established for withdrawal from courses

First term courses	- October 25
Second term courses	- February 25
Full courses	- a deadline coinciding with the end of the second term registration revision period.

The Chairman indicated that if the motion was approved and sent forward to Faculty Council it would be with the understanding that a similar resolution by the Faculty of Arts would go with it to Senate.

The motion was

CARRIED

Consideration of limitation #1, number of voluntary withdrawals from a course, and limitation #2, maximum number of voluntary withdrawals allowed in a degree program. The Chairman advised that the Faculty could impose limitations unilaterally but in that case they could only be applied to Science students. It would be important to have similar limitations imposed by Arts.

There followed discussion of the definition of "voluntary" withdrawal as opposed to withdrawals for medical, psychological or financial reasons, and of the difficulties of administering the proposed policy; and also of the effect of imposing the policy on science students but not on students from other faculties taking science courses.

The Chairman suggested the Executive could approve the policy in principle and hold off implementation until the decision of Arts executive is known. He asked for a motion on limitation #1, for

approval in principle, to allow negotiations with Arts and consultation with Student Records Office regarding implementation.

Moved Prof. Sharma (McKinnon) that

"a student enrolled in the Faculty of Science may not withdraw from the same course more than once".

3 in favour
2 opposed
1 absention

The Chairman declared the motion

CARRIED

Moved Mr. Feigelman (McKinnon) that

"in satisfying the requirements for any degree in Science a student is allowed a maximum of six (6) voluntary withdrawals".

CARRIED

5. There being no further business the meeting adjourned, on a motion by Prof. Arnason, at 3:10 p.m.



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TO: Members of Science Executive Committee (204) 474-8256
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The 82nd meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 81st meeting
2. Course Change Proposals
3. Admissions: Proposed changes in policy on:
 - a. Admission of students on suspension from another faculty. This was first considered by the Executive at the 80th meeting and a motion was sent forward to Faculty Council, which referred it back to the Executive for further consideration (see attached excerpt of Minutes of the 49th meeting of Faculty Council of November 2, 1984). A new proposal has now been put forward by the Science Admissions Committee (attached).
 - b. Change in Mature Student Policy: a proposal has been put forward by the Science Admissions Committee (attached).
 - c. Admission of certain transfer students. The Science Admissions Committee has put forward a proposal that "students admitted with less than twenty-four credit hours of University work must meet the Faculty of Science continuation requirements at the time of admission".
4. Proposed changes in policy on:
 - a. Five-year limitation for continuing students
 - b. "Special Student" courses taken during final registration
 - c. Voluntary Withdrawal Regulations
Proposals have been put forward by the Student Standing Committee (attached).
5. Other business

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