

October 15/86

90th mtg

Minutes of Special Meeting of Executive Committee held Wednesday, October 15, 1986 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Present: N. E. Losey (Chair); J. W. Berry, W. G. Baldwin, N. R. Hunter, J. P. McClure, F. Hawthorne, K. S. Mount, T. J. Wiens, K. Sharma; P. Pachol (Sec.); J. McConnell, R. Lyric

Dean Losey explained that the special meeting was called as a result of a request from the Science Library User's Committee to Dean Bigelow that an emergency meeting of Faculty Council be called to discuss the library problems.

Dean Losey asked Ron Lyric, Chair of the Science Library User's Committee, to give the Executive Committee the reasons for this request. Prof. Lyric gave a history of the library situation. This was followed by a lengthy discussion on how best to tackle the problems of the library.

Prof. Lyric circulated the following motion from the Science Library User's Committee.

"The Faculty Council of Science wishes to draw to the attention of the senior administration the critical state within the University of Manitoba Library system.

1. The Faculty Council believes that any "Drive for Excellence" must begin with a philosophical recognition that an adequate library is a fundamental requirement for the maintenance of high standards of instruction and research.
2. That in view of the urgency of the current situation the President of the University of Manitoba should take immediate steps to present a report to Senate on the state of the libraries with respect to financing, and with particular regard to the effects of budgetary shortfalls on teaching and research at the University of Manitoba.
3. That the President, if unable to correct the current critical situation unilaterally, should pursue the matter with the Board of Governors and if need be with the Provincial Government.
4. The council affirms that the present mechanism for serials cancellation cannot be continued. Any future cancellations must take into account institutional priorities to minimize the long-term disruptive effects on teaching and research programs at the university."

A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion by Wiens/Hunter:

That the Executive Committee endorse the motion of the Science Library User's Committee to Faculty Council."

CARRIED, NEM.CON.
4 abstentions

The next item discussed was the suggested solution for the library and equipment problems. This had been discussed at a previous Executive Meeting and a motion put forward that it be forwarded to the next Faculty Council meeting for discussion. It was decided that this item should be discussed at the Special Meeting of Faculty Council on Friday, October 17, 1986.

Motion by McClure/Mount:

That user fees be instituted for the Science Library; that fees be levied both for entering the library and for each item borrowed; that the fees be reviewed annually, and set with the aim of making up any shortfall in the library acquisitions budget, and excess to be carried over to the next year's acquisitions budget.

That this motion be endorsed to Faculty Council by the Executive Committee.

CARRIED, NEM.CON.
3 abstentions

Motion by Berry (in absentia)/Sharma:

That the President and Vice-President (Academic) and the Director of Libraries take steps to ensure that library acquisitions have the highest priority in the internal allocation of the library budget, with the goal of increasing substantially the percentage for acquisitions.

CARRIED, NEM.CON.
2 abstentions

Meeting adjourned 5:00 p.m.