

Minutes of Special Meeting of Faculty Council held Friday, October 17, 1986 at 3:30 p.m. in 306 Buller Building.

Present: N. E. Losey (Chair) J. W. Berry
J. M. Stewart A. Olchowecki
G. Robinson T. Booth
N. Kenkel B. Irvine
R. Bilous (Pharmacy) K. J. Simons (Pharmacy)
J. Eales B. Westelaken
E. Huebner R. A. MacArthur
T. Wiens J. Teller
R. J. Elias A. C. Turnock
N. Halden F. C. Hawthorne
E. Kartzmark A. N. Campbell
B. J. Walton D. M. Miller
R. W. Quackenbush A. Gerhard
D. Marcynuk M. J. Rogers
J. M. Harris H. Williams
D. Singh A. Ostrander
D. Stinson I. Suzuki
G. Klassen J. Reid
G. Krause R. McFadyen
D. Scuse M. Evans
A. Secco J. Charlton
R. S. D. Thomas J. P. McClure
M. R. Parameswaran D. Kelly
C. R. Platt J. Svenne
D. McKinnon J. C. Jamieson
D. Prescott R. Strauss
R. Wolsey S. Oh
E. Lee A. MacPherson
F. Hruska B. McTavish
S. Walkes A. Ogrodnik
J. Hastings A. Kosinsky
H. W. Duckworth R. Stanton
E. Ferguson D. H. Hall
R. G. Woods L. Srivastava
M. Doob K. Kocherlakota
S. Kocherlakota B. J. Hann
B. Kunz D. N. Burton
J. Jovanovich A. N. Arnason
T. A. Dick H. Halvorson
F. J. Ward R. Wong
H. Laale S. K. Sinha
D. Shelton J. S. C. McKee
C. Wong G. C. Tabisz
J. Fabrykowski D. Meek
D. Punter R. Bochonko
P. Graham A. Stephens
J. van Rees R. A. Usmani

P. Pachol (Sec.) J. McConnell

R. Lyric

Regrets: C. C. Bigelow S. Cheng
M. Clutton-Brock H. E. Duckworth
R. Dowling J. L. Finlay
D. Johnson D. J. Lawless
G. Paul

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

Dean Losey asked Prof. R. Lyric, Chair of the Science Library User's Committee, to give the reasons for this request. Prof. Lyric went into the history of the library difficulties.

This was followed by a lengthy discussion on the problems of the library.

-The reduction in serials is a serious problem not only for Science but the whole system.

-It's impossible to get new serials in library.

-Problem of priorities in University--libraries not being given first priority.

-We must protect the serials.

-Perhaps amalgamation of smaller libraries.

-Cut the library hours and move study space out of the library.

Dr. Duckworth requested that before meeting breaks up that a method of preparing a list of books that could be cut be agreed on. This was taken as a suggestion to the Science Library User's Committee.

The following motion of the Science Library User's Committee was placed before Faculty Council by Prof. Lyric.

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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.

Amendment to motion by McKee/Strauss:

That number 2 be amended to replace the word President with the words "Director of Libraries and Senate Library Committee".

AMENDMENT FAILS

Amendment to motion by Jamieson/Duckworth:

That in number 3 everything after the words Board of Governors be omitted.

AMENDMENT FAILS

Amendment to motion by Stanton/Kocherlakota:

That number 4 be deleted.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Amendment to motion by Parameswaran/Ward:

That the new number 4 read as follows:

4. The council affirms that serials cancellation cannot be continued and that ways must be found to purchase new titles.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
1 opposed

Motion to renumber by Parameswaran/Jovanovich:

That the motion be renumbered 1, 4, 2, 3.

CARRIED

Vote on the complete amended motion was taken and

CARRIED
Unanimously

Motion by Reid/Laale:

That we communicate the actions of the Faculty of Science Council to all Faculties and Schools and invite them to support us in this action.

CARRIED
Unanimously

Motion by Jamieson/McKee:

That we ask the Science Library User's Committee to develop a new mechanism for serial cancellation and additions and bring it to the next meeting of Faculty Council.

Motion by Svenne/Reid:

That this motion be Tabled.

CARRIED

Suggestion from Dr. ^{J. Jellen}~~A. Arnason~~ that we attach a suitable package of material with our communication to the President.

The suggested solution for the library and equipment problems was the next item for discussion.

Motion by Berry/Stanton:

That on behalf of the Faculty Executive Committee points 1 - 9 of the Suggested Solution for the Library and Equipment Problems be adopted by Faculty Council.

Dr. Stanton spoke to the motion.

Amendment to motion by MacPherson/Kosinsky:

That a point 10 be added to read as follows. When this surtax is removed that \$75-\$100 increase in fees be imposed in order to help prevent further surtaxes.

Motion by Berry/Lyric:

That this amendment be Tabled.

CARRIED

Motion by Jamieson/McKee:

That we postpone discussion of this motion to next Faculty Council Meeting.

CARRIED

The next motion brought forward was:

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.

Dr. McClure mentioned that he did not wish this motion discussed at this stage.

Motion by McClure/Jamieson:

To Table motion.

CARRIED

Motion by Berry/Wiens:

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

1 opposed

There being no further business meeting adjourned 5:17 p.m.



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October 8, 1986.

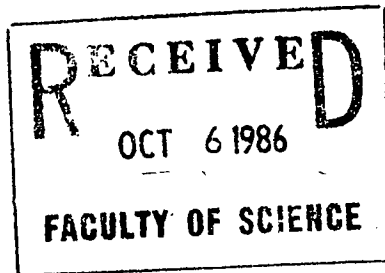
TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P. Pachol, Secretary

A Special Meeting of Faculty Council is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.,
Friday, October 17 in Room 306 Buller Building. This meeting has
been called at the request of the Science Library User's Committee
(memo enclosed).

/pap

Encl.



October 4, 1986

To: Dean C. Bigelow, Faculty of Science

From: R.M. Lyric, Chair, Science Library User's Committee *R.M. Lyric*

At the October 4th meeting of the committee, the following motion was passed:

The Faculty of Science Library User's Committee unanimously requests that an emergency meeting of the Faculty Council of Science be called at the earliest time, to discuss the very serious implications of impending serial cuts in the library system, with particular regard to the quality of education in the Faculty of Science and in the University.

I have enclosed some relevant figures for your information.

Excerpt from the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held Wednesday, October 15, 1986.

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

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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

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Motion by McClure/Mount:

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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

A SUGGESTED SOLUTION FOR THE LIBRARY AND EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS

1. There is no question that the University is suffering from a desperate shortfall in miscellaneous capital and in monies for general capital. The Library is one place where much more capital is needed for the purchase of books and journals. The professional faculties are desperately in need of monies to maintain current equipment and to buy new equipment.
2. It is equally clear, and has been over the past several years, that the Government is not in a position at this time to provide monies to keep up the capital expenditure on library books and equipment that is absolutely essential for the proper functioning of a good University.
3. Tuition fees are quite low at Manitoba in relation to many other institutions, but there is a very understandable desire not to raise tuition unduly. This is quite similar to the desire of Federal and Provincial Governments not to raise taxes.
4. I think that we might well consider what the Federal and Provincial Governments do when they are in desperate need of extra funds, but do not wish to raise taxes. They introduce a **Temporary Library/Equipment Surtax**, which is brought in as a temporary measure to solve immediate problems.
5. We propose that a **Temporary Library/Equipment Surtax** be levied on tuition, over and above the regular tuition, this would involve a levy on every student registered at the University in the amount of \$300.00 per student per full academic year. This would raise an appreciable amount of money on a temporary basis, and this money could go into a special fund which would only be used for library book renewal and for equipment renewal.
6. This is a drastic proposal, but it has the advantage of focusing attention on a very desperate problem. It also has the advantage of being a temporary measure. It has also the advantage of being easily understood by both the general public and Federal and Provincial Governments, since it is the sort of measure that has been used many times by both Federal and Provincial Governments.
7. It is hoped that this would be only a temporary measure. It should obviously occur each year until the Province is in a situation where it can provide capital monies for the library and for equipment.
8. Indeed, while the government may not wish to provide direct funds for capital expenditure on library books and on equipment, it might find that it was desirable to provide these funds indirectly in the following way. The Government might give, to each university student, an extra bursary in the amount of \$300.00, this extra bursary to be used to pay the surtax levy levied upon each student.
9. In conclusion, one can express the hope that this measure would only be in effect until such time as the Government was itself able to take steps to remedy the lack of library books and journals and the lack of equipment. No one likes additional charges, but the University situation is so desperate that the traditional "surtax" method of raising extra funds, a method employed many times by our Federal and Provincial Governments, seems to be the only reasonable approach. If the Provincial Government should be able to assist students by giving them additional "surtax bursaries", then that would be an even better solution to this desperate problem.

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October 24, 1986.

TO: Deans of Faculties and Directors of Schools

FROM: C. C. Bigelow, Dean of Science

ON: University of Manitoba Libraries

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Faculty Council instructed me to communicate this action to all Faculties and Schools, and to invite you to join us in this action.

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