

Minutes of the 72nd meeting of Faculty Council of Science held Tuesday, April 5, 1994 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Present: H. Cohen (Chair) R. Lebrun  
P. Blunden P. Loly  
R. Bochonko D. McKinnon  
J. Charlton J. O'Neil  
S. Cheng G. Robinson  
A. Ducas B. Sherriff  
H. Duckworth P.N. Shivakumar  
J. Fabrykowski B. Southern  
W. Falk R. Sparling  
H. Gesser J. Svenne  
H. Halvorson R. Thomas  
S. Harris J.M. Vail  
F. Hawthorne L. Van Caesele  
F. Hruska R. Wallace  
J.C. Jamieson G. Woods  
B. Kunz E. Worobec  
P. Laznicka

Regrets: G. Baldwin K. Lalbiharie  
L. Batten N. Losey  
G. Clark M. Peer  
H. Finlayson L. Pratt  
B. Ford J. Rogasky  
L. Graham F. Spiring  
N. Halden J. Teller  
T. Kucera P. Ubbi

Visitor: L. Chartier

Dean Cohen opened the meeting by introducing Dr. Rosa Bruno-Jofre, Senior Academic Fellow, who gave a presentation on the Inclusive Curriculum Project which she directs. A memo from Dr. J.S. Gardner, regarding the establishment of a Clearinghouse, was distributed at the meeting and also to faculty members through department offices. The Clearinghouse is collecting names of persons interested and/or experienced in inclusive curriculum issues. (Interested faculty members may request a copy of the overheads used for this presentation from the Dean's Office.)

1. Minutes of the 70th and 71st meetings of Faculty Council, held November 25, 1993 and December 6, 1993 were approved.
2. Deans' Reports

**D.N. Burton** reported:

- on progress of the Joint Program in Medical Laboratory Sciences with Red River Community College since receiving University Grants Commission approval.
- The Faculty of Education is proposing a 2 yr. education program following 90 credit hours. Science will be making comments on this proposal.
- Engineering is thinking of a 1 plus 4 structure something like Management.

- The new Policy on Appeal of Term Work has not resulted in expected appeals.
- The new VW Policy is working well.
- A report of the Transition Year Committee should be presented to Deans' and Directors' Council soon.
- The Centre for Higher Education and Development will be producing a standard format for professor and course evaluation.
- With regard to new courses and the need for library statements, a process should be set up so that both sides see each other's view.
- The Science Students' Association held a very successful referendum from which the Faculty will benefit.

**B.L. Sherriff reported:**

- Alumnae class reunions and homecoming will be held September 16 and 17 this year with Science holding reunions for the 40th and the 25th reunion classes. The 50th anniversary class reunion this year will be handled university-wide as there were few graduates due to the War.
- The Reunion Giving campaign last year was successful.
- A Science newsletter was sent to all graduates of science in February as an insert in the Alumni Journal.
- A Research Newsletter is in preparation which will contain information about Faculty research and will be circulated to university, government and business in Manitoba.
- A research profile of the Faculty has been developed, using the information in the Performance and Needs reports, for a University "Research Profiles" project undertaken by the Office of the Vice-President (Research and External Programs).
- In the area of accessibility, Dr. Sherriff reported on two of the four designated groups which she has tackled so far: women and persons with disabilities.
- A report was prepared on Science Faculty buildings detailing the retrofitting needed to make them accessible for persons with disabilities. This report will be sent to the Director of Physical Plant for action.
- In 4 years of operation, the access coordinators for women in science and engineering have spoken to over 60,000 students.
- The Women in Science Committee has been looking at many issues which lead to the low number of women faculty in science. We have organized socials to bring female students together to form their own networks.
- The PRIME (Progressively Returning from Industry, Motherhood, Etc.) program is a recruitment and support program for women entering science past the age of 25. We have produced a survival guide, newsletter and hold monthly lunches.

In response to a question from Dr. Duckworth, Dr. Sherriff stated that there are approximately 120 students in the PRIME program and two coordinators.

**J.P. Svenne reported:**

- on research/study leaves, promotions, and tenure applications handled this year.
- A new Promotion Policies' Document has been approved, effective July 1, 1994 and will be used in the fall for next round of promotions.
- Dr. R.C. Barber has been named Associate Secretary-General for IUPAP (International Union of Pure and Applied Physics) for 1993-96--a very prestigious position.

-The ad-hoc committee on the Biology area has made its final report, copies having been sent to departments.

-In the April NSERC competition the Faculty did rather well considering the cuts to the Research Grants' Program instituted by NSERC.

-The NSERC Canada Postgraduate Award (formerly called NSERC International Award) was this year made to only one applicant from Science, Mr. Robert J. Finch, who will be working with Dr. F. Hawthorne in Geological Sciences. As a result of this award, Dr. Svenne announced that the Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Awards will be made to the next two on the ranked list: Dr. Pavel (P. Cerny, Geological Sciences) and Dr. Shouye Wang (P. Zetner, Physics).

-The NSERC Summer Undergraduate program has been reduced. The quota allocated to Science this year was 15 reduced from 22 last year. A few more are being allocated to Science from a central pool. Two targeted awards have been made.

-The NSERC Postgraduate awards have been reduced by approximately 30%, resulting in significantly lower success rates this year. Dr. Svenne mentioned that he is told, this is, in part, due to the introduction of a new Industrial Postgraduate Scholarship program.

-Dr. Svenne mentioned that there is a strong impression being received from NSERC that new policies are going to be coming into effect which will result in reduction of the Research Grants Program in favour of a more targeted, and industrially-"relevant" research. It is still not entirely clear whether the doomsday scenarios that are being tossed about are really going to come into effect. Dean Svenne suggested that faculty attend the meeting on April 14 when NSERC people will be on campus.

**Dean Cohen** reported that over the past five years, not including this year's interim budget, he has had to cut \$2.6 million from baseline. This year's interim budget is struck at a 6% cut or \$1.15 million. We're hoping it won't be as bad when final budget is known. The interim budget is based on a -2.5% from Government and a 5% tuition increase.

The Faculty was in pretty good shape when he came here and Dean Cohen feels it is still not in bad shape. He considered Science the best faculty when he came here and still feels it is the best faculty.

Dean Cohen thanked the Faculty for their support during his term and gave special thanks to members of his staff. Dean Cohen wished Dr. Jamieson the very best in his term as Dean.

Dr. Jamieson thanked Dean Cohen for his work on behalf of the faculty and his leadership over the past 5 years. Faculty Council acknowledged with a round of applause.

### 3. **Course and Program Proposals**

These were approved by the Executive Committee and forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Material was made available to Department offices for perusal by members. No questions were raised from the floor.

4. **Faculty Elections**

Dean Cohen reported that at the close of nominations we had received eight nominations for Senate: P. Blunden, D. Burton, H. Duckworth, N. Halden, B. Kunz, N. Losey, J. McKee, and B. Sherriff.

It was M/S/C:

"That nominations close."

An election will be held by mail ballot.

At the close of nominations we had received one nomination to the Faculty Endowment Committee: Bill Last, Geological Sciences.

It was M/S/C:

"That nominations close and that Dr. B. Last be elected by acclamation."

At the close of nominations, we had received one nomination for nomination to the Board of Graduate Studies: Richard Sparling, Microbiology.

It was M/S/C:

"That nominations close and that Dr. R. Sparling be the Faculty nomination to the Board of Graduate Studies."

5. **Other Business**

**Ms. Shannon Harris**, Science Students' Association, gave a short report on the activities of the Science Students' Association.

-the SSA's portion from the successful referendum is \$10,000 this year. Members are asking for suggestions on how to wisely spend these funds.

-This year's graduation was a huge success.

-The SSA is organizing various events and tours for incoming students this fall. For the barbecue event they will need volunteer chefs. It is hoped that faculty members will become involved and commit to a short time as a chef.

-They hope to resurrect Lost Weekend and will be looking for participation by faculty members.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

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March 28, 1994.

TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P.A. Pachol, Secretary



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**Agenda**

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1. Presentation on Inclusive Curriculum Project by Dr. Rosa Bruno-Jofre, Senior Academic Fellow, Office of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost
  2. Approval of the Minutes of the 70th and 71st meetings of Faculty Council, November 25 and December 6, 1993 (previously distributed)
  4. Dean's and Associate Deans' Reports
  5. Course and Program Proposals. These have been approved by the Executive Committee and are forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Material has been made available to Department offices for perusal by members. Questions may be raised from the floor.
  6. Faculty Elections (attached)
  7. Other Business

Encl.

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