

Minutes of the 84th meeting of the Faculty Council of Science held Tuesday, April 21, 1998 in 207 Buller Building.

Present: J.C. Jamieson, Chair J. Kusie
J. Ahorro B. Lindsay
L.D. Ayres P.C. Loewen
K. Barker N. Marnoch
L. Batten J.P. McClure
P. Blunden A. Morrish
J. Brewster J. O'Neil
D.N. Burton R. Padmanabhan
L. Chan J. Page
J. Charlton S. Page
R.D. Connor H. Perreault
D. Court C. Platt
H.W. Duckworth G. Robinson
J. Fabrykowski L. Rosenberg
W. Falk M. Samanta
B. Ford S.G. Sealy
A. Gerhard T. Secco
M. Giesbrecht M. Shaw
D. Gillis P.N. Shivakumar
P. Graham W. Silk
N.M. Halden R. Sparling
B. Hann M. Sumner
J. Harper I. Suzuki
F. Hawthorne J.P. Svenne
F. Hruska R. Thomas
E. Huebner L. Van Caesele
P. Hultin J. van Rees
N.R. Hunter I. Waters
P. King G. Williams
W. Kocay H. Williams
T. Kucera R.G. Woods

Visitor: H. Paterson

Regrets: S. Cheng J.J. Stapleton
W. Last W. van Oers
B. Macpherson

1. The minutes of the Special Meeting dated November 3 and the 83rd meeting dated December 2, 1997 were approved.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a) Task Force Report

The Dean mentioned that he is preparing a document for the Faculty Retreat, itemizing areas in the Task Force and listing action statements. The document will also contain items from Employment Systems Review to do with employment processes.

b) Election of Support Staff to Faculty Council

The election of three support staff to serve on Faculty Council was held and the Dean has held an informational meeting with Support Staff.

2. **Introduction of New Members**

The Dean introduced the three support staff members new to Science Faculty Council: Neil Marnoch (having received the largest number of votes is also serving on the Faculty Executive Committee); Barbara Lindsay, and Wayne Silk. The Dean also introduced Joseph Ahorro, new vice-stick.

Lisa Rosenberg, Assistant Professor (Chemistry), was introduced by Harry Duckworth.

Dean Jamieson introduced Erwin Huebner as the new Head of the Department of Zoology.

3. **Course and Program Proposals**

These were considered by the relevant Faculty committee and forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Material had been made available to Department offices for perusal by members. No questions were raised from the floor.

4. **Amalgamation of the Departments of Applied Mathematics and Mathematics**

Dean Gerhard explained the process followed for the Amalgamation of the Departments of Applied Mathematics and Mathematics. He explained that The Report to Senate attached to the Agenda is in a suitable form for sending to Senate. One additional recommendation was added. It is: "3. That these changes become effective July 1, 1998."

Dean Gerhard suggested that the action should be to approve the recommendations given in the Report to Senate and also approve the new Department Council of Mathematics By-Law.

In connection with the new Department Council of Mathematics By-Laws, the Senate Rules and Procedures Committee have approved this document and, when approved by Faculty Council, it won't be required to be sent to Senate.

Dean Williams, who attended the Amalgamation Committee meetings as an observer, stated that the committee members from the two departments got on extremely well and he commented that he hoped that this will continue.

Dr. Svenne asked whether, when deciding on a name for the new department, consideration was given to the name "Pure and Applied Mathematics"? The answer was yes.

In response to a question by Dr. Svenne as to why there is no special mention of engineering in the document, Dean Jamieson stated that Dean Shields was provided with a copy and was quite satisfied with it.

Dr. Svenne asked whether adjunct professors should be considered as members of Department Council. Dr. Thomas said this was not an oversight. Dean Jamieson suggested it could be discussed by the combined department.

Dr. Duckworth asked why there were no support staff members on the Department Council. Dean Jamieson mentioned that he will be proposing a general policy at the upcoming Retreat that will address this; that support staff be considered for membership on relevant committees.

The Recommendations in the Report to Senate of the Faculty Council of Science on the Merger of the Department of Applied Mathematics and the Department of Mathematics were approved: nem con (three abstentions).

5. Changes to Performance Requirements, Faculty of Science

Associate Dean Robinson spoke to this item. He indicated that an important part of the recommendation is in the appendix which applies to both Arts and Science. The number of attempts is to be increased to 48 from 30. Students will be assessed for suspension at any time that they reach this level.

After a short discussion, it was moved and carried:

“That the modified minimum performance requirements be accepted.”

6. Dean’s Report

The Dean commented on the following items in his report:

- The upcoming Retreat and the Green Paper in preparation.
- Meetings being held with departments to discuss aspects of individual budgets in preparation for budget allocation. The budget was struck with a 220K deficit.
- One discussion at the Retreat will be the priorities in spending if the Faculty had 500K additional to spend.

7. Associate Dean Robinson’s Report

- He acknowledged the time and effort of Dave Burton and Joan McConnell in putting together the performance requirements.
- There will be a workshop in the fall, with endowment fund contribution, for teaching assistants in the Faculty put on by the University Teaching Service. The workshop will be a focussed, in-house workshop with participation of our own teaching staff. Dr. Duckworth asked whether we could make attendance at a workshop a condition of employment.
- Dr. Robinson requested that faculty let him know of the difficulties they are having with the SEEQ evaluations. If an evaluation was not conducted, they are to tell him why.
- Dr. Robinson responded to a question by Dr. Svenne on the status of paid tutorials. This was followed by a discussion on the various issues related to these tutorials.

8. Associate Dean Williams’ Report

- Dean Williams indicated that Lisa Rosenberg was successful in getting a grant from NSERC for a piece of equipment; this was the only major piece of equipment awarded. NSERC operating grants have increased about 3%; we are going in the right direction. He mentioned the new database that he has created; he has sent the data out to departments and he is to be informed of any discrepancies found in this data.
- There will be a Retreat session on research prioritization.
- He will be instituting a program of interviewing all graduate student within a year of their graduation.

9. **Faculty Elections**

The Dean reported that the following nominations had been received:

Senate: John Brewster, Norman Hunter, Juris Svenne, and George Tabisz

It was M/S/C that nominations close. Election will be held by mail ballot.

Faculty of Science Endowment Committee: Ken Barker

It was M/S/C/ that nominations close. Dr. Barker was declared elected.

10. **Other Business**

Dr. D. Burton, University I, indicated that the Tuesday and Wednesday after Labour Day have been designated for orientation; Garth Wannan is in charge of the organization. Dr. Burton stated that we will try to get faculty involvement in this; everyone is encouraged to take part in this orientation if asked.

Dean Jamieson reported that this was Dave Burton's last Faculty Council meeting. He thanked Dave on behalf of the Faculty of Science for his service and the wonderful job he has done in getting University I going. This followed with extended clapping.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 p.m.

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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

April 15, 1998.

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TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P.A. Pachol, Secretary



The 84th meeting of the Faculty Council of Science is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in **207 Buller Building**. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION.**

Agenda

1. Approval of the following Minutes (previously distributed)
Special Meeting dated November 3, 1997
83rd Meeting dated December 2, 1997

Matters Arising: (a) Task Force Report
(b) Election of Support Staff to Faculty Council

2. Introduction of New Members
3. Course and Program Proposals

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4. Amalgamation of the Departments of Applied Mathematics and Mathematics (attachments)
5. Changes to Performance Requirements, Faculty of Science (attached)

These changes to performance requirements have been approved by Executive Committee of Faculty Council and are brought to Faculty Council for its approval.

6. Dean's Report
7. Associate Deans' Reports: G. Robinson, H. Williams
- 8.. Faculty Elections--previously distributed
9. Other Business

Attachments

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