

Minutes of the 127th meeting of Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, 1999 in Room 250 Allen Building.

Present: J.C. Jamieson (Chair) G. Robinson
R Bochonko A. Secco
N. Chow A. Thavaneswaran (replaces K. Keen)
D. Court J. van Rees
A. Gerhard H. Williams
D. Gillis G. Woods (for J. Williams)
C. Kazina

Regrets/Absent: B. Ford Visitors: J. McConnell
B. Lindsay H. Paterson
J. Williams

1. The Minutes of the 126th meeting of Executive Committee dated October 26, 1998 were **approved**.
2. Course Changes were **approved**.
3. Graduate Course and Program Changes were provided for information only.
4. Dean's Report

Dean Jamieson reported on the following:

- a) He commented on his report to the President on the 11 items in the Task Force which were directed to Science.
 - i) 58a: An alternative approach is proposed to the amalgamation of the departments of Botany, Zoology and Microbiology. The message he has gotten from the President was that he should proceed with the alternate approach.
 - ii) 58b: Mathematics/Applied Mathematics amalgamated
 - iii) 58c: Free-standing Department of Statistics; linkages are being formed
 - iv) 58d: The renaming of Geological Sciences is awaiting the results of the Environmental Sciences Program review.
 - v) 58e: Co-ordination of ESP to continue from the Dean's Office
 - vi) 58f: The Review of the ESP is progressing
 - vii) 56b: Harmonising regulations between Arts and Science was completed.
 - viii) 48e: Computer Music program has been discussed but Computer Science has insufficient staff to mount the program at this time.
 - ix) 38a: The development of an innovative and challenging undergraduate program in Arts and Science; Arts Faculty Council adjourned before this item was discussed; so did not get off the ground. This is different from the joint BA, BSc program.
 - x) 38b: Development of a program of study leading to the General BA/BSc degree. Science Faculty Council approved; but Arts Faculty Council has not as their meeting adjourned before getting to this item on the agenda.
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- (iii) 38a: The development of an innovative and challenging undergraduate has insufficient staff to mount the program at this time.
- (iv) 48c Computer Music program has been discussed but Computer Science.
- (v) 28p: Harmonizing regulations between Arts and Science was completed.
- (vi) 28i: The Review of the E2P is progressing.
- (vii) 28e: Co-ordination of E2P to continue from the Dean's Office Environmental Sciences Program review.
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(c) He commented on his report to the President on the 11 items in the Day Force Dean Johnson reported on the following.

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4 The Minutes of the 150th meeting of Executive Committee dated October 20, 1988 were

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 D. Smith
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 W. Crow
 R. Boschonko
 J.C. Jamieson (Chair)

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 A. Russo
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- b) Budget: The Dean showed transparencies with projections for 1999/2000 based on cuts of 3.2% and 5%.

The Vice-President (Administration) has set a 95% interim budget.

- c) Three Headship searches are underway in Botany, Chemistry and Statistics.

5. Biological Sciences Restructuring

The Dean indicated that several letters had been sent to the President from biology department members opposed to the amalgamation of the biology departments.

The Dean indicated that there are two recommendations in the material presented to the Executive Committee. Two meetings of the departments involved in biology were held and the approach presented was overwhelmingly approved by the group. This alternative approach was submitted to the President and must now be approved in principle by Faculty Council. After approval, the Dean will set up an implementation committee.

Dr. Gillis asked whether the implementation committee would be made up from committees already existing in departments.

Dean Jamieson indicated that he would go back to the heads of the departments for advice on the membership for this committee. Dean Jamieson indicated that he would also add people from outside the biology area including a support staff person.

Dr. Gillis is generally pretty much in favour of more synergy; he had a concern with how broad this would be.

Dr. Jamieson indicated that the framework is a starting point. If problems are to be addressed, that is where he will come in.

Dr. Court indicated there was general enthusiasm for implementing a core program.

Dr. Chow asked whether the Dean could foresee any serious overlap in general biology and the environmental science program. The Dean responded that there will be some overlap; he could not see it being similar to the environmental science program.

It was M/S/C: That recommendations 1 and 2 be approved.

The recommendations were:

1. That Faculty Council approve, in principle, the formation of a "core" for the three biology departments and the programs in ecology, genetics, biotechnology and biochemistry.
2. That Faculty Council approve, in principle, the introduction of a new program in Biology, which would be jointly administered by the three biology departments.

6. Report on Research Priorities

Dean Williams introduced this agenda item, stating that there were strong signals from Central from the last CFI competition to produce a research plan.

A Research Priorities Committee was established with representation from each department. The Committee has produced a report, which was copied in part to the Executive Committee. Dean Williams indicated that the Dean must respond to Vice-President Keselman's memorandum by March 31 and asked that the Executive give this report wide circulation with comments to be sent to the Dean's Office.

Dr. Batten was in attendance to discuss the report. The Committee established its terms of reference and developed a list of questions to circulate to departments. Included in the report is a summary of the data collected and recommendations.

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Dr. Secco asked whether all Universities have a research plan. Dr. Batten responded that the committee had asked four institutions similar to ours for copies of their plans; there was nothing existing. We did not want to buy into the Alberta plan.

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It was M/S/C: That the procedures be approved.

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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

March 12, 1999.

TO: Members, Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council

FROM:

Pat Pachol, Secretary



ON:

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Agenda

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2. Course Changes (attached)
3. Graduate Course and Program Changes--for information (attached)
4. Dean's Report
5. Biological Sciences Restructuring (attached)
6. Report on Research Priorities (to come): Lynn Batten
7. Promotion and Tenure Procedures (attached)
8. Other business

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Att.