

Minutes of the 87th meeting of Faculty Council of Science held Wednesday, November 24, 1999 in Senate Chambers

Present: J.C. Jamieson (Chair) G. Lip
M. Abrahams P. Loewen
J. Ahorro P.D. Loly
J. Anderson K. Londry
R.C. Barber B. Macpherson
L. Batten J. Markham
G. Boyer J. McConnell
J. Brewster S. Page
M. Butler C. Pinzon
P. Dibrov S. Renault
H. Duckworth G. Robinson
G. Eales L. Rosenberg
S. Ehikioya E. Ross
R. Eskicioglu T. Secco
W. Falk R. Sparling
J. Fu B. Southern
A. Gerhard A. Thavaneswaran
D. Gillis R.S. D. Thomas
A. Gumel M. Toulouse
N. Halden L. Van Caesele
J. Hare J. van Rees
J. Harper L. Wang
E. Huebner G. Williams
N.R. Hunter J.J. Williams
A. Janzen R.G. Woods
S. Kalajdzievski E. Worobec
B. Lindsay V. Yurkov

Visitor: H. Paterson

Regrets: G. Baldwin T. Kucera
H. Cameron H. Perreault
N. Chow D. Punter
I. Ferguson J. Shay
A. Ford J. Stapleton
C. Gupta J. Vail
P. Hebert W.T.H. van Oers
J. Hoskins R. Wilson

1. The Minutes of the 86th meeting of Faculty Council of Science dated April 20, 1999 were **approved.**

2. Matters arising: the Dean reported that the following Department Council By-Laws which were approved “in principle” by Science Faculty Council April 20 have now been approved by Senate Rules and Priorities: Botany, Chemistry, Geological Sciences, Microbiology and Statistics.

3. Introduction of New Members

The following new members of Faculty Council were introduced:

Faculty Members: John Markham, Sylvie Renault (Botany); Danesh Kannangara (absent), Elena Smirnova (absent) (Chemistry); John Anderson, Gordon Boyer, Sylvanus Ehikioya, Rasit Eskicioglu, Mohsen Madi (absent), Michel Toulouse (Computer Science); Robert Craigen (absent), Abba Gumel, Sasha Kalajdievski, Peter Penner (absent) (Mathematics); Pavel Dibrov, Kathleen Londry (Microbiology); Liqun Wang, Ricardas Zitikis (absent) (Statistics) and James Hare (Zoology).

Support Staff Member: Joan McConnell

Student Members: Camillo Pinzon, Gabriel Lip

The Dean welcomed all new members to Faculty Council.

4. Closed Session – Professor Emeritus nomination

Minutes for this portion of the agenda are held in the Dean’s Office.

5. Dean’s Report

Dean Jamieson’s report (using overheads) included the following items:

-The Budget Submission is presently being prepared with projections for a –3% and a stand-pat budget. There are 17 sections to the submission which, when completed, will give a complete picture of the Faculty.

-The University is changing the way in which faculty fees are budgeted. This will be the last year that the faculty fees will be transparent, after this they will be roled into the general budget.

Dr. Secco asked, if the budget was a bit more than a 3% cut would the money be found in new positions? Dean Jamieson indicated that we would not be approved to hire if the budget was worse than that.

-The Federal Government has announced NSERC and NRC supported research chairs. The University will probably get a number of chairs, and that will dictate the number that our Faculty receives.

-The Environmental Science Program review process has moved ahead with two external reviewers visiting the Faculty recently.

-Professor Emeritus nominations: because of the large number of retirements occurring in the Faculty, there may be a need to look at the process for putting forward Professor Emeritus nominations. The Faculty Administrative Council and Executive Committee agree that this may be necessary. A proposal will go to the Executive Committee on how the nominations may be handled.

-A new award was created this year entitled "Graduate Achievement in Industry". The first recipient is Basil Baluta (formerly from Computer Science). An award's dinner is planned for December 14. Dean Jamieson thanked Lynn Batten for her organisation of this award.

-Dean Jamieson also thanked Lynn Batten for her work as Associate Dean (Academic and Industrial Research). Lynn will be leaving the University December 31 to take up a position in Australia.

6. Course and Program Proposals

These course and program proposals had been considered by the relevant Faculty committees and were forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Material was made available to Department offices for perusal by members. Associate Dean Robinson reported that there were two significant changes. (i) The introduction of the B.Sc. (Major) and (Honours) program in Psychology; COPSE has approved that we may go ahead with the full program proposal. (ii) The Department of Mathematics has done a comprehensive review of their courses following the amalgamation of Applied Mathematics and Mathematics into one department.

With respect to the B.Sc. in Psychology, Dr. Macpherson mentioned that the courses 17.225 and 17.226 (Introduction to Psychological Research and Research Methods in Psychology) have for years been somewhat controversial with the Department of Statistics as the content can be somewhat statistical. He indicated that the courses are not equivalent to their courses and that Department of Statistics would continue to resist any equivalences with their courses.

Dr. Abrahams enquired why there were additional field courses in Environmental Science. Norm Hunter responded that these were designed mainly from feedback received from coop employers; they are not competing with other field courses. Gordon Robinson mentioned the two of the field courses were somewhat unique in that they are 1.5 credit hour courses.

7. Graduate Course Changes

The graduate course changes had been considered by the relevant Faculty committees and were forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Heather Paterson indicated that the graduate course changes have been sent on to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for approval.

8. Policy Changes

Associate Dean Robinson spoke to the policy changes.

i) Incomplete Status

This is basically a housekeeping item to harmonise regulations with the Faculty of Arts. To remove inequity between Honours and Major/General, which allows a Major or General student to earn a degree "With Distinction", even if an Incomplete grade is awarded. There is no indication on a student's record, once an Incomplete has been cleared, that a student had been granted this status, so there is no lasting record to indicate why a student might have been denied an academic distinction.

Recommendation:

Remove restriction so that the Incomplete status has no effect on a student's eligibility for Dean's Honour List or First Class Honours.

ii) First Class Honours:

This is basically a housekeeping item to simplify and clarify wording.

Recommendation:

"First Class Honours be granted to a student who achieves a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.50 (B+) or higher on all courses taken in Year III and Year IV."

iii) Use of External Grades in Medals, Awards, Academic Distinction

External grades are now transferred into students' programs, and become part of the sessional or cumulative grade point average. The PanCanadian Protocol on Transferability, of which the University of Manitoba is a signatory, encourages equitable treatment of all students.

Recommendation:

All grades, whether internally or externally earned, can be used to determine competitive awards, such as the University or Faculty Gold Medals, or scholarships, awards and bursaries; and non-competitive recognition for academic merit, such as Dean's Honour List and First Class Honours. In any tie-breaking mechanism, grades earned at the University of Manitoba will be the number one tie-breaker. It is noted that all residence, transfer credit and load requirements remain unchanged. It is also noted that such a change to scholarships, awards and bursaries are subject to the approval of the donor.

iv) Proposed Changes to VW Policy

The Faculties of Arts and Science met to consider this suggestion. "While this meeting affirmed the importance of sampling courses in University I, there was concern about the effect expansion of the VW limit would have on the resources of Arts and Science." (Faculty of Arts Regulations Policy Committee, July 14, 1999.)

As a result of the above meeting, the following recommendations were proposed, and were accepted by the Faculty of Science Committee on Student Standing, March 29, 1999.

Recommendations:

1. The Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science define the maximum to be 30 credit hours of VWs in courses taught by the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science only (i.e., 30 credit hours of VWs between the two faculties' courses).

2. The Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science recommend that Senate consider replacing section 2.d) in Senate Policy 1303 with the following:

- each Faculty and School will establish its own policy regarding the transfer of VWs and that such policy be stated in the University Calendar.

The Faculty of Arts has accepted this policy, with modified wording, and University I Council has endorsed the above policy, with no wording change.

Associate Dean G. Robinson moved that all four policy changes be accepted. The vote was taken and policy changes were **approved**.

9. Membership on Committees

Recommendations:

Contingent on the acceptance of Psychology Degree Programs that:

- i) Executive be expanded to include one member of the Department of Psychology
- ii) That the Committee on Courses be expanded to include one member from Psychology
- iii) That members of the Department of Psychology be eligible for membership on the Committee on Student Standing.

Associate Dean Robinson moved that these recommendations be accepted. The vote was taken and the recommendations **approved**.

10. Revised Department Council By-Laws for Computer Science and Physics & Astronomy

It was reported that the Computer Science and Physics & Astronomy By-laws have been approved by the Senate Committee on Rules and Priorities. It was M/S/C that these by-laws be approved.

11. Other Business

The Dean reported that the vote on the nomination for Professor Emeritus was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 4:04 p.m.



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November 25, 1999.

Dr. A.V. Mauro, Q.C.,
Chancellor,
The University of Manitoba,
311 Administration Building.

Dear Dr. Mauro:

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that the Council of the Faculty of Science, meeting on Wednesday, November 24, 1999, in closed session, passed by confidential ballot a motion nominating Dr. Petr Černý to the position of Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Science.

Attached is a copy of the citation distributed at Faculty Council and also a copy of Dr. Černý's curriculum vitae.

Yours sincerely,

J.C. Jamieson,
Dean of Science.

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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

November 17, 1999

TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P.A. Pachol, Secretary

P. Pachol

AGENDA
SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, November 24, 1999
2:40 p.m.
Senate Chambers--Room 245 Engineering Building

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 86th meeting of Faculty Council held April 20/99 (previously distributed)
2. Matters Arising
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3. Introduction of New Members
4. Closed Session—Professor Emeritus nomination
5. Dean's Report
6. Course and Program Proposals

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7. Graduate Course Changes

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8. Policy Changes (attachment)
 - (i) Incompletes
 - (ii) First Class Honours
 - (iii) External Grades
 - (iv) Voluntary Withdrawals
9. Membership on Committees
10. Revised Department Council By-Laws for Computer Science and Physics & Astronomy
These by-laws have been approved by the Senate Committee on Rules and Priorities.
They now require Faculty Council approval. (attachments)
11. Other Business

Attachments