

Minutes of the 89th Meeting of Science Faculty Council held Tuesday, November 28, 2000 in Room 245 Engineering Building.

Present:

J.C. Jamieson (Chair)

M. Abrahams

J. Bate

J. Brewster

G. Chen

S. Cheng

N. Chow

H. Duckworth

W. Falk

I. Ferguson

B. Ford

A. Gerhard

D. Gillis

G. Goldsborough

L. Graham

N. Halden

G. Hausner

F. Hawthorne

J. Hoskins

E. Huebner

P. Hultin

N. Hunter

S. Hussain

M. Jacobson

P. King

G. Klassen

K. Kopotun

P. Loewen

B. Macpherson

J. McConnell

S. McLachlan

J. McLeese

K. Mount

R. O'Kell

I. Oresnik

T. Osborn

S. Page

H. Perreault

M. Piercey-Normore

D. Punter

G. Robinson

L. Rosenberg

S. Safi-Harb

T. Secco

B. Sherriff

D. Slonowsky

M. Smith

B. Southern

R. Sparling

M. Speare

I. Suzuki

J. Svenne

P. Thulasiraman

R. Thulasiram

Q. Trinh

J. van Rees

F. Wang

X. Wang

*Add
Gwyn Williams
Hugh Williams*

Regrets:

J. Hare

T. Kucera

D. Lenoski

W. van Oers

Visitors:

H. Paterson

T. Schultz

A. Simms

1. The Minutes of the 88th meeting of Faculty Council dated April 19, 2000 were **approved**.
2. The New Industry Liaison Office -- UILO

Mr. Alan Simms, Executive Director (Tech. Commercialization & Research Services), outlined the changes which have occurred in the Industrial Liaison Office.

3. Introduction of New Members

Dean Jamieson announced that Roger Wilson (Psychology) was attending his first meeting.

The following new members of Faculty Council were introduced:

Georg Hausner, Michele Piercey-Normore (Botany); Feiyue Wang (ESP/Chemistry); Sajid Hussain, Michael Jacobson, Tulsi Thulasiram, Parimala Thulasiraman, Quang Trinh (Computer Science); Jeff Young (Geological Sciences); Kiril Kopotun, Yong Zhang (Mathematics); Ivan Oresnik (Microbiology); Jayanne English, Samar Safi-Harb (Astronomy in Physics & Astronomy); Gemai Chen, Dean Slonowsky, Xikui Wang (Statistics); Jennifer McLeese (Zoology); Support staff members Margaret Smith, Wayne Buchanan, Joan McConnell.

4. Course and Program Changes -- for information

These were considered by the relevant Faculty committees and forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Dr. Secco suggested that the wording for the introduction of the minor program be made clearer. This has been done.

5. Graduate Course and Program Changes -- for information

These were considered by the relevant Faculty committees and forwarded to Faculty Council for information. No questions were raised .

6. i. Proposal to Establish a Faculty of Earth, Environment and Resources Sciences
ii. Executive Summary and Summary of responses to FEERS Proposal

Dean Jamieson indicated that, when he learned of the Proposal to establish a Faculty, he was asked to get feedback from the Faculty. The Proposal was circulated to Administrative Council with several departments having departmental council meetings and reporting back. In addition, reports came from individuals, including ESP students and ESPAC (Environmental Science Program Advisory Committee). The document circulated to Faculty Council was an attempt to summarize the feedback received, including an alternative proposal from the three hires in the ESP program.

Dean Jamieson indicated that he will need to make a report likely at the December meeting of Deans' Council and would like input from the Faculty of Science.

The following motion was put forward and seconded (Goldsborough/Duckworth):

"That the Faculty of Science accept, in principle, the alternative proposal from the Environmental Science Program faculty as an alternative to the FEERS proposal."

Dr. Gordon Goldsborough indicated the proposal was not solely his proposal and provided Faculty Council with an overhead presentation.

Dr. Goldsborough indicated some of the problems of the current ESP.

He mentioned that recommendation #8 of the ESP Internal Review has not been implemented. That recommendation was "That a new interdisciplinary Department of Environmental Science be

established within the Faculty of Science with the ability to establish close relationships with other faculties (for example, by offering a BA in Environmental Studies in the Faculty of Arts)." All other recommendations have been addressed.

ESP would lose its identity and focus with the new FEERS proposal. He doesn't think that this is the way to go. Dr. Goldsborough went over the premises for the alternative model. He has modified the presentation a little from the proposal which Faculty Council received. He mentioned the functional aspect of a School of the Environment and what the academic complement and the structure of the School would be. Dr. Goldsborough indicated the current focus areas of ESP and possible focus areas of ESP.

The presentation was followed by a lengthy discussion which resulted in the suggestion that, as this is a major issue and that there should be two meetings of Faculty Council.

It was moved and seconded: Svenne/Osborn:

"That the motion on the floor be deferred until the next meeting of Faculty Council."

Passed unanimously.

7. Dean's Report

The Dean indicated that he is due at a meeting at 4:30 p.m. regarding the creation of a new facility in information technology.

Other items of note: there was a Faculty enrolment increase of 2%, and there is now a Strategic Initiative Fund, which is the new way that Central Administration is distributing resources.

8. Associate Dean Williams Report

Dean Williams reported that the CFI new Innovations Fund applications have to be in to him by January 26. He also indicated that he had solicited input from Heads on the Review of the University's Internal Research Support Programs and would appreciate any additional input from faculty members.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned 4:35 p.m.

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TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P.A. Pachol, Secretary



AGENDA
89TH meeting of SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 28, 2000
2:30 p.m.
Senate Chambers, 245 Engineering Building

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 88th Meeting dated April 19, 2000 (previously distributed)
2. Presentation – “The New Industry Liaison Office”
Alan Simms, Executive Director, (Tech. Commercialization & Research Services)
3. Introduction of New Members
4. Course and Program Changes – for information

The Course and Program Changes have been considered by the relevant Faculty committees and are available in Department offices for perusal by members. Questions may be raised from the floor.
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6.
 - i. Proposal to Establish a Faculty of Earth, Environment and Resources Sciences
 - ii. Executive Summary and Summary of Responses to FEERS Proposal (both attached)
7. Dean’s Report
8. Associate Dean Williams Report
9. Other Business

Attachments