Minutes of the 133<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Science Executive Committee held on Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Present:

J.C. Jamieson (Chair)

G. Robinson

N. Chow

D. Scuse

J. Cullen
N. Davison
T. de Kievit

Regrets:

M. Butler

Visitors:

J. McConnell H. Paterson

A. Gerhard

S. Renault

G. Validmarsson

R. Wilson

Dean Jamieson mentioned that this was Terry de Kievit's first meeting of Faculty Executive and there were around-the-table introductions.

- 1. Minutes of the 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Faculty of Science Executive Committee held November 1, 2001 were **approved**.
- 2. Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean Robinson outlined the changes which had been approved by the Faculty Committee on Courses. The course changes were moved/seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Graduate Course Changes -- Changes to the Departments of Microbiology and Computer Science Supplementary Regulations. This item was added and distributed at the meeting.

Heather Paterson spoke to the changes which are brought to Faculty Executive for information only.

There was a discussion of Cantest and it was suggested that departments consider adding this test to their supplementary regulations similar to Computer Science's requirement.

## 4. Dean's Report

Dean Jamieson reported on the following:

- The EITC building and fundraising with a possible building opening Fall 2004.
- Delta Marsh student accommodation project. Tenders have just come back at \$473K.
   A model of the building in Dean Jamieson's office for those interested.

- The new "faculty" is unfolding with an Implementation Committee of about 20 people, divided into task forces in groups of 2 or 3 people. It is a very complicated process with a timeline of about 16 months. At present, the new faculty does not appear to be departmentally-based. The Dean will continue to report as time passes.
- Graduate Student Fellowships are still planned with 15 in year 1 (\$10K a head) for those that did not make the Manitoba Fellowship list. The plan is to take the 3 divisions and assign 5 fellowships to each with a possibility of holding 1 or 2 back for exceptional students. There would be a \$450K commitment after the 4<sup>th</sup> year. If enrolment is maintained for 3-year period enrolment dollars are embedded in baseline. We may need to ask the advice of the Research Committee on how to implement the process.
- The Department Heads and Deans are having a meeting with Joanne Keselman, Vice-President(Research). We are to set the agenda.

### 5. Other Business

Associate Dean Robinson commented on the fact that there will be an effect on our enrolment September, 2003 with the elimination of grade 13 in Ontario. There may be 30,000 students from grade 13 entering University; how many will likely come to the University of Manitoba is not known. The University is grappling with this problem. New entrance requirements will be proposed using an honours approach where students would have 80% performance levels in high school. They want to be more pro-active particularly in encouraging the better students.

There is a new set of programs in Allied Health which are beginning to wend their way to Senate which will involve a lot of our courses.

The Pan Canadian Protocol put together a framework for a new high school curriculum which will have a complete new physics and chemistry curriculum. We should be looking at the new curriculum; Physics enrolment in high school is going down. Dean Robinson will call on departments for comment.

In response to a question, Dean Jamieson indicated that the budget might be known by mid-April. With regard to staffing, the only way we have been getting new staff is through replacements for retirements or resignations. We are in a fairly good position because we did put staff in before the new system came into effect.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned 3:20 p.m.

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# **Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

March 6, 2002

TO:

Members, Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council

FROM:

Pat Pachol, Secretary, Executive Committee

ON:

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 133<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 in **Room 250 Allen Building.** 

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of the 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Executive Committee held Getween 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 (previously distributed).
- 2. Course and Program Changes (enclosed)
- 3. Dean's Report
- 4. Other Business

Encl.