

MINUTES

97th Meeting of the Science Faculty Council

Held on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in Senate Chambers

PRESENT:

Jim Jamieson, Chair	Gordon Robinson
Arthur Gerhard	Mike Butler
Sylvie Renault	Byron Southern
Michael Freund	Wayne Buchannon
Norm Hunter	Phil Hultin
Harry Duckworth	Richard Sparling
Tommy Kucera	Brian Macpherson
Smiley Cheng	Peter Loewen
Gordon Goldsborough	John Van Rees
Lynne Romuld	Trevor Schultz
Terry Andres	Darren Gillis
Jim Hare	Gwyn Williams
Erwin Huebner	

REGRETS:

Mike Sumner	Peter King
Rasit Eskicioglu	Janet Hoskins
Elizabeth Worobec	Michele Piercey-Nomore
Helen Cameron	Mario Bieringer
Juris Svenne	William van Oers
George Hickling	

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 96th meeting of the Faculty Council held on November 26th were **approved** by Peter Loewen and seconded by Smiley Cheng with one change, Georg Schreckenbach, not George.

2. Course and Program Changes

The Course and Program changes were considered by the relevant Faculty committees and were available in Department offices for perusal by members. No questions were raised from the floor.

3. Policy Changes

Associate Dean Gordon Robinson moved to have the Policy Changes that were tabled at the November 26th meeting of the Faculty Council be removed from the table. There were three members opposed to removing this item from the table, the remainder were in favour. This proposal has already passed through the

Committee on Student Standing and Faculty Executive Council. The policy changes were moved on behalf of the Science Faculty Executive and approved with some friendly amendments.

(i) Proposed Changes to Third Year Entry Route to Honours Regulations

▪ **General Degree**

That the minimum performance level table be extended for students who are permitted to exceed the 138 Credit Hour limit on the degree. There was a suggestion to simplify the table such as to avoid the repetition of the 2.00 required minimum grade point average.

Students who are ineligible to enter Honours after their first year may establish their eligibility to enter Honours in third year on the basis of their academic performance in second year. Students must take at least 24 credit hours in the regular session, and must achieve a minimum "B" average on 18 credit hours of the courses required in the Honours Program.

Students who are ineligible to enter Honours after their second year may establish their eligibility to enter Honours in fourth year on the basis of their academic performance in third year. Students must take at least 24 credit hours in the regular session, and must achieve a minimum "B" average on 18 credit hours of the courses required in the Honours Program.

▪ **Honours Regulations**

Proposed changes approved with the following friendly amendments:

- (i) The minimal sessional grade point average (2.5) will be appraised once per year (in April).
- (ii) All students must complete at least 18 credit hours per year, with some honours programs requiring more.

4. Faculty of Environment

Gordon Robinson outlined Vice-President Kerr's proposal to address the 40% decline in year one courses in Geological Sciences and Geography. Vice-President Kerr has asked Deans to use their prerogative and direct faculty advisors to continue to treat year one Geological Sciences and Geography courses as if they were Science and Arts courses until September 1, 2006. Faculty Council approved granting the Dean the authority to comply with Vice-President Kerr's request.

5. Dean's Report

Dean Jamieson reported on the following:

- Mark Whitmore will be arriving on July 5th. Associate Deans Robinson and Gerhard will be staying on for a one year period and Associate Dean Butler for a shorter length of time.
- 2004 Banquet – The Dean is now in receipt of the Manitoba History journal and the souvenir program. He thanked Harry Duckworth and Gordon Goldsborough for their efforts. All attendees will receive these items. There have been 294 tickets sold to date, including four corporate tables, Mark Evans, EISI; (two tables), Bert Friesen, Medicare; and Ian Smith, Institute for Biodiagnostics. Canadian Pacific Railway is a major corporate donor. There will be a “made in Science” quartet consisting of Shelley & John Page, Ted Wiens and Patricia Spencer, as well as a mystery guest. The Buller papers will be transferred from the National Archives to the University of Manitoba. There are three other events planned in the Faculty of Science to commemorate the Centennial. Physics & Astronomy and Botany are hosting conferences and Chemistry is hosting a symposium and banquet. Chemistry has already held the unveiling of the periodic tables, and Jason Hein and Pedro Aguilar should be credited for the project.
- Budget – The Budget closes on March 31 and we have a zero carryover, which is important because we only get 30% back on any carryover.
- EITC – The Dean reported that he had attended the opening bids for the EITC Building. There were three bidders and another ceremony will take place with amendments to the core bids. The University will then make a decision.
- History of Science – “The History of Science”, by Robin Connor, is now available for purchase. Dean Jamieson attended the book launching at McNally Robinson.

Associate Dean Mike Butler reported that the Faculty of Science was not successful in obtaining NSERC Equipment grants. He congratulated Michael Freund on his CFI award.

6. Adjournment

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.