

MINUTES

138th MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

held on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 2:30 p.m. in 250 Allen

PRESENT:	Mark Whitmore, Chair	G. Robinson
	A. Gerhard	M. Abrahams
	T. de Kievit	D. Gillis
	D. Scuse	B. Macpherson
	D. Schroeder	J. Cullen
	N. Davison	Joe Williams
	W. Buchanon	L. Lester, Secretary
REGRETS:	R. Wilson	Joe Kim
GUESTS:	J. McConnell	J. Ogston

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 137th meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 4, 2004 were approved by N. Davison and seconded by D. Scuse.

MOTION: CARRIED

2. Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean Robinson outlined the changes which had been approved by the Faculty Committee on Courses. These changes were moved by Dr. Robinson on behalf of the Committee on Courses and seconded by D. Scuse.

MOTION: CARRIED

3. Graduate Course Changes

Associate Dean Mark Abrahams reported that the course requirements for Masters and PhD programs were changing the requirements from 12 credit hours to 6. This was suggested by graduate program reviews in microbiology, zoology and chemistry.

4. Selection of Science Award Winners

Ms. Joan McConnell outlined the awards and the recommendations and rationale behind the awards.

After discussion on all the awards, the following distribution of awards was **CARRIED**.

Award # 1 - Isbister Undergraduate Scholarships – 6 awards at \$750 each – to be shared equally between the following 10 students (each receiving \$450).

LLOYD, Alissa
BOOKATZ, Adam
KEHLER, Angela
LE, Anh-Thoai
LAWRANCE, Caro
MARTENS, Rebecca
YING, Stephen
HOK, Ritchie
ARNTFIELD, Marg
WU, Fu Zhou

Award #2 – Diane Dowling – 1 award of \$600 to be split two ways (\$300 each) for the highest female in Year 2

LLOYD, Alissa
KEHLER, Angela

Award #3 – Maxwell Rady – 1 award of \$250 to be split four ways (\$62.50 each) for Year 2 of any program.

LLOYD, Alissa
BOOKRATZ, Adam
KEHLER, Angela
LE, Anh-Thoai

Award #4 - Rosabelle Searle Leach – 1 award of \$225 to be split two ways (\$112.50)

AKINAREMI, Omo
PROMISLOW, Steve

Award #5 – Sony Science Scholarship – 1 award of \$1,500 – Year 3 Major or Honours - cannot be shared

LAWRENCE, Caro

Award #6 – Hogg Undergraduate Scholarship – 1 award of \$1,500 – any year of program - cannot be shared.

LEE, Anh-Thoai

Award #7 – Benjamin Cohen – 1 award of \$375 - any year to be split two ways (\$187.50 each)

AKINAREMI, Omo
PROMISLOW, Steve

Award #8 – Class of '43 and '68 Reunion Scholarship – 1 award of \$325 – first year

DIBROV, Alexander

Women in the Physical Sciences 2003 – 1 Scholarship of \$2,000 split equally between the following 2 students (each receiving \$1,000)

MAPOLA, Tracy (renewal)
CHMIELUK, Lindusia (renewal)

This is renewable for up to 2 years after the initial offering, depending on academic performance and funds available.

Mark G. Smerchanski Memorial Scholarship for Women in the Physical Sciences – 1 award of \$2,000 to:

CHAMPION, Heather

Motion to approve the recommendations was moved by N. Davison and seconded by D. Gillis.

MOTION: CARRIED

5. Dean's Report

Dean Whitmore reported on the following:

- Associate Deans
Dr. Whitmore thanked Gordon Robinson and Arthur Gerhard for agreeing to serve for an additional year as Associate Deans. He announced that Mark Abrahams had been appointed Associate Dean, Research, replacing Mike Butler.
- SIP – Academic Staff Positions
Three positions were approved and they have been allocated to Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics and Astronomy. Searches have begun.
- Fall SIP
A request for a further 13 positions has been submitted.
- Computer Science Development Plan
The money that was secured from COPSE for the project will run out at the end of this fiscal year. Dean Whitmore reported that the project was very successful.

- Undergraduate Biology Program
 First year Biology Program is being reviewed and funding for it was part of SIP request.
- Promotion and Tenure
 Tenure process is complete with all applications in the office of the VP Academic. Promotion procedures are now underway.
- Interactions with the Faculty of Environment
 Dean Whitmore reported that the Faculty of Science has not accommodated all requests made by the Faculty of Environment, but will continue to work with all groups involved to build good relationships across the faculties.
- Advanced Placement & International Based
 Letter grades and points will now be given. Advanced placement gives numbers 1-5, while international based is a finer scale of 1-7.
- Joint Honours Programs
 Joint Honours Programs approved by COPSE are Mathematics and Economics, and Statistics and Economics.
 Outstanding is Physics & Astronomy and Computer Science.
- Support Staff Exchange
 Members of the Support Staff Council visited with their counterparts at the University of North Dakota. It is expected that UND support staff will visit the University of Manitoba in the near future.
- CRYSTAL Project
 The Dean congratulated Gordon Robinson on the CRYSTAL Project. They have been invited to submit an application to NSERC.
- NSERC Applications
 In an attempt to increase the success rate of Equipment grants, the Faculty has agreed to contribute 7.5% and Dr. Keselman's office has agreed to provide \$30,000, or more, if funds are available.
- Differential Fees and Scholarships for International Graduate Students
 8% of fees for International Graduate Students will be returned to them in the form of scholarships. A committee has been established to develop a policy to meet these goals.
- Canada Research Chairs
 Two Tier I Canada Research Chairs have been allocated to the Faculty of Science. The Dean will consult with the Administrative Council and decide the areas.

- Westgrid
Western Canada High Performance Computer Consortium, with participation from U. of Calgary, U. of Alberta, UBC and TRIUMF has invited U. of M. to participate. This is the preferred option as they are a well-established and well-funded consortium.

6. Other Business

Revised Faculty Endowment Fund Terms of Reference were approved by D. Scuse and seconded by G. Robinson, with two friendly amendments:

- a) Numbers 1-3 will now be entitled "Terms of Reference" and numbers 4-6 will be entitled "Guidelines".
- b) The wording mathematics/computer science will be changed to computer and mathematical sciences.

MOTION: CARRIED

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: October 7, 2004
TO: Members, Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council
FROM: Lorraine Lester, Dean's Office
RE: NOTICE OF MEETING

The 138th meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th at 2:30 p.m. in **Room 250 Allen Building**.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 137th meeting of the Executive Committee held March 4, 2004. (enclosed)
2. Course and Program Changes (enclosed)
3. Graduate Course Changes
4. Selection of Science Award Winners - material to be distributed at the meeting.
5. Dean's Report
6. Other Business - *Endowment Fund*

Encl.

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*Send correct
program change to
Dept.*