

MINUTES

105th Meeting of the Science Faculty Council

Held on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in 111 Armes

Present:	M. D. Whitmore (Chair)	R. Roshko
	M. Abrahams	B. Worobec
	J. van Rees	K. Gough
	V. Mistic	H. Perreault
	J. Mistic	J. Sorensen
	T. Booth	J. van Wijngaarden
	J. Ogston	E. Huebner
	A. Thavaneswaran	D. Gillis
	K. Scott	G. I. Moghaddam
	N. Hunter	M. Domaratzki
	J. Stetefeld	J. Hare
	G. Lukacs	G. Anderson
	T. Berry	J. Bate
	P. Blunden	G. Williams
	S. Cheng	G. Gwinner
	H. Schreckenbach	B. MacPherson
	M. Chestley	T. Schultz
	A. Gerhard	G. Robinson
	M. Piercey-Normore	
Regrets:	P. Hultin	G. Williams
	S. Cheng	

Dean Whitmore welcomed United Way representatives Norman Velnes and Cathy Enns, to the meeting.

An item was added to the agenda – Peguis Workshop – Tom Berry.

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the 104th meeting held on September 21 was moved by B. Macpherson and seconded by N. Hunter.

MOTION: CARRIED

2. United Way

Cathy Enns, United Way representative from M.P.I.C., introduced the United Way speaker, Norman Velnes, President of the MS Society. Mr. Velnes reported that the major initiatives for the 2006 campaign were 1) people in poverty, 2)

youth at risk, 3) safe, creative neighbourhoods. The campaign kicks off on October 4th in UMSU.

3. Peguis Workshop

Dr. Berry thanked all those who assisted with the 2006 workshop. There were 148 volunteers, and 100 workshops held over a four day period. Dr. Berry reported that the 2007 workshop will be held on campus during mid term break. They are projecting numbers between 300 – 500 students, teachers and chaperones. The program is in the midst of being developed and Dr. Berry will be asking for volunteers to develop and present workshops. He will be sending out a letter in the near future. Dean Whitmore is very supportive of this program and reported that the President and Vice-President (Academic) highlighted this event as Aboriginal Initiatives at a recent Senate meeting.

4. Introduction of New Members

The following new members of Faculty Council were introduced:

Chemistry: Jennifer van Wijngaarden, Assistant Professor
John Sorenson, Assistant Professor
Joerg Stetefeld, Associate Professor & CRC

Computer Science: Michael Domaratzki, Assistant Professor
Christina Penner, Instructor I

Mathematics: G. Moghaddam, Instructor II
Gabor Lukacs, Assistant Professor

Physics & Astronomy: Michael Gericke, Assistant Professor

Zoology: Margaret Docker, Assistant Professor
Kevin Scott, Instructor II

5. Recognition of Promotions & Tenure

Dean Whitmore congratulated the following faculty members who were granted tenure in 2006:

John Markham	Botany
Michelle Piercey-Normore	Botany
Jelena Mistic	Computer Science
Vojislav Mistic	Computer Science
Parimala Thulasiraman	Computer Science
Yong Zhang	Mathematics
Kathleen Londry	Microbiology
Ivan Oresnik	Microbiology
George Hausner	Microbiology
Jayanne English	Physics & Astronomy

Dean Whitmore congratulated the following faculty members who were promoted in 2006:

Michele Piercey-Normore, Botany, to Associate Professor
Georg Schreckenbach, Chemistry, to Associate Professor
Helene Perreault, Chemistry, to Professor
Phil Hultin, Chemistry, to Professor
Gordon Boyer, Computer Science, to Instructor II
Parimala Thulasiraman, Computer Science, to Associate Professor
Rasit Eskicioglu, Computer Science, to Associate Professor
Kathleen Londry, Microbiology, to Associate Professor
Georg Hausner, Microbiology, to Associate Professor
Ivan Oresnik, Microbiology, to Associate Professor
Gerald Gwinner, Physics & Astronomy, to Associate Professor
Can-Ming Hu, Physics & Astronomy, to Associate Professor
Jennifer McLeese, Zoology, to Senior Instructor

6. Course and Program Changes

Dr. Worobec outlined the course and program changes. The changes were considered by the relevant Faculty committees and were available in Department offices for perusal by members. A motion to approve the course and program changes was moved by Dr. Worobec and seconded by Tom Berry.

MOTION: CARRIED

7. Graduate Course Changes

There were no Graduate Course changes to be considered.

8. Senate Faculty Election

Dr. Tom Berry, Mathematics; Brenda Hann, Zoology; John Page, Physics and Astronomy; and John van Rees, Computer Science, were elected to Senate for three year terms beginning June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2009. Dr. Phil Hultin was elected for a one year term from July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007, to replace Dr. Peter King who will be on sabbatical during that time.

9. Dean's Report

- **Annual Report**

Dr. Whitmore reported the following highlights from the annual report:

- In 2005-2006, six new members joined the faculty, 2 retired, 3 resigned and one went on a half-time appointment. Support staff numbers remained constant.
- Nathan Mendelsohn retired after 60 years in the Department of Mathematics, 25 of which were spent as Head of the Department. He subsequently passed away in May 2006.
- The Standing Award was announced to honour the lifetime achievements of Professor Emeritus Ken Standing in Physics and Astronomy.
- The Faculty of Science has five Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada.
- 3 Faculty of Science members received 3 of the 4 University Teaching Awards.
- Student numbers have been increasing for a number of years. Since 2001 there has been an increase of 15% in undergraduate students and graduate students are up 33%.
- Students voted to double their contribution to the endowment fund from \$75.00 annually to \$150.00.

Renovations

Renovations to the Buller Building are scheduled to take 3 years. Some renovations in Parker, Armes lecture theatres and Delta Marsh are complete.

New Department

A motion regarding combining the departments of Botany, Zoology and the Biology Program was passed at Senate Executive on September 20 and will go to Senate in October.

Administrative Council Retreat

The Administrative Council Retreat was held on September 5th and 6th. Council members began developing a Strategic Plan for the Faculty of Science and a to-do list. A document will be issued to the Faculty in the near future.

Enrolment Issues

Tuition is down 1% in Science, but across the University it is down 2-3%. The proportion of International students is increasing, but graduate student numbers are decreasing.

Research

The continuing support of the Faculty of Science for NSERC equipment grants seems to be making a difference to success rates and researchers are encouraged to apply. There are 3 CFI applications pending with commitments for matching money. \$500,000 has been committed to this program.

10. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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DATE: September 14, 2006
TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science
FROM: Lorraine Lester, Secretary

AGENDA
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Thursday, September 21, 2006
8:30 a.m.
Room 111 Armes

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 104th meeting held on September 1, 2006.
2. United Way Speaker.
3. Introduction of New Members.
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science
 - Mathematics
 - Physics & Astronomy
 - Zoology

4. Recognition of Promotions & Tenure

5. Course and Program Changes.

The Course and Program Changes have been considered by the relevant Faculty committees and are brought to Faculty Council for information. They are available in Department offices for perusal. Questions may be raised from the floor.

6. Graduate Course Changes.

7. Faculty Election – attachment.
8. Dean's Report.
9. Other Business.