

MINUTES

147th MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

held on Monday, September 10, 2007, 10:30 a.m. in 250 Allen

PRESENT:

Mark Whitmore, Chair	
E. Worobec	M. Abrahams
R. Roshko	J. van Rees
D. Gillis	D. Schroeder
B. Mark	J. Williams
J. Cullen	K. Sharma
W. Buchannon	B. Johnson
L. Lester	

REGRETS: R. Wilson

GUESTS: J. McConnell, G. Sobie

Dr. Whitmore introduced Greg Sobie who is replacing Jill Ogston while she is on maternity leave.

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 146th meeting of the Faculty of Science Executive Committee held on Monday, February 12th, 2007. Moved by D. Gillis and seconded by B. Mark.

CARRIED

2. Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean Worobec outlined the Course and Program changes. The Department of Biological Sciences will remain as Botany and Zoology in the calendar for now. The next calendar will have the courses under the title Biological Sciences with courses listed as Biology, Botany and Zoology.

MOTION: To accept the course changes as presented. Moved by J. Williams and seconded by D. Gillis.

CARRIED

3. Forensics Program

The program and the introductory course (Introduction to Forensic Sciences) require approval by Faculty Executive Council and Faculty Council. Once it has been approved a formal program will be prepared and courses developed. This will then require approval by Faculty Council, 4 C's, SPPC, and COPSE. The proposed start date is September 2009.

MOTION: To accept the Forensic Sciences program and to approve and proceed with the development of the program. Moved by Associate Dean Worobec and seconded by John Van Rees.

CARRIED

MOTION: To approve the Introduction to Forensic Sciences course. Moved by Associate Dean Worobec and seconded by Dana Schroeder.

CARRIED

4. Graduate Course Changes

Nothing to report.

5. Selection of Science Award Winners

Joan McConnell outlined the scholarships and awards administered by the Faculty of Science and the rationale for the following recipients who were selected.

Award # 1 - Isbister Undergraduate Scholarships – 9 awards at \$600 each

BOOKATZ, Adam
REMPEL, Trevor
SERRANO, Griselda
SIERENS, Todd
BHULLAR, Navdeep
HOLMES, Signy
SMITH, Rebecca
STURKO, Ainsley

Megan Thiessen was originally on the above list, however, she transferred to Arts so each of the above students will receive approximately \$100.00 more.

Award #2 - Dr. Diane Dowling Memorial Scholarship

1 award of \$600 for the highest gpa female in Year 2 - can be shared

HOLMES, Signy

Award #3 - Dr. Maxwell S. Rady Scholarship in Science

1 award of \$225 for the highest gpa Year 2 of any program - can be shared

REMPEL, Trevor

Award #4 - Rosabelle Searle Leach Scholarship

1 award of \$225 for Year 1 - can be shared

4 awards at 56.25 each

ANSARI, Stephanie

BOHN, Ethan

LUSSIER, David

NGUYEN, Mai

Award #5 - Sony Science Scholarship

1 award of \$1,500 - Year 3 Major or Honours - cannot be shared

SERRANO, Griselda

(cgpa on 108 hours = 4.47)

Award #6 - Dr. A.W. Hogg Undergraduate Scholarship

1 award of \$1,500 for any year or program - cannot be shared.

BOOKATZ, Adam

(cgpa on 165 hours = 4.48)

Award #7 - Benjamin Cohen Scholarship

1 award of \$350 for any year – can be shared

4 awards at \$87.50 each

ANSARI, Stephanie

BOHN, Ethan

LUSSIER, David

NGUYEN, Mai

Award #8 - Classes of '43 and '68 Reunion Scholarship

1 award of \$325 to students from U1 who enter a MJ or Honours Program
(can't be held with award totaling \$1,500 or more)

HAYWARD, Lauren

MOTION: To approve the selection of recipients for scholarships and awards administered by the Faculty of Science (with the amendment removing Megan Thiessen). Moved by E. Worobec and seconded by D. Gillis.

CARRIED

5. Dean's Report

- The Department of Biological Sciences came into existence on July 1, 2007, with Erwin Huebner as Acting Head. Judy Anderson has been appointed Head of Biological Sciences, effective October 1, 2007.
- Dr. John Brewster was appointed Head of Statistics on July 1, 2007.
- Staff changes in the Dean's office – Noel Friesen left for a position in IST. The position will be reviewed and rejuvenated before refilling it. Dr. Whitmore congratulated Associate Dean, Mark Abrahams, who will be taking up the position of Dean of Science at Memorial University on February 4th, 2008.
- Budget – The budget is beginning to look better. This year the Dean met with the department heads and administrative assistants for a zero-base budgeting exercise. The departments were then provided with the minimum required, plus a small discretionary amount. Budget reallocation process provided salary for a support staff position in Statistics, plus lab fees. The lab fees will provide increased revenue to the Faculty of Science. As a result of these initiatives, we can increase our Faculty of Science graduate student scholarship program, re-establish our undergraduate summer awards program, increase TA allotments to departments, provide an additional \$30 K to each department and create a "special projects" pot of about \$300 K and work with departments to identify and carry out projects. We will also be able to hire a communications person for the faculty, which was identified as a priority in our strategic plan.
- Dean Whitmore met with the Vice-President, External, to discuss contacting alumni and fundraising.
- Enrollments, once again, are down by approximately 1%, although the student population as a whole is approximately the same.
- Renovations in Buller are ongoing. The 3rd & 4th floors are looking good.

6. Other Business

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 4, 2007
TO: Faculty Executive Council, Faculty of Science
FROM: Lorraine Lester, Dean's Office
RE: **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 147th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council is scheduled for Monday, September 10th, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 146th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council held on Monday, February 12th, 2007.
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.