

MINUTES

116th Meeting of the Science Faculty Council
held on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in Senate Chambers

PRESENT: M. Whitmore (Chair) R. Roshko P. Graham
Michael Doob Gabor Lukacs Judy Anderson
Tom Booth Gordon Robinson Brad Johnson
Katherine Davies Alex Leblanc Tommy Kucera
Mohammad Jafari Jozani Erwin Huebner John Brewster
Francois Gauvin Torsten Hegmann John van Rees
Ben Li Rasit Eskicioglu Jeffrey Marcus
Ryan Compton Byron Southern Trevor Schultz
John Anderson Michele Piercey-Normore Phil Hultin
Mark Fry Elena Smirnova Margaret Docker
Helene Perreault Guenter Krause Harry Duckworth
Krystyna Koczanski Horace Luong Kathy Gough
Sean McKenna

REGRETS: Smiley Cheng Shelley Page Janet Hoskins
Peter Budzelaar Joe Williams Darren Gillis
Jim Jamieson Jim Hare Richard Sparling

GUESTS: Joan McConnell

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

2. One Item to be discussed in closed session

MOTION: For Faculty Council to go into closed session. Moved by John Brewster, seconded by Rasit Eskicioglu.

MOTION: To nominate Professor James Fu, Department of Statistics, for Professor Emeritus status. Moved by Alex Leblanc, seconded by Brad Johnson.
A vote by secret ballot was held.

CARRIED

MOTION: For Faculty Council to leave closed session. Moved by Tom Booth, seconded by Rasit Eskicioglu.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 115th meeting of Faculty Council, held on October 27, 2009. Moved by John Anderson, seconded by Harry Duckworth.

CARRIED

4. Terms of Reference for New Faculty of Science Awards.

MOTION: that the names for the support staff awards be changed to “Dean of Science Support Staff Award of Excellence” and the “Dean of Science Support Staff Innovation Award”. Moved by G. Lukacs, no seconder.

NOT CARRIED

Blanket Changes:

- Under frequency, where applicable: change “if there is a suitable nominee, or nominees” to “if there is a suitable nominee”.
- Under mechanism, where applicable: change “Nominators are responsible for ensuring input from...” to “Nominators are responsible for ensuring that input from...”.

MOTION: that the word “normally” be added to the Young Faculty Award of Excellence; under eligibility. The first sentence should read: “Individuals who, at the time of the nomination, have been academic staff members in the Faculty of Science for six or fewer years, and normally are not more than 10 years past their Ph.D.”. Moved by T. Booth, seconded by John Anderson.

CARRIED
(3 opposed)

MOTION: to approve the terms of reference as distributed, with the above amendments, for the following Faculty of Science awards: Ph.D. Dissertation Award of Excellence, M.Sc. Award of Excellence, Support Staff Award of Excellence, Support Staff Innovation Award, Distinguished Scholar Medal, Young Faculty Award of Excellence, Award for Sustained Research Excellence, Award for Sustained Teaching Excellence, Award for Innovation in Teaching and Academic Program Development, and Outreach Award. Moved by T. Booth, seconded by R. Eskicioglu.

CARRIED

Discussion:

- Upkeep is important – the selection committees/departments need to ensure that nominations are forwarded regularly.
- There are several months for procedural changes before the terms of reference are presented to the Senate Committee on Awards for approval.
- In the future, the possibility of endowments for awards should be explored.

5. Dean’s Report (Attached)

6. Other Business

The University I External Review committee has completed their report.

7. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Gabor Lukacs, seconded by Judy Anderson.

CARRIED