

## MINUTES

### 156th MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

held on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in 250 Allen

**PRESENT:** Mark Whitmore, Chair  
E. Worobec R. Roshko  
P. Graham S. McKenna (for J. Sorensen)  
D. Gillis B. Mark  
J. Williams P. Blunden  
B. Johnson B. Li  
R. Viray W. Buchannon  
L. Lester

**REGRETS:** R. Wilson

**GUESTS:** G. Sobie

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the 155th meeting of the Faculty of Science Executive Council held on February 1, 2010, with a correction to remove the decimal point in Stats 7350 and 7360. Moved by B. Worobec, seconded by B. Johnson.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean Worobec outlined the Undergraduate Course changes. The Departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics and Microbiology have a variety of course changes and modifications which include the deletion and introduction of courses.

**MOTION:** To approve the course changes as presented. Moved by B. Worobec, seconded by J. Williams.

**CARRIED**

Associate Dean Worobec outlined the Undergraduate Program changes as follows:

- Actuarial Mathematics, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biotechnology Program, Chemistry, Genetics Program, Mathematics, Microbiology and Statistics all have program modifications resulting from the above course changes.

- Changes to the Honours Degree
  - Change the Honours GPA entry requirement from 2.50 to 3.00
  - Remove the C+ requirement in Honours specific courses for continuation
  - Remove the C+ requirement in Honours specific courses for graduation
- Changes to the General Degree:
  - Proposed changes to the General Degree introductory regulations to allow for more flexibility in course pairings.
- Computer Science – Changes to the Honours and Major Degree entry requirements in keeping with the Faculty wide effort to streamline entry, continuation and graduation requirements.
- Physics and Astronomy – Introduction of Focus Areas in Electrical Engineering for ease of transfer between programs in Physics and Astronomy and Electrical and Computer Engineering programs.

**MOTION:** To recommend to Faculty Council approval of the package of undergraduate program changes as presented. Moved by B. Worobec, seconded by J. Williams.  
(Note: With some minor editorial changes)

**CARRIED**

### 3. Graduate Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean, Peter Graham, outlined the proposed changes to the Graduate Program in Computer Science, resulting from the department's external graduate program review. The proposed changes include:

- Changes in credit hours and grading to COMP 7220
- Change in the number of credit hours in the thesis M.Sc. program
- Elimination of comprehensive examinations

**MOTION:** To recommend to Faculty Council the proposed course and program changes in Computer Science (letter from May 19, 2010). Moved by P. Graham, seconded by B. Li.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Approval of Draft Agenda for Faculty Council

**MOTION:** To approve the draft agenda of the Faculty Council meeting scheduled for September 14, 2010. Moved by B. Johnson, seconded by D. Gillis.

**CARRIED**

### 5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45.

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**Faculty of Science**  
**250 Machray Hall**  
**Office of the Dean**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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**DATE:** August 23, 2010  
**TO:** Faculty Executive Council, Faculty of Science  
**FROM:** Lorraine Lester, Dean's Office  
**RE:** **NOTICE OF MEETING**

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The 156th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

**AGENDA**

- ✓ 1. Graduate Course and Program Changes (enclosed).
- ✓ 2. Minutes of the 155th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council held on February 1, 2010 (enclosed).
- ✓ 3. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes (enclosed).
- ✓ 4. Approval of the draft Agenda for the Faculty Council Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2010 (enclosed).
- ✓ 5. Other Business.