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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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TO ALL MEMBERS SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM G. Richardson, Secretary - Executive Committee

SUBJECT:

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The fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been called for Monday, April 2, 1973 at 2:40 P.M. in the Dean's Conference Room, 231 N.E.M.P. Building.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the minutes of the fourteenth meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Communications.
4. Decision as to whether or not the Faculty of Science should draft a reply to the Lamontagne Report (Vol. II).
5. Suggestion from the Science Advisory Committee that xerox copies of the written examination booklets be mailed back to those students who so request and who pay the cost of mailing.
6. Continued discussion on the proposed New Honours and second degree regulations.
7. Fees for Honours students.
8. Request from the Science Advisory Committee that the Executive Committee discuss the problems associated with the long loan period afforded academic staff by the Library.
9. Statement by the Dean regarding the future of the Deanship in Science.
10. Discussion on Departmental Councils.
11. Other business.

GR/nlh

April 6, 1973

Minutes of the fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council held on Monday, April 2nd, 1973 at 2:40 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room, 231 North-East Multi-Purpose Building.

Members Present: Dean R. D. Connor, Chairman; Drs. P.K. Isaac, I. Cooke, G.E. Dunn, G. Losey, B.K. Kale, D. Punter, B. MacPherson, J. Reid, Mr. John Perrin, G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Dr. J.M. Vail

I. Minutes of the last meeting.

With the addition of Dr. Dunn's name to the list of members present, the minutes of the fourteenth meeting held on March 9th, 1973 were approved. Dunn (Losey).

II. Matters Arising Therefrom.

For the information of the members, the Chairman informed them that the ad hoc committee to study the revised examination requirements had been established with Dean Cooke as Chairman. However, until all members had been contacted, he would not name the members at this time. He did ask Mr. Perrin if he thought a student should be on this committee. Mr. Perrin was not certain that there would be a student available over the summer but he would check with their council and report back.

III. Communications.

The Secretary had received a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Courses (Dean Cooke) requesting that the Executive Committee approve the addition of a member from the staff at St. Boniface College to this committee. It was agreed that the rector of St. Boniface College would be asked to nominate a person to serve on this committee.

IV. Lamontagne Report (Volume II).

The matter of Science drafting a reply to this report had been referred by Faculty Council to the Executive for its recommendation. The Chairman

informed the members that he thought that the Faculty of Graduate Studies had already drafted a reply and he was not certain that a reply from the Faculty of Science would provide any information that had not already been mentioned. In order to draft a reply, about three months' work was involved. It was therefore agreed that the Chairman would check to see if a report had already been sent by the University and if so what was contained in it. He would report back at the next Executive meeting.

V. Request from the Science Advisory Committee - return of examination booklets.

At the last Science Advisory Committee meeting it had been suggested that students, who so wished, should be able to pay in advance to get Xerox copies of their examination booklets sent to them. Some appropriate sticker would be put on the booklet and when the examiner had finished marking it, it would be copied and sent to the student. This suggestion was put before the Executive for discussion and recommendation. If the Executive felt that the idea had merit, it would then be put before Faculty Council, and if approved there, it would go to the Senate Committee on Examinations for consideration.

The primary reason given for the return of the booklets was that it would be of educational value to the students to see how they had fared. Naturally it would also provide a check on the marking. Some members felt that this would lead to a marked increase in the number of appeals for re-reads; Dean Cooke agreed with this feeling. Other members thought that it would be more appropriate if, after a certain length of time, all examination booklets became available for the student. In doing what had been suggested by the Science Advisory Committee, a lot of work would be involved. It was felt that before this idea would be put before the Faculty Council, the Executive would like to know approximately how many students would take advantage of this, how much it was likely to cost, and if all papers became available after a certain period, would this serve the same purpose? It was agreed that the Science Advisory Committee would take this matter under advisement and report back to the Committee at the next regular meeting.

VI. Continued discussion on the Honours and Second Degree Requirements.

Dean Cooke requested that the Second Degree requirements be discussed first as it was the more urgent matter at this time.

In referring to the copy of the proposed requirements that had been circulated with the Honours requirements, Dean Cooke explained that it was his committee's general feeling that two general degrees should be discouraged. In cases where it did occur, then the second general degree should require the same amount of work as the first degree, namely; that the student should be required to complete fifteen new courses. There could be instances where specific requirements would be waived, but the full number of courses would still be required; in other words, no advance credit would be given. In the following discussion, most members tended to favour no second degree or if a second degree, then with some advanced credit.

The idea that a student should surrender his general degree in order to receive his Honours degree was again not favoured by the Executive. The members could see very good reasons for a student wishing to retain his B.A. (General) after having obtained a B.Sc. (Honours), especially if he had completed all the work for both.

At this point discussion switched to an item that appeared in a brochure distributed by the Faculty of Education. In particular it focused on the requirements stated therein for a second degree, after having obtained a Bachelor of Education, namely; five additional courses, presumably from Arts or Science. Where the proposed requirements for Science were suggesting thirty full courses for two general degrees, this Faculty was requiring five beyond the first degree. As Dean Cooke explained, this only pointed out the need for requirements pertaining to second degrees and for reciprocal arrangements to be made between faculties.

The Chairman stated that he had been unaware of these requirements in Education and requested that more information be obtained. Because of the length of time already spent on this item, he proposed that a special meeting of this committee be called in order to discuss these requirements as well as those of the Honours degree. The committee members concurred and a special meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 9th, 1973 at 7:30 p.m.

Before adjourning, the Chairman requested that he be permitted to read

a statement concerning the future of the Deanship of the Faculty. This was agreed. The Dean read the statement and concluded by saying that he intended to read the same statement at the next Faculty Council meeting where it would be written into the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

GR/lm