

April 25, 1973

Fourteenth Meeting

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE April 19, 1973

TO ALL MEMBERS OF FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE

FROM G. Richardson, Secretary - Faculty Council

SUBJECT:

The fourteenth meeting of the Faculty Council of Science has been called for Wednesday, April 25, 1973, at 2:40 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Communications.
4. Election for membership to Senate and the Executive Committee of Faculty Council.
5. Selection of two nominees whose names will be forwarded to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for election to the Board of Graduate Studies.
6. Report from Senate.
7. Continued discussion on the statement from the Committee on Courses.
- ✓ 8. Second Degree Regulations (two notices of motion from Dr. Gratzner given at the last Faculty Council meeting).
9. Other business.

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Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of Faculty Council held on Wednesday, April 25, 1973, at 2:40 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Members Present: Dr. R.D. Connor, Chairman; Professors. I. Cooke, G. Gratzner, R.W. Quackenbush, R.H. Green, J.C. Muzio, R. Padmanabhan, J.A. Gerhard, P.R. King, J.A. Wright, R.G. Woods, C. Platt, J. Gee, K.W. Stewart, F.J. Ward, G.C. Tabisz, B.K. Kale, K. Mount, R.M. Lyric, W.G. Baldwin, K.K. Ogilvie, J.W. Berry, J.P. McClure, R. Wong, J.J. Williams, N. Gupta, D.N. Burton, I. Suzuki, P.D. Loly, (Mrs.) K. Subrahmaniam, K. Subrahmaniam, R.G. Stanton, M. Aleksyuk, S.G. Sealy, J.M. Wells, D. Trim, B. Beach, P. Collens, S. Badour, L. Van Caesele, P. Maeba, W.N.R. Stevens, W.R. Wall, S.K. Sen, D.G. Douglas, A.H. Morrish, A. Chow, D.T. Anderson, H. Williams, C.I. Chow, W. Fehlner, B.R. Henry; R. Kingsley, J.M. Vail, R.C. Barber, G.E. McMaster, A.E.T. Bentley, J.F. Brewster, R.J. MacKay, G.F. Atkinson, B.D. Macpherson, H. Giesinger, G.C. Hickling, J. Silins, J. Rauch, J.G. Eales, T. Dandy, D.H. Hall, J.L. Charlton, H. Gesser, R. Hawirko, D. McKinnon, A. Olchowecki, T. Dick, N.E.R. Campbell, R. Bochonko, H. Halvorson, H. Lees, A.N. Arnason, P.N. Shivakumar, N. Losey, G. Losey, D. Johnson, R. Dowling, H.C. Finlayson, J.H. Loudfoot, E.R. Waygood, J. Reid, N. Mendelsohn, D.A. Young, P.K. Isaac, G.E. Dunn; Messrs. W. Hausler, G. Slobodian, S. Jeffries, (94), G. Richardson, Secretary.

Regrets: Professors W.C. Brisbin, T.W. Fyles, B.R. Irvine, D. Punter, G.C. Robinson, A. Shephard, P.W. Aitchison, P.L. Ellis, R.J. Lockhart; Messrs. G. Steindel, D. Jonasson, P. Panchuk, B. Simms; Misses Z. Franko, K. Cobor.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman pointed out a typing error on page 5 of the minutes of the meeting of April 10th; the word "composed" on the first line should be "confused".

Dean Cooke indicated that in keeping with Council's wishes regarding the recording of the voting on motions, the notation following the motion on page 6

should be changed to read "Carried" and the words "1 Opposed" and "1 Abstained" be deleted.

Professor Losey stated that at the last meeting when he suggested these notations, he had indicated five categories; the minutes show only four. Missing was the notation "Carried". The five categories to be used in future are:

1. Carried
2. Carried nem.con.
3. Unanimous
4. A full count giving number of votes in favour, number against, and the number of abstentions.
5. Defeated

With these changes, the minutes were adopted. Cooke (Sen)

2. Matters arising from the minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.

3. Communications.

The Secretary read a letter he had received from the Chairman of the Student Standing Committee which explained the Committee's thinking on the reconsideration of the Second Degree Regulations. Approximately eighteen months had passed since these proposals were first put forward and because certain situations no longer existed, the Student Standing Committee wished to modify its report. The original recommendation, because of its nature, had been stated very simply. The revised recommendation would be more complex and the wording therefore would require more study. The letter concluded by stating that the Committee would try to have a portion of these regulations ready for the next Faculty Council meeting.

Because the revisions were not ready for this meeting, the Chairman received approval from Council to delete item 8 from the agenda.

The Secretary read a second letter that he had received from the out-going Senior Stick of Science, Mr. John Perrin. The letter was addressed to the new Stick, Mr. Gordon Steindel, and informed the Science Students' Association that he wished to tender his resignation from the Science Executive Committee, Science Faculty Council, and Science Advisory Committee.

Such being the case, the Chairman received approval to approach Mr. Steindel

to name replacements for Mr. Perrin on the stated committees.

4. Elections.

The Chairman wrote on the blackboard the names of those members nominated for the various positions. He informed Council that he had received two letters of proxy vote from members who were unable to attend this meeting, and asked Council whether or not these were to be accepted.

Several members spoke against accepting the proxy votes because this had not been done in the past and was not part of the regular proceedings, and because not all the nominating forms had been available to the two members forwarding the proxy vote. (Copies of two nominating forms were handed out at the start of this meeting as they had been seriously delayed by the campus mail in transit between two floors of the same building). Because of these reasons, it was moved by Professor Green (Sinha) that:

"the proxy ballots not be counted".

Carried.

It was also moved by Professor Gratzer (Losey) that:

"the Executive Committee of Faculty Council be asked to consider this problem and make a recommendation to Faculty Council".

Carried.

It was moved by Professor Giesinger (Gratzer) that:

"the voting for all three elections be done at one time seriatim".

Carried nem. con.

Asked to act as scrutineers were Professors Mendelsohn, Reid, G. Losey, Baldwin, King and Mr. Slobodian.

Elected were:

- (i) To Senate, for three-year term commencing June 1, 1973 were - Professors D.H. Hall, J.W.T. Dandy, and R.J. Dowling.
- (ii) To the Executive Committee of Faculty Council, for two-year term commencing June 1, 1973 were - Professors D.N. Burton, K.S. Stewart, C.D. Anderson, and B.R. Henry.
- (iii) As nominees whose names will go forward to the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies for election of one to the Board of Graduate Studies were - Professors K.K. Ogilvie and M. Doob.

6. Report from Senate.

The report from Senate was given by Professor Wall.

Professor Wall's report covered three Senate meetings - April 3, April 11, and April 24, 1973.

At the April 3rd meeting, Senate was advised of the "salary freeze" put on all University of Manitoba staff as a result of the labor negotiations. Revisions to the Tenure By-Law were approved. These essentially increased the probationary periods for Associate Professors from three to four years, and Assistant Professors from four to six years. The probationary period for Full Professors remained the same, i.e. three years. These probationary periods were to take effect with those staff hired subsequent to the Senate meeting.

The April 11th meeting was on the 1973/74 budget and was held in closed session; however, the report submitted by Senate Planning and Priorities Committee for this meeting is not confidential and is available for any of the members to read.

The April 24th meeting dealt with the revisions to The University Act. The one significant recommendation to come forward was that the size of Senate and its composition be retained as at present except for the addition of a small number of students. Professor Wall informed the Council that all except one of the recommendations put forth by the Faculty of Science had been accepted; the one that was not was the recommendation abolishing the University and Community Council.

7. Continued discussion on the Statement from the Committee on Courses.

The Chairman asked Dean Cooke to speak to this item.

Dean Cooke recalled the background leading up to this request and at the conclusion he stated that he personally would like to see a recommendation somewhat like the following come from Council: that after the eight Science courses, the student be allowed to take one course from any department of the University (excluding overlap courses but including all other courses for which Science students are allowed to register) and six courses from Arts, Science, and the presently approved list. The one unrestricted course would not exclude the Education courses.

The discussion began on the number of courses a student could take outside of Science; namely, seven. Some members felt that this was too many, that five would be more appropriate, in which case the student would be required to take ten from within the Faculty. It was pointed out by the Chairman that discussion on this particular point had taken place during several meetings last year, at which time the number had been approved by Faculty Council along with the new Bachelor of Science general regulations.

There was a suggestion that the Departments be given the prerogative as to which courses outside the Faculty a student be permitted to take. Dean Cooke replied that what this would result in was essentially a different list of allowable courses for each Department and this obviously would not solve the problem. Furthermore, it would not be clear to a student which courses he could use for credit.

Several members indicated that they would like to see the seven courses taken from an unrestricted list, thus enhancing the general aspect of the degree. Professor Losey pointed out that such a liberalization would be the first move towards the creation of a degree in general studies. The Chairman admitted that the Bachelor of Science degree was considered a general degree, but it was "general" within the Faculty and as such it had to maintain a certain science content to remain a Science degree. He stated that there were so many courses on campus which had such totally different objectives from Science and Arts courses that to allow a student to take seven of these and still present him with a Bachelor of Science (general) Degree at his completion would be inconsistent with the true meaning of the degree.

Professor Henry pointed out that it was quite possible that there could be some Council members who would see little difference between, say, a course on modern dance theory and one on 14th century poetry. Were we, therefore, any more responsible to the meaning of the degree by limiting those seven courses, or a portion thereof, to Faculty of Arts courses?

Other suggestions that were put forth were: that the one unrestricted course be increased to two or even three; that there be limits to the number of 100, 200 or 300 level courses a student could take; that the remainder of the non-required Science courses be chosen from a restricted list which could

be revised periodically; and finally, any student wishing to take a course outside an allowable list should have to apply for permission to do so three months in advance of the start of that course and state his reasons for his request.

It was moved by Dean Isaac (Mendelsohn) that:

"the Committee on Courses be instructed to consider the discussions of today's meeting and report back to this Council at a later date."

Carried nem. con.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

GR/lm

May 3, 1973