

Forty-Fifth Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 1977

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

DATE January 19, 1977

TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FACULTY COUNCIL OF SCIENCE

FROM G. Richardson, Secretary 

SUBJECT:

The forty-fifth meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council has been called for Tuesday, January 25, 1977 at 2:40 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

A G E N D A

1. Approval of the minutes of the forty-fourth meeting.
2. Matters Arising therefrom:
 - (i) Status of the Heads review committees.
3. Communications.
4. Discussion on the proposed guidelines for academic promotion in the Faculty (attached second draft).
5. Discussion on the notices of motion for the next Faculty Council meeting by Professor M. Parameswaran (material attached).
6. Other business.

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Enclosures

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January 27, 1977

Minutes of the Forty-Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council, held on Tuesday, January 25, 1977 at 2:40 p.m. in the Faculty Conference Room, 250 Allen Building.

Members Present: Dean R. D. Connor, Chairman, Professors N.E.R. Campbell, I. Cooke, P. K. Isaac, K. Subrahmaniam, C. R. Platt, A. Olchowecki, G.G.C. Robinson, D. Burton, H. Duckworth and Ms. H. Peat.

Regrets: Professor N. Davison and Mr. G. Richardson.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Forty-Fourth Meeting.

The Minutes of the Forty-Fourth meeting were approved on the motion of Robinson (Campbell).

2. Matters Arising Therefrom:

(1) The Chairman reviewed the present position with respect to the review of Department Heads. The Executive Committee was advised that Drs. Welch and Stanton had been recommended for reappointment for a five year term at the end of their sabbatical leaves. The Search Committee for a Head of Earth Sciences was continuing its work and was now in the process of advertising. Review Committees for Drs. Suzuki, Morrish and Mendelsohn were about to be named.

3. Communications

There were no communications.

4. Proposed Guidelines for Academic Promotion

The committee proceeded to discuss the second draft of the promotion procedures and a number of changes, mainly editorial, were recommended. The Chairman agreed that these suggestions were all valuable and he would incorporate them into the third draft which would be sent to the entire Faculty Council. The motion

"that the Executive Committee recommend the document as revised to Faculty Council" - Platt (Duckworth) was approved.

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The Executive then turned to item 5 of the agenda. The committee was advised that following two meetings of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy on January 16 and 19, 1976 a document entitled "Procedures for Advice on Promotion Applications in the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy" was approved. This document calls for advisory committees consisting of five members. A call for nominations had gone out in the fall of 1976 (October 28, 1976) and after six weeks only the requisite number of nominations had been received and in order to fill the committees the Head of the Department on December 8th declared these individuals elected.

The Executive Committee referred to Article XX of the Collective Agreement, section 3, which reads "Before making a recommendation regarding promotion the Department Head shall seek the advice of the Department in accordance with procedures developed by the academic staff members with faculty rank in that Department meeting in committee." The Executive Committee felt that neither the Departmental Council nor the Faculty Council had any jurisdiction in the matter and that Dr. Parameswaran's notices of motion could only be considered ultra vires. The Chairman agreed with this interpretation and indicated that he would advise Dr. Parameswaran of the view that the Faculty Council had no jurisdiction in the matter and would further advise him therefore that he could not put the item on the agenda of the next Faculty Council meeting. If it were raised in Faculty Council under Other Business the Chairman would have no alternative but to rule it out of order. It would also be pointed out to Dr. Parameswaran that the matters he wished to discuss could properly be raised at the meeting of the Department scheduled for February 2, 1977.

6. Other Business

The committee then went on to consider briefly the library situation. There was a call for more library support. The Chairman indicated that it had been agreed with Dr. Welch to postpone discussion of the library and its operations until the meeting of Faculty Council next following which would enable some homework to be done. The Chairman pointed out that it would be an instructive exercise were members of the Committee to calculate the

increase in operating revenue for the University and the increase in salaries, and having subtracted the two determine the funding which had to meet all other inflationary pressures and new developments. It was his view that we could no longer continue to divide up so large a fraction of the increase in University income among us all as a salary increase. It was agreed that this matter would be returned to later.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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