Minutes of the 51st meeting of the Faculty Council of Science held on Tuesday, October 15, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building

Members Present: C. C. Bigelow, Chair

P. K. Isaac
N. E. Losey
J. W. Berry
A. Scoot
P. Loewen
I. Suzuki
R. Lyric
J. Page
A. H. Morrish
B. R. Henry
M. Doob
W. G. Baldwin
N. R. Hunter
A. Secco
G. G. Hickling
J. M. Gee
A. C. Turnock
L. Graham
S. G. Sealy
D. Lawless
L. Van Caeseele
B. Westelaken
N. E. R. Campbell
K. Mount
R. Thomas
P. Aitchison
B. MacPherson
J. Svenne
A. Gerhard
D. H. Hall
N. M. Halden
A. MacPherson
A. Ogrodnik
H. Halvorson

Regrets:

W. Brisbin
M. Doyle
H. Duckworth
J. Findlay
J. Jamieson
F. Konopasek
P. McClure
D. Punter
J. Reid
J. M. Shay
S. K. Sinha
F. G. Stambrook

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order and introduced Prof. G. Laliberte who in turn introduced Ms. J. McLaren a representative from the United Way. Ms. McLaren highlighted the work of the United Way and encouraged support of Council members.

2. The Chairman then introduced Dr. J. Radcliffe of the International Centre who gave an explanation of the "Host Program" and asked that Faculty members consider participation in the program. Dr. Radcliffe arranged for a letter on the Host Program to be distributed to all staff members.

3. The Chairman made the following announcements for information of Faculty Council:

a) Dr. R. D. Connor is to be awarded Dean Emeritus Status at the Fall Convocation. He was also welcomed back to the Faculty, Department of Physics.

b) The Chairman mentioned that the official opening of the Earth Sciences Building is at 10:00 a.m., October 22 outside the front door of the new building with a reception afterwards.
The Chairman said that anyone wishing to attend was welcome.

4. The Minutes of the 50th meeting were approved on a motion by P. Loewen (Doob).

5. Introduction of New Members
   As is customary at the fall Faculty Council meeting new members are introduced and a brief academic background given.

Dr. B. R. Henry (Chemistry) introduced Dr. A. Scoot and Dr. J. Cullen (who was unable to attend).

Dr. A. H. Morrish (Physics) introduced Dr. M. Neuman, Dr. J. Page, and Dr. D. Shelton.

The Chairman introduced Anthony MacPherson (Senior Stick) who in turn introduced Al Ogrodnik (Vice-Stick).

6. Dean Bigelow mentioned that the worst running sore of the Faculty is the question of miscellaneous capital and listed some of the problems. He asked that faculty members put their heads together and that he would appreciate their thoughts and help on this.

7. Dr. J. Berry presented the Course Change Proposals to Faculty Council for information. No questions were raised from the floor.

8. Dr. J. Berry presented the Report on Admissions to Faculty Council for information. He mentioned what effect the new admission policy has had on the retention ratio in 2nd yr.

Dr. Henry mentioned that the rationale for limiting enrolment was that the Faculty didn't have resources for the number of students enrolled. In the last five year plan the Faculty moved from dire need to being now right in the middle. Dr. Henry asked whether the Dean had any comments from a funding point of view. Deans Isaac and Berry spoke to the question.

9. a) Change of name of the Department of Earth Sciences to Department of Geological Sciences.

Dr. Hall spoke on the motion to change the name of the department to the Department of Geological Sciences.

Moved by D. Hall(Turnock):

"That the name of the Department of Earth Sciences to changed to the Department of Geological Sciences."

CARRIED, NEM.CON.

This recommendation will now be forwarded to Senate for approval.
b) Naming of new Earth Sciences Building.

Dr. D. Hall mentioned that the naming of the new Earth Sciences Building after Robert C. Wallace has the overwhelming approval of the department and the endorsement of Faculty Executive.

Moved by D. Hall:

"That the new Earth Sciences Building be named for Dr. Robert C. Wallace."

CARRIED, NEM.CON.

This recommendation will now be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees for consideration.

10. The Chairman reported that, as suggested at the Faculty Executive meeting October 1, 1985, reports from the Executive be given only on special request.

Dr. McKee reported on three items of Senate:

1. Undergraduate Genetics Program Review (Committee chaired by J. C. Jamieson)

2. The Academic Plan which is about to come home to roost.

3. ROASS Report (Responsibilities of Academic Staff with Regard to Students). Dr. McKee suggested that all staff should read this report and asked if it could be copied for faculty members. (Attached)

11. Other Business

The question of our security system was brought up in the light of the recent unauthorized removal of TV sets from the Chemistry Department.

Dean Losey mentioned the matter has been looked into in the past and will be thought about some more.

At this point in the meeting (4:30 p.m.) Faculty Council went into Confidential Session (Minutes are kept in the Dean's Office.)
DATE: October 2, 1985

TO: All Members of Science Faculty Council

FROM: Sheila Catt, Secretary

The 51st Meeting of the Faculty Council of Science is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. in 207 Buller.

AGENDA

1. Prof. Mallin on United Way.

2. Dr. John Radcliffe (International Centre) on the "Host Program".

3. Announcements:
   (a) Awarding of Dean Emeritus Status to Dr. R.D. Connor (Fall Convocation).
   (b) Official opening of the new Earth Sciences Building (memo from Mr. Raeburn attached).


5. Introduction of new members.


7. Course Change Proposals. These are approved by the Executive Committee and forwarded to Faculty Council for information. Material has been made available to Departmental offices for perusal by members. Questions may be raised from the floor.

8. Report on Admissions (a) since new admission policy became effective and (b) for current academic session. Material is available in Departmental offices.

9. (a) Change of name of Department of Earth Sciences to Department of Geological Science. (Memo from Dr. D.H. Hall attached.)
   (b) Naming of new Earth Sciences Building. (Memo from Dr. G.S. Clark attached.)

10. Reports from the Executive Committee and from Senate: Recommendations from the Executive Committee.

11. Other business.
Confidential Session

1. Professor Emeritus Status - Dr. R.B. Ferguson

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cc: Prof. Mallin
    Human Ecology

    Dr. John Radcliffe
    International Centre

TO: Dean P. K. Isaac,
Acting Dean of Science.

FROM: Mr. R. M. Raeburn,
Director,
University Relations & Information Office:

SUBJECT: Official Opening - Earth Sciences Building

The President has agreed we should proceed to plan to officially open the Earth Sciences Building on October 23. We have chosen this date for the following reasons:

1. October 19-27 is National Universities Week and we would promote the opening as one of the major activities of the Week.

2. The funding for the building was all provincial, through the Jobs Fund, and it is therefore appropriate to have provincial government officials play a major role in the opening. Wednesday is Cabinet day and there is a good likelihood we could persuade the Cabinet to hold its regular meeting at the University in the morning and participate in the opening in the afternoon.

3. An opening at this time would also have the added benefit of providing an impetus to the fund-raising campaign being planned by the Department of Earth Sciences. A later opening, for example in the Spring, runs the risk of being influenced by what could be a provincial election.

I would also think it would be appropriate to have a second ceremony related to the official naming of the building. This would focus more on the individual after whom the building is named, rather than on government contributions. To do both sometimes dilutes the attention given to each group. This occasion may also provide some reinforcement for the fund-raising campaign.

I would appreciate any views you have on this proposal. In addition, I would request you name three or four people from the Faculty/Department who could serve on a committee which would be responsible for finalizing details of the opening.

Marion Vaisey-Genser and I are co-chairing the National Universities Week Committee and would be pleased to provide you with any additional information.

C.C. Professor R. A. Johnson.
Professor M. Vaisey-Genser.
(4) Naming of new Earth Sciences Building.

It was moved, Isaac (Mount) that the recommendation by the Earth Sciences Department that the new building be named for Dr. Robert C. Wallace be transmitted to Faculty Council.

Carried
Unanimous

(5) Change of name of Earth Sciences Department.

It was moved, Williams (Hunter) that the recommendation that the name of the Earth Sciences Department be changed to Department of Geological Science be transmitted to Faculty Council.

Carried
Unanimous

(6) Necessity of reports to Faculty Council from the Executive Committee and from Senate.

Dr. Isaac pointed out that in almost all instances, matters discussed in the Executive Committee appeared on the Faculty Council Agenda. Reports from Senate were usually far out of date and therefore not necessarily very useful.

The Chair suggested that the Faculty Council be asked if it would be preferable to arrange to have special reports from the Executive where necessary rather than regularly scheduled ones. He would discuss with the Science Senators the matter of reports from Senate and would bring their recommendation to Faculty Council.
TO
Dean Bigelow, Faculty of Science

FROM
D.H. Hall, Head, Dept. of Earth Sciences

SUBJECT: Department Name

I wish to put forward a motion that our department name be changed to Department of Geological Science. Our present name was chosen because we expected at the time we chose it to diversify into many fields and to grow very much more than we have. In addition of signs at that time pointed to a greater degree of public education as to the nature of our science. Neither of these things has happened to the extent we foresaw and we have many difficulties with public perception of what we do when they encounter our name. These considerations led our department council to vote after lengthy consideration on the report of a sub-committee with a vote of over two-thirds majority that we should make a change. The new name will make a better perception of what we do being conveyed by our name. The main group whose work goes beyond the confines of the new name is Geophysics but this can be handled by giving a greater prominence to the Geophysics section within the department. I will incorporate this feature within the next calendar entry.

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TO Dr. C. C. Bigelow, Dean of Science, Machray Hall,

FROM Dr. G.S. Clark, Acting Head, Dept. of Earth Sciences

SUBJECT: Re: Naming of new Earth Sciences Bldg.

I recently learned from Vice-President Dick Johnson that our department should consider whether we wish to name the new building after someone, and if so, then we should submit a recommendation as soon as possible.

The faculty in this department has given overwhelming approval to naming the new building after Robert C. Wallace. I have also been in touch with Don Hall, and he agrees with this recommendation.

For your information, I have enclosed notes on the early history of our department, written some years ago by one of our former department heads, the late George Brownell. Included here is a brief biography of Dr. Wallace.

As you probably know, such recommendations must be considered by the Committee on Honorary Degrees, and then by Senate.

I will be forwarding this proposal to the above committee through the secretary, Brian MacPherson. Before I do this, however, I wish to let you know of our intentions and ask if this requires prior approval of Science Faculty Council.

I also wish to inform you of another matter concerning our department in connection with the new building. There has been informal discussion among our faculty for a few years now concerning the name of our department. Since we wish to have the name of our department on the front of our building, this matter has taken on greater urgency. The enclosed copy of a memo I recently sent to our faculty explains the reason for a proposed name change.

Also, for your information, Bill Brisbin and I have been meeting with Jim Daly for the purpose of organizing a private fund drive to coincide with our new building construction.

On behalf of our department, congratulations on your renewed appointment as Dean of Science.

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