Minutes of the 56th Meeting of Faculty Council of Science held Thursday, April 16, 1987 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Present: C. C. Bigelow (Chair) N. E. Losey  
L. C. Graham P. K. Isaac  
M. J. Rogers D. Scuse  
A. Ostrander N. Kenkel  
S. Badour A. Gerhard  
J. Svenne P. N. Shivakumar  
R. M. Lyric L. Van Caeseele  
B. Irvine S. Cheng  
G. Paul T. Booth  
R. Gordon W. Falk  
B. Southern D. Lawless  
F. J. Ward T. J. Wiens  
R. A. MacArthur H. Halvorson  
J. McKee M. Sumner  
N. Mendelsohn D. N. Burton  
R. Bochonko B. Carstens (for B. Westlaken)  
A. Kosinsky L. Srivastava  
S. Oh J. Fabrykowski  
B. McTavish R. Wolsey  
L. Chartier J. McConnell  
J. Wigston P. Pachol

Regrets: F. G. Statnbrook J. Finlay  
J. Jamieson R. Wong  
J. Williams S. K. Sinha  
W. Pruitt

Dean Bigelow started the meeting by introducing the Faculty of Science Budget Officer Linda Chartier.

1. The adoption of the minutes of the 55th meeting of Faculty Council was M/S/C.

2. As Chair, Dean Bigelow added several items under other business; budget, academic plan, NSERC, and enrolments and moved item 3 to the end of the agenda. The adoption of the agenda was M/S/C.

3. Course Change Proposals. Faculty Council was advised that the course change proposals were considered and approved by the Executive Committee and brought to Faculty Council for information. No questions were raised.

4. Faculty Elections

Senate

Two nominations have been received for the two positions on Senate--J. C. Jamieson and J. Hoskins.

It was M/S/C that nominations for Senate be closed.
Elected to Senate by acclamation are J. C. Jamieson and J. Hoskins for a three-year term June 1, 1987 to May 31, 1990.

Board of Graduate Studies

One nomination has been received for nomination to the Board of Graduate Studies—B. Southern. The Faculty of Graduate Studies requests a minimum of two names be forwarded in nomination for the one vacant position. We have been advised that Graduate Studies will accept one name if we are unsuccessful in getting further nominations.

It was M/S/C that nominations to the Board of Graduate Studies be closed.

B. Southern is elected by acclamation to the Board of Graduate Studies.

Executive Committee

One nomination has been received for the six vacant positions on Executive—J. Hoskins. Dean Bigelow outlined the functions of the Executive Committee and suggested that Faculty Council might ask the Executive Committee to look at its function and make suggestions for next meeting of Faculty Council.

Dr. McKee suggested that Faculty Council table the one nomination. Agreed.

The Faculty Council By-laws would have to be changed and sent to Senate if changes are made to Executive.

Dr. Svenne asked whether each department council could elect a member to serve on the Executive.

It was M/S/C that the problem be sent to the Executive Committee for their advice.

5. Other Business

Dean Losey brought Faculty Council up-to-date on the budget situation. Faculty has not yet heard what our Miscellaneous Capital allocation will be.

Dean Bigelow mentioned that our grant record this year is up about 2% in the Faculty but down from a couple of years ago. We are under some pressure regarding our research record. The Faculty of Science Research Committee will look at the data and see if they can provide some assistance.
Dean Bigelow suggested that members look at the new academic plan if they haven't already done so. There are numerous action statements—in many cases these are already current practice.

The Heads have been provided with a draft form for annual assessment of faculty members. Dean Bigelow suggested faculty members might want to look at it and make comments if they wish.

Dean Graham mentioned that, as of April 10, enrolment analysis shows that Science as a 1st choice has risen from 1432 to 1569 (1104 Manitoba matriculation); 2nd choice up 5% to 1024 (712 Manitoba matriculation).

Dr. Ward asked on the status of the B.Sc./B.Ed. proposal. Dean Graham mentioned that the Faculty of Education is undergoing a review at the present time and a decision will likely be made following its review.

A question was asked how we would handle admission from the Advanced Placement Program. Dean Graham mentioned that the Senate Admissions Committee is looking at this question and that departments are being asked to comment on the courses.

6. Recommendation from the Executive Committee.

Dean Bigelow reviewed the background on problems with library acquisition and teaching equipment.

It was M/S/C:

That in view of the Board of Governors stated position on the funding problems, Science Faculty Council now asks the Board of Governors what progress is being made in regard to the lack of funding for teaching equipment and library acquisitions.

Dean Bigelow introduced the new Senior Stick, Bruce McTavish, who in turn introduced Audra Kosinsky the Vice Stick and Sandra Oh, a Science Student Association representative.

Ms. Srivastava asked what was happening with professor and course evaluation. Dean Graham responded that some departments have already started evaluation. Senate did not specify a date for start of evaluation, but it is expected that all departments will have their evaluations in operation during the next academic year.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 3:35 p.m.
April 7, 1987.

TO: All members of the Faculty Council of Science
FROM: P. Pachol, Secretary

The 56th meeting of the Faculty Council of Science is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 207 Buller Building.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 55th meeting of Thursday, November 13, 1986 (previously distributed)

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

3. Recommendation from the Executive Committee

"In view of the Board of Governors stated position on the funding problems, Science Faculty Council now asks the Board of Governors what progress is being made in regard to the lack of funding for teaching equipment and library acquisitions."

4. Faculty Elections (attached)

5. Other business

TO: Dean C. C. Bigelow,  
Faculty of Science.

FROM: Dr. A. Naimark,  
President.

SUBJECT: Faculty Council Resolution:

The Board of Governors, at a meeting held on May 21, 1987, referred the letter in which you forwarded a request from the Science Faculty Council on "what progress is being made in regard to the lack of funding for teaching equipment and library acquisitions" to me for response.

I have enclosed a letter to me from Dr. Stambrook on this matter which refers to library acquisitions and the allocation from the $10 million debenture for equipment replacement.

In regard to your comment that the University's miscellaneous capital budget will be unchanged from last year, it should be noted that while this is the situation at the present time, the UGC has advised that it has retained, for future allocation, $1 million in miscellaneous capital funds.

I can also report that the matter of library resources and miscellaneous capital funding are under consideration by the Budget Advisory Committee. The report of the BAC on these matters and the recommendations of the President arising from this report, will be available for discussion by the appropriate bodies within the University such as Senate and the SPPC and the Board and its Strategic Planning Committee.

C.C. Dr. A. M. Runciman.  
Dr. A. Naimark.  
Mr. T. G. Falconer.  
Dr. F. G. Stambrook.

RMR:mrb.
May 8, 1987

To: Dr. A. Naimark, President
From: Dr. F. G. Stambrook, Vice-President (Academic)

I refer to Dean Bigelow's memorandum to Mr. Raeburn, Dated April 24, 1987, and its attachment, which have been copied to you.

The motion as passed by Science Faculty Council refers to "... lack of funding for... library acquisitions." In this regard, the University budget in 1987-88 as approved by the Board of Governors has made provision for a substantial dollar increase in the Libraries' allocation for acquisition purposes. It was understood that this increase would probably bring about only a very modest increase in purchasing power.

Specifically, the budget as approved by the Board of Governors enabled the Library administration to augment the "acquisition" budget by c.$280,000, an increase of 13.7% over the April 1, 1986, level which is a percent or two more than the estimated cost of inflation of book and serial prices, and thus allows for a very modest element of recovery. Furthermore, the Library administration, from within its own allocated resources, was able to effect baseline transfers totalling $41,000 to the acquisitions budget during the course of the 1986-87 fiscal year. The net effect is that the baseline acquisitions budget (a small portion of which is also used for binding) has been increased from $2,050,000 as of April 1, 1986, to $2,371,000 as of April 1, 1987. This represents an increase of 15.66%. Unless there are unanticipated cost increases, we may be able to regain about 25-30% of the ground lost last year.

In respect of equipment, the needs of the University are manifold and dire, for much of our teaching equipment is obsolescent if not obsolete. Last year's $10 million debenture, of which $3 million was allocated towards helping to meet the needs of the academic unit, provided some, but only some, relief. The Faculty of Science received $600,000 from this source, which as I understand it has helped the Faculty to some extent in adequately discharging its instructional responsibilities. But further needs certainly remain.

FGS/mj

cc: Mr. T. G. Falconer
    Dr. T. P. Hogan
TO: Bob Raeburn, Secretary,  
Board of Governors.

FROM: C. C. Bigelow, Dean of Science

I enclose a copy of a motion passed by the Faculty Council of Science at its meeting of April 17.

In view of the fact that the university's miscellaneous capital budget will be unchanged from last year, and in view of the fact that the libraries do not expect to be able to repair any of the damage which was done to the collections last year, the need to take some serious steps to acquire more money for teaching equipment, books, and journals, is still evident.

As the Board will recall, the Faculty Council of Science made a proposal that addressed the problem. So far we are unaware of any other proposals. One is badly needed.

CCB/pap

Encl.