

Minutes of the 109th Meeting of Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council held Thursday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Present:	D.N. Burton (Chair)	J.P. Svenne
	P. Aitchison	A.N. Arnason
	B. Bhakar	N. Chow
	J.W.T. Dandy	N. Hunter
	B. Irvine	A. Gerhard (for P. McClure)
	R. Sparling	G. Drobot (for M.-L. Beesley)

Regrets:

P. McClure
K. Mount

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 108th meeting held October 15, 1991 were M/S/C.

2. **Multi-Year Plan Document**

Dean Svenne explained the extensive process the document has gone through to get to the present Draft IV.

The Executive Committee entered a lengthy discussion on the document with suggestions being noted to incorporate into the plan.

Discussion included the following:

- the proposed joint statement absolutely essential to the plan
(Tables show Arts and Science teaching 64.4% UGSCHs and getting 47% of total dollars.)
- question raised why some faculties treated better than Science, e.g. Agriculture
- table of contents to be added; general appearance of document to be considered
- Table 5 add one more column: % of total University teaching done by each Faculty.
Also reorder Chart 5 to show decreasing \$/UGSCH value. This will have more impact.
- very little emphasis on alternative measures for seeking funds; should be more emphasis on Coop, Industrial liaison
- there is not much in the document to support the third point in the mission statement. A few examples should be added, e.g. Joint University/Industry funding
- effects of external factors should be emphasized, e.g. Libraries cuts
- would like to put ourselves in Libraries position; be considered a core facility
- document well written and profoundly depressing
- major effect is loss of support for graduate students; decline in graduate enrolment and difficulty in recruiting of same
- with difficulty in getting graduate students and research infrastructure support you will find the most active dynamic faculty members seeking employment elsewhere
- 5% scenario isn't as bad as the cuts we have sustained over the past 4 years--1% a year
- The plan is a model of a decentralized operation. Thrust should be more centralized in its approach.

All departments treated evenhandedly.

-Should we have a more general kind of document?

-reaction to previous plan which was a broadly based faculty initiative, was felt to be lacking in detail and landed us in P3, the lowest priority.

-suggestion that we have some kind of ongoing group to give advice on the thrust of the faculty -general economic scenario--10-15% cuts sound plausible

-if we suggest Central make decision on what are the core areas of the University, they may come back to us and ask us what is the core of our Faculty

-a phrase be added to the joint statement (mentioning that Central Administration needs to do some kind of planning)

-page 17 under Computer Science add "with emphasis on adequate funding for students and recruiting"

-would take a certain number of years to restructure, should be planning now

-What does Central envisage as the University 5 years from now? This must be determined on a University-wide basis.

The Faculty Executive approved the following recommendations to be forwarded to Faculty Council for its consideration:

"(a). That Faculty Council approve in principle the general thrust of the Multi-Year Plan document.

(b). That Faculty Council strongly endorse the joint statement of the Faculties of Arts and Science.

(c). That Models A,B,C, and D be acknowledged as likely consequences of the various budgetary scenarios.

(d). That Faculty Council strongly urge Budget Advisory Committee to recommend setting priorities that will result in funding the Faculty of Science at Model D, in order that the Faculty can make progress toward achieving its mission, as described in the mission statement.

(e). That the Faculty Council endorses that the document be sent forward to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 p.m.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
Faculty of Science
250 Machray Hall
Office of the Dean
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

P.A. Pachol

October 18, 1991.

TO: Faculty of Science Executive Committee

FROM: Pat Pachol, Secretary

Pat Pachol

ON: **Notice of Meeting**

The 109th meeting of Faculty Executive will be held **Thursday, October 31, 1991 (note change of date)** at 2:00 p.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Agenda

The only item on the agenda will be the discussion of the Multi-Year Plan.
The Draft Plan will be forwarded when available.

/pap