Minutes of the 71st Meeting of Faculty Council of Science, Monday, December 6, 1993, 2:30 p.m., 208 Armes Lecture Theatre.

Present:  
D.N. Burton (Chair)  N. Losey
P.W. Aitchison  J.P. McClure
S. Badour  K. McGreer
T.G. Berry  N.S. Mendelsohn
P. Blunden  A.H. Morrish
R. Bochonko  D. Punter
L.K. Chan  B.L. Sherriff
G.S. Clark  B. Southern
H. Cohen  R. Sparling
T. Dandy  S. Strike
A. Ducas  M. Sumner
H.W. Duckworth  I. Suzuki
W. Falk  J.P. Svenne
S. Harris  G.C. Tabisz
J.H. Gee  A. Thavaneswaran
A. Gerhard  A. Toews
N.M. Halden  D. Trim
J. Hoskins  R.A. Usmani
A. Janzen  J.M. Vail
P. King  L. Van Caeseele
T. Kucera  J.J. Williams
B. Kunz  R. Wong
R. Lebrun  G. Woods
L. Chartier (Visitor)

Regrets:  
G. Baldwin  L. Pratt
R.C. Barber  G. Sawchyn
L. Batten  F. Spiring
W. Brisbin  E. Worobec
D. Hall

Dean Burton called upon Dr. W. Falk who introduced Dr. Ken McGreer, a new faculty member in the Department of Physics.

Dean Burton asked permission of Faculty Council to move item 1c Terms of Reference, Faculty Endowment Committee, to the first item on agenda.

1. a) Terms of Reference, Faculty Endowment Committee

Dean Burton reminded Council that the Terms of Reference for the Endowment Committee of the Faculty of Science require review every five years. The Endowment Fund Committee is a Standing Committee of Science Faculty Council. Dr. Burton also mentioned that
the students have contributed the largest amount to the Endowment Fund, having had two successful referenda, with another to be held next term.

Dean Burton moved on behalf of the Endowment Committee of Faculty of Science:

"That Faculty Council approve the revised terms of reference for the Faculty of Science Endowment Committee (as distributed)."

There was no discussion on the Revised Terms of Reference. Vote was taken and the motion was carried, 2 opposed.

b) Academic Promotion Policies Document

Dean Burton reminded Council that the main motion "died" when the meeting of November 25 was adjourned due to lack of a quorum. The one amendment which was passed at the previous meeting will be included in the new motion. Dean Burton moved on behalf of the Executive Committee of Faculty Council:

"That the revised Academic Promotion Policies Document as amended be approved by Faculty Council."

Two proposed amendments were circulated to Faculty Council. The information circulated follows.

"The NSERC policy document NSERC: A Strategy for Entering the 21st Century (November 10, 1993) states: ‘The new strategy described here will guide the Council’s activities for the next five years. During this period, Council will focus on strengthening the links between the universities and industry, building the country’s research base and industrial receptor capacity, and preparing students for employment in the new economy.’

Can we afford to cut ourselves off from this? The current wording (page 2 in the paragraph starting ‘Research supported by industry..’) specifically prohibits the consideration of industrially-based research in promotion applications unless it is evaluated by the same criteria as academic research, such as publishing in academic journals. Unfortunately, the bulk of research in collaboration with industry and government often cannot be evaluation by such means.

Amendment #1: The paragraph starting ‘Research supported by industry is...’ on page 2 of the document be replaced by an extra entry in the list of bulleted items which can be used to evaluate research contributions: ‘Research in collaboration with industry, Government or other outside body, provided the quality of this research can be evaluated and shown to be of high standard.’
Amendment #2: In the lists of items, which can be used to assess a candidate's level of research contribution in item 2 on page 3 and item 2 on page 4, an extra list entry be added: 'The amount and quality of research in collaboration with industry, Government or other outside body.'

After discussion of these amendments, a separate vote was called on each and both were carried.

Dr. Kucera stated he was puzzled as to why the first paragraph on page 2 was included in the document.

After discussion it was moved:

"That the first paragraph on page two, starting with 'The first two points...' be removed from the document."

Dean Svenne protested that this matter had been dealt with, (and defeated) at the November 25th meeting.

The vote on the motion was called and the motion was carried.

The vote was called on the main motion as amended and was carried, 2 opposed.

c) Policy on Appeal of Term Work

Dean Burton moved, on behalf of the ad hoc committee:

"That Faculty Council adopt the report of the ad hoc committee to recommend on Faculty of Science Policy on the Appeal of Term Work."

Dean Burton, in response to a question on appeals in the past term, said that it appears that there have been no formal appeals.

Ms. Toews asked why there were no students involved on the committee. Dean Burton responded that none had been asked. He felt that the concerns of students were met at Senate level.

The form for appeal was discussed. The Department Budget # will not be used on the form. Any appeals money collected will end up in the Dean's budget and then transferred to the departments. When asked if there is a new form, Dean Burton responded that he didn't know if there is a new form.

The vote on the motion was called and was carried.
d) Other Business

Dean Burton called on Ms. Toews, Science Students Association, who discussed with faculty the lack of communication between faculty and students, mentioning as examples cancellation of the Lost Weekend due to lack of interest by faculty and students and the low attendance by faculty at Graduation dinners.

Ms. Toews reported on some improvements the Science Students' Association has made, i.e. renovations to the SSA lounge, purchase of a computer and printer, locker calendars for all undergraduates, Science Library purchase.

As communication is a two-way street, she asked for suggestions on how to bridge the communication gap.

Dr. Duckworth suggested that the Science Students' Association try to get information on events out to faculty as early as possible. It was also suggested that the 50/50 Committee (Committee on Student Representation) be revived. The idea that the SSA give a regular report was said to be good and it was suggested that they write a yearly report and distribute it to faculty.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m.
November 26, 1993.

TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: P.A. Pachol, Secretary

ON: NOTICE OF MEETING

The 71st meeting of the Faculty Council of Science is scheduled for Monday, December 6, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 208 Armes Lecture Theatre. Please note change in normal location.

AGENDA

1. Unfinished Business

Members will recall that at the meeting on November 25, 1993, a motion was on the floor to approve the Revised Academic Promotion Policies Document. The motion in effect "died" when the meeting was adjourned due to lack of quorum. This motion will be reintroduced, on behalf of the Faculty Executive Committee, at the December 6 meeting. Members will also recall that there were other urgent matters of business left unfinished.

a) Academic Promotion Policies Document (previously distributed)

One motion was passed by Faculty Council and the changes will be made to the final document. The motion reads as follows:

"That all mention of the word "superior" in the Academic Promotion Policies document be replaced by the words "high quality".

Notice of Motion from Executive Committee of Faculty Council:

"That the revised Academic Promotion Policies Document as amended be approved by Faculty Council."

b) Policy on Appeal of Term Work (previously distributed)

c) Terms of Reference, Faculty Endowment Committee (previously distributed)

d) Other Business