Minutes of the 119th meeting of Faculty Executive Committee held Wednesday, October 18, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Present: J.C. Jamieson (Chair) R. McGowan
D.N. Burton A. Secco
I. Ferguson J. Stewart
A. Gerhard J. Vail
C. Kelly H. Williams
T. Kucera

Absent: P. Aitchison J. van Rees
M. Peer

Visitors: N. Marnoch J. McConnell

The meeting started with an introduction of all in attendance.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the 117th and 118th meetings of Faculty Executive were M/S/C.

2. Dean Jamieson’s report included:
   - a summary of the budget picture
   - retirements
   - increasing efforts in recruiting
   - A. Gerhard is working on a staffing plan for the Faculty
   - another retirement letter will be sent out.

   In response to a question, the Dean said there will be downsizing but with strategic planning.
   In response to a question whether there is a plan to monitor grade inflation, Dean Burton mentioned that grade inflation is already being monitored and we will keep our eyes on numbers.
   Concern was expressed regarding hiring of sessional instructors with fewer persons hired to tenure track positions.

3. Program and Course Change Proposals

   The program and course changes were moved by Dean Burton on behalf of the Committee on Courses and carried.

4. Introduction of a new Faculty Committee on Graduate Courses and Curriculum

   Dean Williams moved on behalf of the Faculty of Science that this committee be established. He explained the rationale for the establishment of the new committee and fielded questions. Dean Jamieson mentioned that many other faculties have a committee like this.

   In response to a question, has someone in Faculty office studied the relationship between Science Faculty Council, Graduate Studies and Senate in relation to the new contract, Dean Jamieson responded that we have not received a copy of the contract as yet. We will have to see what impact the contract will have at Faculty level. It was mentioned that we’ll have to have a much more thorough preparation for meetings of Senate.
A member commented that the establishment of this committee was a bureaucratic solution to a bureaucratic program. Committee should be convened and ask the committee if they wish to deal with it in this way.

Dean Williams indicated that the purpose of the committee is to keep him informed and to ensure a less rocky road at GCRAC meetings.

It was suggested that, in the name of the committee, the word courses be changed to studies; all agreed.

Vote was taken and carried (all in favour).

Dean Burton took over as chair at this point in the meeting.

5. **Promotion Policies Document**

Dean Gerhard explained the reasons for the revisions to the Promotions Policies Document. In response to a question whether summative evaluations are essential, Dean Burton mentioned that there is no literal adherence to this; no guidelines for uniformity across Faculty.

Dean Gerhard mentioned that current and proposed amendments were vetted by A. Yost, who made some suggestions for improved wording.

It was suggested that the following sentence be added to the preamble in the Promotion Procedures. “The current Collective Agreement should be consulted since the cited articles may have changed.”

It was M/S/C:

That the Promotion Policies Document be forwarded to Faculty Council for approval.”

Meeting adjourned 10:40 a.m.
October 12, 1995.

TO: Members, Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council

FROM: Pat Pachol, Secretary

ON: Notice of Meeting

The 119th meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of Faculty Executive Meetings #117 (dated March 9/95) and #118 (dated July 17/95) -- previously distributed

2. Dean's Report -- State of the Faculty

3. Program and Course Change Proposals

4. Faculty Awards

5. Introduction of a new Faculty Committee on Graduate Courses and Curriculum

6. Promotion Policies Document (attached)

Please let me know if you are unable to attend by calling 9348 or by E-Mail at PPachol.bldgwall.lan1.umanitoba.ca.

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