

Faculty of Science Executive Committee Meeting

The 128th meeting of the Faculty of Science Executive Committee was held on Monday, October 18 in room 250 Allen. Members in attendance were:

Dean J. Jamieson, Chair
Associate Dean G. Robinson
R. Bochonko
N. Chow
M. Doob
P. Hultin
J. Bate (at 2:30)

Associate Dean A. Gerhard
Associate Dean L. Batten
A. Thavaneswaran
D. Court
D. Gillis
M. Summer (for I. Waters)

Also in attendance:

B. Tait, Psychology
H. Paterson, Dean's Office

J. McConnell (Acting Secretary)
T. Schultz, Dean's Office

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Additional information relating to awards and course/program changes was distributed.

The Chair welcomed all members and advised that part of the order of business (agenda item #5) would be changed so that he could provide an update on budget matters while Schultz was in attendance. The Chair then introduced Trevor Schultz as the new Executive Assistant to the Dean for the Faculty of Science. Members introduced themselves. The Chair welcomed new members to the Executive: Hultin, Waters, Bate, Doob.

1. The minutes of the 127th meeting of the Executive Committee dated March 23, 1999 were moved for acceptance (Bochonko/Court). CARRIED.

5. Dean's Report:

The Chair outlined budget projections for 2000 – 2001. He noted that several positions (15 or 16) were currently being sought. Four female URF positions are also under consideration (these are NSERC funded), so that in total about 22 positions are in search.

Using an overhead, the Chair outlined budget projections from June, 1999. He highlighted various features of the Faculty's current position: 14% increase in faculty fees; reduction in leave savings; increase in carryover; an expectation that sessional needs will decline with full time staff being hired; and the expenditure of 2/3 of the Dean's discretionary fund to date. The Chair said that Summer Session income has not yet been reported but he expects an increase.

He concluded by indicating sufficient dollars to do planned hires, but cautioned that this depends on the size of the cut from Central, which will depend on the size of the grant from the Provincial Government. Although all indications point to a 2% increase from the Government, this translates into a decrease in the University's operating budget, due to increased costs and capital projects.

2. Course and Program Changes:

A. B. Sc. Programs in Psychology:

Robinson outlined the history of the program and indicated that the programs are intended to strengthen the education and options available to students and faculty alike. He reminded members that Tait from Psychology was here to answer any questions. Hultin asked what the effect this program has on the standing of the Psychology Department in the Faculty of Science. The Chair noted the proposal to include members of the Psychology Department on Faculty Executive and Faculty Council and to allow representation on the Faculty Committee on Student Standing. Hultin asked about financial implications. The Chair thought that there would be few, as the UGSCs would continue to be reported as usual. He felt that there may be a slight increase in enrollment in Science courses, which would benefit the Faculty. Robinson clarified that Psychology courses are considered Science courses for Major and Honours students in these programs only. Doob asked for clarification of the program requirements. He understood that students needed only 6 hours of Science. Tait pointed out that ancillary options are outside of Psychology and would probably be Science courses. He felt that the Psychology Department had a good advising program and a strong philosophical commitment to flexibility in the program.

The introduction of the B. Sc. Major and Honours program was unanimously CARRIED.

Robinson referred the Committee to page 54 of the course change package, which dealt with changes in the Department of Mathematics. He asked members to consider these first, as many of the changes in other departments were a result of these changes. He pointed out that many of these changes were from a comprehensive review done after the amalgamation of the Mathematics and Applied Mathematics Departments. The changes were CARRIED.

Robinson outlined the rest of the changes. Hultin questioned the performance change proposed by Computer Science, noting that Summer Session should have the same performance requirements. Doob asked if the changes to the other Faculty courses acceptable for credit in Science could be considered separately. It was agreed to do so. All course and program changes up to this point were CARRIED.

Doob expressed concern about the Physical Education course, and also wondered what criteria was to be applied to consideration and approval of other Faculty courses. Robinson noted that these courses were not being approved to form part of a Science core in any Science program, but simply as electives. McConnell and Paterson noted the approval process for other Faculty courses. When Science and Arts split apart in 1970, it was decided that at the time, all courses acceptable in Arts would be acceptable in Science. It was also decided that courses from other faculties would be approved on an individual basis, rather than simply accepted as suitable electives. Courses came to consideration either by student or Faculty request. The first stage was proposal by a student or Faculty to the Faculty of Science Committee on Courses. Once approved, it was forwarded to Faculty Executive for approval, then to Faculty Council for information and on to Senate for approval. It was noted that all courses had already been approved by Senate, and were simply being considered as acceptable, usually as electives, in one Faculty or another. It was also noted that the Committee on Courses may reconsider this procedure in the future, and may decide to recommend that all courses taught at the University of Manitoba be acceptable as electives in the Faculty of Science. Courses from other faculties and schools to be acceptable in Science were CARRIED.

3. Graduate Course Changes

Batten noted that the Mathematics changes at the graduate level also resulted from the amalgamation of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics. She referred members to the replacement pages handed out at the beginning of the meeting, noting that restrictions had been added. The Microbiology changes were additions to their supplementary regulations. These changes are presented to Faculty Executive for information only.

4. a. Awards

Robinson and McConnell outlined the awards available and their rationale behind distribution. Batten was concerned about one of the most lucrative awards (Sony, valued at \$1,500.00) not going to the top student (4.45 vs. 4.50). Robinson agreed with the concern, and noted that the recommendations were made on the basis of students having to relinquish other awards to hold this award.

The awards distribution, as follows, was CARRIED.

Hogg (\$1,500.00)	WIEBE, Mark
Sony (\$1,500.00)	LOEWEN, Tamira
Isbister (5 awards @ \$550.00 each)	WIEBE, Mark
	GREENBERG, Matthew
	FINGLER, Jeffrey

	HURLBURT, Christopher
	THOMSEN, Kurt
Dr. Diane Dowling (2 awards @ \$500.00 each – the second award was split between two equal candidates)	TONG, Yun
	QUINTON, Jill (split)
	WANG, Song (split)
Benjamin Cohen	GREENBERG, Matthew
Dr. Maxwell Rady	FINGLER, Jeffrey
Classes of '43 & '68 Reunion Scholarship	MATHESON, Heather
(split between two equal candidates)	KEATCH, Michael
Rosabelle Searle Leach	HURLBURT, Christopher

Robinson suggested that the Smerchanski award, which was presented separately, be given to the top two candidates, as follows: CARRIED.

KLASSEN, Kendra

HARDER, Candice

b) Policy Changes:

i) Incompletes

CARRIED.

ii) First Class Honours

CARRIED.

iii) External Grades

Robinson noted that each Faculty was solicited to report to Senate how external grades, which as of the 1999 – 2000 Regular Session are transferred in and are part of students' g.p.a.s, will be considered in medal, awards, honours lists, and scholarship considerations. Faculty Executive was being asked to approve this on the understanding that Senate may make the final decision.

CARRIED.

5. Dean's Report (continued):

The Chair reported a 2% decline in enrollment overall, noting that the restriction in space in Computer Science courses contributed to this. He also noted that the Department of Statistics experienced an 11% increase in enrollment, with most departments operating on an even keel. The Chair said that an enrollment decline of 2% meant a \$60 – 70,000 decline in the Faculty's budget.

The Chair asked for some guidance on determining Professors Emeriti. He noted that currently, department councils deal with this, but as there will be many retirements in the future, a Faculty Committee may be the best way to vet all requests. Gillis asked if tenure and promotion committees could be charged with this task, especially the nucleus of the Faculty Committee. The Chair thought that these committees might not have a stable enough membership to handle this task. Gerhard noted that in some universities, professors who retire as full professors were automatically granted Emeritus status, and wondered if Senate should consider such a change.

Gerhard also thought that it might not be best to subject a professor to yet another tenure committee. Bate asked if there was any cost to the Faculty of a professor is granted Emeritus status. The Chair said no, but that there were some minor costs (e.g. parking) attached to Senior Scholars, which many professors chose after retirement. Doob suggested that the criteria Senate uses for determining “distinguished” professors might be a good guideline.

The Chair decided that the matter would be taken under further advisement and he would report back to the Faculty Executive in the future.

6. Membership on Faculty Executive, Committee on Courses, Committee on Student Standing:

The Chair noted the proposed changes were previously mentioned and are as a result of the introduction of Psychology programs in Science. CARRIED.

7. Other Business

The Chair noted that many budget matters were upcoming, both for the Faculty and the University.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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Inter-Departmental Correspondence

October 8, 1999.

TO: Members, Executive Committee, Science Faculty Council

FROM: Pat Pachol, Dean's Office, Faculty of Science



ON: **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 128th meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 18 in Room 250 Allen Building.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the 127th meeting of Executive Committee dated March 23, 1999 (previously distributed)
2. Course and Program Changes (enclosed)
3. Graduate Course Changes—for information (enclosed)
4.
 - a. Selection of Science Award winners
 - b. Policy Changes (see attached)
 - i. "incomplete" status
 - ii. First Class Honours
 - iii. Use of External Grades in Medals, Awards, Academic Distinction
5. Dean's Report: Budget, enrolment, staffing
6. Membership on Faculty Executive, Committee on Courses, Committee on Student Standing (see attached)
7. Other Business

Encl.