Minutes of the 129th meeting of the Faculty of Science Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, March 15 in Room 250 Allen Building.

Present:  J.C. Jamieson (Chair)  D. Gillis  
           J. Ahorro  W. Last (for N. Chow)  
           M. Butler  B. Lindsay  
           D. Court  G. Robinson  
           M. Doob  A. Thavaneswaran  
           A. Gerhard  P. Pachol (Secretary)  

Regrets:  J. Bate  I. Waters  
           N. Chow  

Visitor:  H. Paterson (left after course changes approved)

Dean Jamieson announced that Dr. Mike Butler was in attendance for the first time as Associate Dean (Academic and Industrial Research). Hugh Williams will be coming back to the Associate Dean position at the end of his leave.

1. The Minutes of the 128th meeting of Faculty of Science Executive Committee held October 18 were approved.

2. Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean Robinson outlined the changes which had been approved by the Faculty Committee on Courses. Dr. Robinson moved acceptance of the changes on behalf of the Committee on Courses. Carried

3. Dean's Report

   i. Dean Jamieson showed an overhead with the budget projection for 2000/2001 and explained the various aspects of the budget. The largest commitment is for new academic hires and start-up (15 new plus 3 carryover positions). In addition there are 4 NSERC University Faculty Award positions; with no indication as yet whether any of these will be successful. Dean Jamieson indicated that we are able to offer a competitive salary but there is a problem of competing with start-up funding. We use a fair proportion of our equipment and renovation allocation for start-up and receive additional funding through J. Keselman's budget.

   ii. The Dean reported that there is ongoing discussion with the Government regarding the Development Plan for Computer Science. There is a deadline of March 20 to complete the process and Dean Jamieson didn't know what would come of it. If there is success, there could possibly an extra component in the budget targeted to this Plan.

Mike Doob enquired if this is independent of the building discussion. Dean Jamieson indicated that the building is being discussed also, but it is at an earlier stage. This discussion has been part of the package.
iii. Dean Jamieson reported that, as part of our Public Relation's focus, Laura Bean in the Dean's Office has been organizing a new display board poster. This board will be displayed at all events in which the Science Office is involved, i.e. Information Days. The approved proof was passed around. Dr. Doob commented on the number sequence which was used. Dr. Gillis suggested that, for next time, thought should be given to the areas of expertise as themes for the poster, i.e. the aquatic biology theme. Gordon Robinson stated that the notion of themes might well be thought of for the future.

4. Other Business

The Dean mentioned that the next piece of news will be the budget, which he expects will be an Interim Budget until final details are known.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.
March 6, 2000

TO: Members, Executive Committee of Science Faculty council

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

ON: NOTICE OF MEETING

The 129th meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 in Room 250 Allen Building.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 128th meeting of Executive Committee dated October 18, 1999 (previously distributed)

2. Course and Program Changes (enclosed)

3. Dean’s Report

4. Other Business

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