Minutes of the 135th meeting of the Faculty of Science Executive Committee held on
Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Present: J.C. Jamieson, Chair S. Renault
N. Davison G. Robinson
T. de Kievit D. Scuse
A. Gerhard R. Wilson
B. Macpherson

Regrets: M. Butler M. Doob
N. Chow G. Valdimarsson
J. Cullen

Visitors: J. McConnell
J. Ogsten

1. Minutes of the 134th meeting of the Executive Committee held October 16, 2002 were approved.

2. Course and Program Changes

Associate Dean Robinson outlined the changes which had been approved by the Faculty Committee on Courses. These changes were moved by Dr. Robinson on behalf of the Committee on Courses and carried unanimously.

3. Dean's Report

Dean Jamieson reported on the following:

- 2004 Centenary: At present, we have a 2000 Committee of four persons and this committee will be expanded to include someone from the mathematical/computational sciences area. The Fort Garry Hotel has been booked for a banquet next April; an e-mail will be going out to all staff asking whether they are interested in attending the banquet. Physics & Astronomy are well ahead with their organising of an international meeting in June 2004. Chemistry is working on a seminar series. The Biologists need to do something and we would like the Mathematical/computational sciences area involved as well.

- Budget: Budget may be delayed until July; so University will strike a budget set at same level as last year with no cuts.

- Strategic Planning Report: The Dean reported he had appeared before the committee and addressed three areas; (i) academic staffing mechanisms; he suggested a model of mortgaging positions against future retirements.
(ii) enrolment management program; to maximise the use of capacity without increased load, and (iii) commentary on core faculties. Mention of the core faculties is not in the current document and he asked that they reaffirm Arts and Science as core faculties.

- Delta Marsh Field Station: Opening ceremonies for the new building are planned for Saturday, April 19.

- EITC Building: The Building is going ahead and demolition work has started. Completion of the building is still expected September, 2004.

- Dean Jamieson indicated that his term comes to an end June 30, 2004. He will not be seeking another term.

4. Other Business

N. Davison asked for an update on the influx of first year students. The Dean indicated that we have modelled our sections to cope with a 10% increase in enrolment.

With the creation of the Environment Faculty, first year environmental science will no longer satisfy the Science requirement of University I. They will have to take another Science course.

The Dean indicated there hasn't been any decision as yet about the space that will be vacated by Computer Science. The Library would like it and we would like some of it.

Dr. Robinson indicated that there could be new programs in the offing; B.Scs and BAs in the Health and Wellness of Human Condition areas. It is in the early planning stages.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 p.m.
March 4, 2003

TO: Members, Executive Committee of Science Faculty Council

FROM: Pat Pachol, Dean's Office

ON: NOTICE OF MEETING

The 135th meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 250 Building.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 134th meeting of Executive Committee held October 16, 2002. (previously distributed)

2. Course and Program Changes (enclosed)

3. Dean's Report

4. Other Business

Encl.