MINUTES

148th MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

held on Wednesday, October 24th, 2007, 10:30 a.m. in 250 Allen

PRESENT:  Mark Whitmore, Chair
E. Worobec R. Roshko
L. Graham for D. Gillis D. Schroeder
B. Mark J. Williams
J. Cullen K. Sharma
J. Van Rees B. Johnson
R. Wilson J. Athayde
L. Lester

REGRETS:  W. Buchannon

GUESTS:  J. McConnell

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 147th meeting of the Faculty of Science Executive Committee held on Monday, September 10, 2007. Moved by D. Schroeder and seconded by B Johnson.

CARRIED

2. Faculty of Science Committees and their Terms of Reference

At the September 18th, 2007 meeting of Faculty Council the following motion was carried:

The Faculty Executive Council shall devise a process to deal with matters such as review and updating of faculty regulations and procedures.

This motion was the result of an item that was brought to the floor of Faculty Council by an individual member, concerning grades and appeals. At present, there is no policy in place for individual members to bring items to the Faculty Council floor. It was decided at the Council meeting that this item should be referred to the Faculty Executive Council.

Dean Whitmore circulated a list of committees in the Faculty of Science and their terms of reference. It was decided that all the committees and their terms of reference should be reviewed and updated, and that the most efficient way to do this would be to establish an ad hoc committee.

MOTION: To create an Ad Hoc committee to re-work the committee structure in the
Faculty of Science ensuring the composition of the committee has members of the Faculty Executive Council and a member to be appointed by the Science Students Association. Moved by John Van Rees and seconded by Joe Williams.

CARRIED

The composition of the Ad Hoc committee was decided on. Members will be John Van Rees, Betty Worobec, Joan McConnell, Norm Hunter, Brian Macpherson and a student representative.

The question that was raised regarding a student representative on the Committee on Student Standing will be referred to this Ad Hoc committee.

3. Student Access to Final Exams During the Appeal Period
The question of whether students should be allowed access to final exams during the appeal process, which was originally brought to the Faculty Council floor, was discussed at length. Four possible scenarios for resolving this and similar issues came up.

a) Appoint an ad hoc committee and set this question aside for the time being.
b) Deal with this matter now and refer it to an appropriate existing committee.
c) Refer it back to the department for recommendation.
d) Make a decision at the Faculty Executive Council.

MOTION: To appoint an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the existing members of the Student Standing Committee plus one member to be appointed by the Science Students Association. The current Chair of the Committee on Student Standing will Chair the Ad Hoc committee. Moved by Joe Williams and seconded by John Van Rees.

CARRIED

4. Other Business
There was no other business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.
DATE: October 19, 2007

TO: Faculty Executive Council, Faculty of Science

FROM: Lorraine Lester, Dean's Office

RE: NOTICE OF MEETING

The 148th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 250 Allen Building.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 147th meeting of the Faculty Executive Council held on September 10th, 2007.

2. Faculty of Science committees and their terms of reference.