MINUTES
117th Meeting of the Science Faculty Council
held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Chambers

PRESENT:  R. Roshko (Chair)  E. Worobec  P. Graham
N. Hunter  Judy Anderson  J. Marcus
M. Piercey-Normore  S. Renault  J. Sorensen
K. Gough  J. Harper  S. McKenna
J. van Wijngaarden  P. Budzelaar  B. Li
J. van Rees  S. Page  H. Luong
B. Johnson  P. Loewen  M. Sumner
L. Liu  G. Lukaes  M. Docker
B. Mark  R. Viray  M. Shantz (recorder)

REGRETS:  D. Court  J. Hoskins  R. Compton
I. Ferguson  S. Cheng  H. Perreault
P. King  H. Duckworth  R. Eskicioglu
John Anderson  E. Smirnova  R. Thomas

GUESTS:  Joan McConnell, Greg Sobie, M. Chestley

1. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 116th meeting of Faculty Council, held on December 14, 2009. Moved by J. van Rees, seconded by P. Loewen

CARRIED

3. Undergraduate Course and Program Changes – E. Worobec

MOTION: to approve the Major option in the Genetics program, as circulated. Moved by E. Worobec, seconded by G. Lukács.

CARRIED

MOTION: to approved all of the program changes, as circulated. Moved by E. Worobec, seconded by P. Budzelaar

CARRIED

Where are these programs actually coming from. Change from requiring min grade of B to C+ for Hons. BSc (page 2 of material). what is procedure? EW: changes came from Math Dept.
(Jeffery Pai, Actuarial Science). It has been vetted by our Committee on Courses and Programs well as at Executive. GL: The first time Dept heard about this was when these came out. Maybe wider consultation would be of benefit. Is this consistent with other programs? GS: That is why the changes were made, to get it back in line with Actuarial program. GL: This is a degree in Science – why do we have one program with lower requirements? I have two concerns: (1) the lowering of standards, which may serve as a precedent, and (2) a procedural concern – the time that this was scheduled. Urge this forum to give departments more time to consult. JMcC: Actuarial Math is a program in the Asper School of Business. Also have BSc in Actuarial Math. Not attached to the Math Dept. - there were two different standards doing program through Science. GL: He was referring to grad requirements.

4. Graduate Course and Program Changes – P. Graham

The Biological Sciences course changes (for information only) were not circulated, but P. Graham will distribute them to Council members via email.

Do have info from statistics.

1. Intro of topic courses
2. Program change

[MOTION: to approve of the changes to the course based program in Statistics
Seconded by B. Johnson
CARRIED]

5. Dean’s Report

Same issues as from Mark Whitmore’s report.
Want to say more about ROsE but slowly progressing committee.
Ja: question about continuing positions going to term Roy will ask next time he sees Debbie or Joanne. Travel claims. per diem.

6. Other Business

7. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by CARRIED
DATE: February 8, 2010

TO: All Members of the Faculty Council of Science

FROM: Lorraine Lester, Secretary

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Senate Chambers, 262 EITC

1. Approval of the Agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 116th meeting held on December 14, 2009. (attached)

3. Undergraduate Course and Program changes. (attached)

4. Graduate Course and Program changes. (attached)

5. Dean’s Report.

6. Other Business.