

THE FACULTY COUNCIL
FACULTY OF ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES

Notice of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Faculty Council of 1980-81 Academic Year will be held on Friday, 24 October 1980 in the McCaskill Auditorium

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MINUTES OF FACULTY COUNCIL
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The regular meeting of the Faculty Council of 1980-81 Academic Year was held on Friday, 24 October 1980 at 9:30 a.m. in the McCaskill Auditorium.

The following were present:

Professor M. Taylor - (Chairman)
Dean W. B. Crowston
D. Brewer - (Associate Dean - Student Affairs)
V. Murray - (Associate Dean - Academic)

Members of Faculty:

T. Beechy	N. Biger
W. Cook	A. Courtney
D. Daly	D. Dimick
J. Gillies	R. Grasley
R. Heeler	D. Horvath
W. Jordan	I. Litvak
C. Mayer	R. McClean
D. Morrison	E. Phillips
L. Rosen	J. Shaw
P. Simmie	J-C. Spender
S. Warner	T. Warner
T. Wilson	U. Zohar

Other Members in Attendance:

John Dzurko - (President Undergraduate Student Business Council)
Carol Good - (Graduate Student Business Council)
Anna Lee Wolfe - (Graduate Student Business Council)
Dr. A. Carswell - (Faculty of Science)
Dr. Roosen-Runge - (Dept. of Computer Science)
Barry Boothman - (Ph.D. Student Representative)
D. Varma - (Librarian)
L.J. Birchall - (Secretary)

Item #1 - Chairman's Remarks

NIL

Item #2 - Dean's Remarks

(a) Voluntary Sector Programme

The Voluntary Sector Programme has just carried out a three day seminar on 19-20-21 October here at York University. This was a very successful seminar indeed, and there were over thirty executives from various organizations in attendance.

(b) Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee has been working for the past six months and are making excellent progress. They have collected and collated a large data base on all aspects of management education.

A lot of this material will be used in the introduction of the final report. Included in this material will be surveys carried out on the Faculty, our graduates, alumni and also the research by the various areas in the faculty. It is anticipated that the format of the final report will be to analyse the major areas and then give recommendations as well as to how to implement such recommendations. After discussion by the faculty, the task of implementation will be turned over to various existing committees. As for the timing, it is proposed to distribute the report and the back-up material and perhaps have a discussion with the Faculty Council on approximately 14 November 1980. It is also hoped to present this same report for discussion to the Advisory Council at their meeting on 19 November 1980. Further to this it is hoped to have a discussion with the Alumni Council and Student Councils. One of the big tasks and many programmes to be examined will be that of the Undergraduate Programme. At the present time it would appear that there are many courses of action but none of which appear to be very attractive.

Professor Zohar commented that we should possibly have a Retreat in order to give adequate consideration of this report. The Dean stated that this could very well be necessary but at the present time they would like to have a one day discussion followed by a suitable interval for considering that particular discussion before having a further meeting. Professor Heeler expressed concern that the work of the Undergraduate Programme Committee was being done without any reference to that Committee. The Dean replied that the Strategic Planning Committee was considering the Faculty as a Whole and had been using material prepared by the Undergraduate Programme Committee in the past. While other faculties had put forward their reports to the Vice-President Academic, they were not in as great depth and magnitude as the report which we would be submitting.

Item #3 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Professor Biger that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as circulated.
Seconded by Professor Mayer.
Carried.

Item #4 - Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

NIL

Item #5 - Inquiries and Communications

NIL

Item #6 - Reports of Standing Committees:

(a) Undergraduate & Graduate Programme Committees

(i) Standardizing Grading System

Professor Murray stated that the "commensurate" in the motion should be changed to "coincident" in that there may be some time before the new grading system approved by Senate could be implemented. He then stressed the point that this grading system had been approved by Senate and we now must adopt it in that we had no other option. He therefore moved the motion contained in appendix "A".

Seconded by Professor Heeler

Professor Murray stated that the major problem in adapting this system was in applying it to the various grade point averages necessary at various stages of progress through the programmes such as debarment, promotion, Dean lists etc. He also pointed out that it would result in a common system for both M.B.A. and B.B.A. Professor Wilson stated that he could not see any reason for us to adopt the system for our M.B.A. programme in that the system we now had appeared to be working fairly well. Professor Brewer replied that we must use the new system for the B.B.A. and if we had two systems one for each programme this would lead to serious confusion. The discussion then centered around the explanatory words to be used beside each letter grade and it was pointed out that the short explanations or interpretations had been provided by the Senate in their approved grading system. It was therefore moved by Professor Jordan that the short interpretation provided by the Senate for each grade should be included in our changes.

Seconded by Professor Heeler

Carried.

Professor Jordan then gave a detailed explanation as to his interpretation of the use of a grade point average of 5.0 in lieu of our present grade point average of 4.0 at various points in our programme. He felt that this was too large an increase and there were many other things which had to be considered. One of the effects he felt would be to create a serious inflation of grades. There was considerable discussion regarding this point, especially as it concerned the M.B.A. programme. Once again the point was raised that perhaps we should separate the grading scheme for the undergraduates from that of the M.B.A. and in order to do this, it was moved by Professor Wilson that the word "undergraduate" be inserted in the last line of the motion between the words "the" and "grading".

Seconded by Professor Biger

Mr. LeSueur pointed out that it was necessary to get the grading systems finalized in order to have them put into the new calendar. Thus he requested that full consideration be given to reaching a decision now on the M.B.A. grading system. Professor Brewer emphasized that having two systems would lead to serious confusion. After considerable discussion the amendment was placed before the Council.

2 - in favour; 30 - against;
Defeated

In continuing the discussion on the main motion, Professor Heeler drew the attention of members to the last two pages and gave a briefing as to the importance of the contents. Professor Jordan again stressed the dangers of inflation by going to a 5.0 G.P.A. and presented a motion that the G.P.A. be raised by .5 throughout our various regulations rather than going from 4.0 to 5.0.
Seconded by Professor Daly

After considerable discussion the amendment was placed before the Council.

3 - in favour; 29 - against;
Defeated

Returning to the main motion it was pointed out that employers would become acquainted with our new system through using it over a period of time. There is one problem and that is the use of the expression "marginally failing". Prof. Jordan therefore moved that wherever in our regulations we use the word "fail" we should then add the word "marginal".
Seconded by Professor Brewer

15 - in favour; 2 - against;
Carried.

The main motion as amended was now placed before the Council.

30 - in favour; 1 - against;
Carried.

In concluding this item Professor Brewer emphasized that the new system would not be implemented until it was done throughout the entire University.

(b) Undergraduate Programme Committee

(i) Undergraduate Computer Prerequisite

Professor Heeler introduced this motion and introduced the two part motion contained in appendix "B".
Seconded by Professor Simmie

Professor Heeler then stated that last Spring the Faculty Council had approved a one year course in Computer Science equivalent to AS/CS 150.6 with a C+ average as a prerequisite to the Undergraduate Programme. The Undergraduate Programme Committee had now re-examined this matter and found that they would prefer to have a one semester course and equivalent to our own course MGTS 471. Under these circumstances the content of that course would probably be changed and would no longer be used as a fourth year course, but would merely be used for the prerequisite. Professor T. Warner stated that at the present time, the first half of MGTS 471 would be very appropriate as a prerequisite to the Undergraduate Programme and therefore the course could be divided into two with the first half being delegated down as a second year course and the second half being used in the MGTS area. Professor Rosen then asked if the actual course which they had in mind existed. Professor Roosen-Runge stated that no course such as we were envisaging did exist nor was one contemplated by the Department of Computer Science. He felt that his department would be quite happy to offer such a course, but he was concerned about the student enrollments and also whether or not his department would have the necessary resources.

Professor Jordan stated that there seemed to be considerable confusion regarding the intentions of the Undergraduate Programme Committee in that they were recommending a course which did not exist, whose content had not been defined, no definite idea as to who would teach such a course etc. He there felt that this motion was premature and moved that it be referred back to the Committee. Seconded by Professor Daly. Carried.

(c) Student Affairs Committee

(i) List of Fall Graduands

Moved by Professor Brewer that the list of Fall Graduands as contained in appendix "C" be approved subject to the normal caveat that further names be deleted or added as necessary upon final examination by Student Affairs Division. Seconded by Professor Courtney.

Professor Beechy stated that it was his understanding that Nicholas Coukos had two failures and if this understanding was correct he should not graduate. Professor Brewer said he would check into this.

The motion was placed before the Council and carried.

(d) Executive Committee

(i) President's Request for Consultation with Faculty Regarding Dean Crowston's Term of Office

In introducing this item, Professor Taylor read the relevant clause in the YUFA contract article 12.22 (b). He then stated that on 3 October 1980 he had received a letter from the

President requesting that consultation be carried out with a representative group from the faculty. This had been discussed at the Executive Committee with the result that the resolution contained in appendix "D" was now before us. In order to make it a proper motion this was amended to read "The Executive Committee moves that:"

The motion was moved by Professor Daly
Seconded by Professor Jordan

Professor Jordan expressed concern in that he did not understand how this proposed Committee would get an exact feeling for the views of the faculty without having a Faculty Council discussion. Professor Taylor assumed that each area representative would consult within his own area and carry forward the views of that area. Professor Rosen also stated that we should include in the motion something to ensure that the representative would survey the area and carry forward the views. Under these circumstances Professor Beechy put forward an amendment to add a sentence to the motion to read "The representatives so elected are to consult with all members of their area in order to convey the individuals' views to the President".

Seconded by Professor Rosen.
Carried.

Professor Jordan again raised the point of ensuring that the views of the Faculty Council as such should be expressed and that perhaps the best way would be to have an open discussion of the Council which would determine a consensus of opinion. Professor Taylor commented that it was his opinion a more frank discussion would be carried out in smaller groups. Professor Warner stated that all we were doing was trying provide a representative group for the President in response to his request. After considerable discussion the motion as amended was placed before the Council.

Carried unanimously.

Item #7 - Other Business

NIL

Item #8 - Adjournment

Moved by Professor Biger that the Council adjourn.
Seconded by Professor Mayer
Carried.