

SPECIAL MEETING
FACULTY BOARD, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Minutes of Meeting, April 7, 2010
Biosciences Complex, Room 1102 @ 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with approximately 62 members present and indicated that item #4 will precede item #3 on the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 4, 2010

It was ***moved*** by J. Medves and ***seconded*** by L. Tomalty that the minutes of February 4, 2010 be approved. **CARRIED**

3. Academic Affairs: Basic Science Restructuring

• Proposal for Organizational Restructuring of the Basic Sciences and addendum approved by the School of Medicine Academic Council

I. Young reported that the proposed restructuring document and addendum has been approved by the School of Medicine Executive (SOME), the School of Medicine Academic Council (SOMAC), and has been recommended to Faculty Board, and if approved will be sent to Senate for their consideration and approval.

I. Young moved the following motion “that the March 23, 2010 decision of the School of Medicine Academic Council concerning organizational restructuring of the Basic Science departments in the School of Medicine, as recommended by the Dean’s Advisory Committee plus addendum, be approved and referred to Senate for consideration.”

R. Deeley seconded the Motion.

The Chair informed the members that voting is normally done by a show of hands.

The Chair asked for discussion on the above motion.

T. Massey then asked that the vote be by secret ballot.

The Chair then asked that the original motion be set aside for discussion of a secret ballot. The majority was in favor of discussion of a secret ballot.

It was then moved by T. Massey and seconded by J. Fisher that we move to a written ballot rather than a show of hands. Majority was in favor. **CARRIED**

G. Jones moved that a friendly amendment be added to the Proposal as follows: 'A friendly addendum be added to the proposal involving modification of the first sentence of the last bullet on Page 6 of the document to now read: "The Undergraduate Biochemistry and Life Sciences Programs remain unchanged **as independent degree programs.**"'

I. Young asked that the change be added as an addendum to the proposal rather than an amendment as it was originally submitted.

D. Walker indicated that it is quite appropriate for G. Jones to move an amendment or an addendum to the motion. It is difficult to amend a report as we are actually voting on a motion, but if he correctly wishes to make an addendum to the motion that is before this committee, to which we will discuss, then he is in order in that regards.

The Chair then asked G. Jones does he wish to put forward an addendum. G. Jones agreed.

The Chair then asked G. Jones to formally move, G. Jones then moved a friendly addendum that involves adding an addendum to the report that should read "The Undergraduate Biochemistry and Life Sciences Programs remain unchanged **as independent degree programs.**" (Refers to the third bullet (first sentence) in section IV (page 6) of the proposal.) I. Young seconded.

Discussion:

S. Iscoe asked if they are currently independent degree programs isn't it redundant to add that change?

G. Jones answered that they wanted to maintain the two programs as independencies, as the document would serve as a template in the implementation process.

I. Young indicated that the intent of AGoR was that both the undergraduate and graduate programs would remain unchanged and independent as a consequence of the restructuring. This is the only point that is being made with the added addendum. We can't make promises in the future because that was not the mandate of AGoR, but the view of AGoR was to maintain our educational programs.

R. Deeley indicated that before the restructuring proposal the Biochemistry and Life Science Programs were and are currently independent and after the restructuring would remain so. Therefore this is not a major change to the wording of the document.

The Chair then asked for a vote on the 2nd addendum. Majority was in favor. **CARRIED**

The Chair then put forward the original motion adding the 2nd addendum to read as follows:

It was moved by I. Young and seconded by R. Deeley, "that the March 23, 2010 decision of the School of Medicine Academic Council concerning organizational restructuring of the Basic Science departments in the School of Medicine, as recommended by the Dean's Advisory Committee, plus addendums, be approved and referred to Senate for consideration."

The Chair then asked that the ballots be distributed, collected and counted.

The Chair read out the membership of eligible voters.

The count was read out at the meeting to be the following:

46 yes
7 no
9 abstain

The motion was then CARRIED.

4. Announcements

a) D. Walker referred back to his original Strategic Plan that he put forward seven or eight years ago and indicated that there were a number of issues back then to be accomplished.

- The Focus of Nursing has been changed.
- Transition of the School of Rehabilitation Therapy to an entirely different set of educational programs and this has been successful.
- A plan to expand graduate education and that has also been successful.
- Pursuit of a research strategy in support of research excellence.
- Promise to implement interprofessional programs in education and Queen's is a leader in this regard.
- The Faculty of Health Sciences is so far in good financial position with a balanced budget.
- In support of our hospital partners, and for them to help us in our educational programs, the hospitals have and are going through re-development. KGH redevelopment almost complete, HDH is about to undergo construction and PC plans for a new hospital at King Street West is a go.
- Upgrade to Botterell Hall is underway
- Renovations to Cataraqui and Louise D. Acton buildings are on the radar for the Dean's successor.
- Basic Science Restructuring is now and will be underway.
- Action Plan for the Accreditation compliances is being put into place.
- Promised to expand the Medical School by 33% and expand into our regional sites and this has been successful.

D. Walker thanked his faculty, staff and students in helping him through his tenure and to accomplish what he set out to do. He has learned a tremendous respect for his colleagues not just in Medicine, but also in the Schools of Nursing and Rehabilitation Therapy as well as the research community throughout our Faculty.

b) D. Edgar, indicated that an email has been sent out to all faculty approximately a month ago asking for a volunteer to Chair Faculty Board as of July 1, 2010. Our process has changed from the original email to asking people to come forward to D. Edgar and a name will hopefully be brought forward at the May meeting.

Their being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

David R. Edgar
Secretary to the Faculty