

Natural Sciences and Mathematics Council

Minutes of first meeting of 2011-2012 council, May 3rd, 2011

Call to order at 4:49 PM

Present:

John Bellizzi, Fan Dong, Randy Ellingson, Sally Harmych, Paul Hewitt (substituting for Gerard Thompson), David Krantz, Anthony Quinn, John Plenefisch, Don Ronning, Joseph Schmidt, Friedhelm Schwarz, J. D. Smith, Sibylle Weck-Schwarz, Denis White, Don White

Absent:

Jon Bossenbroek, Hans Gottgens, Nik Podraza

In lieu of a roll call, chair Schmidt passed around a signup sheet, asking each department to fill in their membership, email addresses, and membership on executive and curriculum committees, if known.

Upon reminder from J.D. Smith, Joe Schmidt asked council to thank the previous semester's transitional council for their hard work and dedication during the first semester of the CNSM. A few departing members were bid farewell, and those new members present were welcomed to the council.

Given the short time available and the long period before the next council meeting, election of a secretary and a vice-chair were postponed until the F 2011 meetings. Schmidt suggested that it might make sense if the secretary were a member of the executive committee, as the secretary is expected to attend executive committee meetings in addition to full council meetings. He also suggested that the council consider waiting to elect the vice-chair until a few meetings had passed, in order to better evaluate who should be elected as vice-chair (and also chair-elect).

Schmidt asked for a show of hands for council members also on Faculty Senate. Several members were identified. These members were asked to take notes at Faculty Senate meetings and report back relevant details in our normal council meetings.

In planning for AY 11-12, it was suggested that we find a more centralized meeting room or alternate meetings with a room on the other side of campus (nearer to McMaster). Additionally, Schmidt mentioned that he planned to set a full schedule of regular meetings, once the Faculty Senate schedule was announced for AY 11-12, so that all members could more adequately plan their schedules. Schmidt also inquired about the status of the website (noting that CNSM was yet to have ANY presence on the web). Brian Ashburner replied that the Dean's office was working on this and to stay tuned.

Adjournment at 5:06 PM

Additional note added on May 4th:

Results of constitutional vote, Spring 2011

The changes to the constitution of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics that were proposed by the NSM Council have been accepted by the NSM faculty. The vote tally was 54 for and 4 against:

54 – yes, accept changes

4 – no, reject changes

The total number of valid ballots was 58.

There were no invalid ballots.