



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

**Present:**

T. McTiernan  
D. Saucier  
M. Owen  
B. Campbell  
B. MacIsaac  
P. Ritchie  
T. Sidhu  
E. Vogel  
B. Lewis  
G. Crawford  
N Ammar  
T. Dhar  
M. Vargas Martin  
D. Petrarca  
H. Kishawy  
N. Saniei

W. Bartfay  
M. Kaye  
M. Green  
F. Gaspari  
C. Cesaroni  
S. Fernando  
C. Collins  
K. Nugent  
L. Nacke  
M. Eklund  
N. Arafa  
R. Ali  
N. Charewicz  
C. Foy

**Guests:**

K. Hester  
N. Jagar  
N. Molinaro  
P. Onsiang  
B. Suter

**Regrets:**

P. Beatty  
B. Muirhead  
P. Drayson  
S. McGovern  
S. de Castell  
T. Dhar  
S. de Castell  
F. Jones  
O. Afifi  
C. Elliott

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**3. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

President Mc Tiernan noted that our UOIT Women's soccer team are nationally ranked number 9 as of now. We have also had a good start up this year, which hopefully marks a good academic year.

A joint meeting was held with Durham College to review next steps of the Campus Joint Master plan. We have done some detailed work with space needs on Conlin/Simcoe and downtown. We have a good handle on our needs for the next 10-15 years, the issue and challenge will be getting the resources and funding necessary to build out and meet those needs. The first opportunity comes up before the end of this month with an Expansion Call due September 26<sup>th</sup> focused on college/university partnerships and meeting the growth requirements for the GTA. The review process and timelines have not yet been articulated by the Ministry.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2014**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

In response to a question from M. Eklund, President McTiernan noted that the Strategic Mandate Agreements are now publicly available on the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities website.

**6. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**7. PROVOST'S REMARKS**

Provost Saucier noted that Day 10 numbers will be known soon. She further noted that start-up went well and acknowledged the hard work of all those involved. She also congratulated Science for winning the Goose Chase during orientation. Today UOIT dedicated the medicine wheel and the UOIT – Baagwating Indigenous Student Centre will be opening next Friday morning. All are invited to attend. The search for the next Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies is underway. M. Eklund noted that in January AC had accepted a procedure which included the composition of the Associate Provost search committee, including involvement by Academic Council. President McTiernan and Provost Saucier will investigate further.

**8. NOMINATIONS TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

**Academic Council Teaching Staff Nominations**

The Executive Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council appoint the following faculty members to serve as elected members of Academic Council for three year terms to 2016-17:*

MOTION  
CARRIED

**a) Faculty Representatives**

*Carla Cesaroni, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities  
Shanti Fernando, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities  
Matthew H. Kaye, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science*

**b) At Large Representative**

*Kimberly Nugent, Faculty of Science*

**Academic Council Non-Academic Staff Nominations**

The Executive Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council appoint the following staff member to serve as an elected member of Academic Council for a three year term to 2016-17:*

MOTION  
CARRIED

**a) *Non-Academic Staff Representative***

*Reem Ali, Manager, Technology Enriched Learning*

**9. ELECTION PROCEDURES**

C. Foy noted that a draft of election procedures for academic council was circulated. There was no discussion.

MOTION  
CARRIED

*On a motion, that Academic Council approve the Academic Council election procedures as presented.*

**10. CHANCELLOR SEARCH**

President McTiernan noted that a search for the next Chancellor of UOIT will commence shortly. Under the existing procedures the search committee consists of three members of the Board of Governors and three members of Academic Council appointed by Academic Council. There is no defined process for appointing these members, therefore AC Executive met and decided to hold an open nomination process, where each person nominated would require the support of two faculty members from two different faculties. At the close of the nomination period there were two individuals nominated. Taking into account broad representation, executive put forward one further member for the approval of Academic Council.

The Executive Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council appoint the following three individuals as members of the 2014-15 Chancellor Search Committee:*

MOTION  
CARRIED

*Mark Green, Professor, Faculty of Science*

*Mikael Eklund, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science*

*Carla Cesaroni, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities*

**11. REPORT FROM ACADEMIC COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

**11.1 ACADEMIC COUNCIL BY-LAW PROGRESS REPORT**

T. McTiernan, D. Saucier and C. Foy presented an update on possible changes to the Academic Council By-Laws. External legal counsel was obtained to determine the scope of possible change to the by-laws. Overall, Academic Council has an advisory role to the Board of Governors. Academic Council can be delegated certain authorities, but legislative or decision-making power cannot be delegated. Overall, members were most concerned with the proposed changes to the composition of Academic Council. They suggested looking further into student representation as well as increased faculty representation and proportionality. They also suggested that further examination of how we compare to the senates at other institutions may be helpful. B. Campbell advised Academic Council that the Ad Hoc Committee under took extensive review of other university models prior to concluding their report. C. Foy and T. McTiernan will take these issues under advisement.

### **11.2 ACADEMIC COUNCIL 2014-15 GOVERNANCE PRIORITIES**

C. Foy presented the 2014-15 Governance Priorities. They include:

- By-law amendments
- Governance plan
- Election procedures
- Governance orientation
- Appeal procedures

### **12. 2014-15 BUDGET**

Ben Suter, Project Manager, Budget and Forecasts presented the 2014-15 budget. He presented the budget process, key budget assumptions, risks, opportunities, revenues, expenses and human resources allocations. The budget also contains a number of strategic planning initiatives.

### **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Cheryl Foy, Secretary