



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Present:

T. McTiernan
B. Campbell
B. Muirhead
B. MacIsaac
B. Lewis
G. Crawford
N Ammar
S. McGovern
P. Drayson
R. Ali
C. Bishop
C. Cesaroni
N. Charewicz
T. Dhar
M. Eklund
S. Fernando
M. Green
F. Gaspari

M. Kaye
K. Nugent
D. Petrarca
N. Saniei
M. Vargas Martin
C. Elliott
C. Foy

Guests:

C. McGregor
O. Petrie
K. Hester
N. Molinaro

Regrets:

P. Beatty
D. Saucier
M. Owen
P. Ritchie
T. Sidhu
E. Vogel
S. de Castell
N. Arafa
W. Bartfay
C. Collins
F. Jones
H. Kishawy
L. Nacke

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M. Eklund asked that an item on Policies for Search Committees be added under “other business.” The agenda was approved with this revision.

3. CHAIR’S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan introduced the newly elected student representative on Academic Council, Chantal Bishop. He further noted that he is optimistic about our infrastructure proposal submitted in conjunction with Durham College and Trent. Key focuses within the post-secondary sector will be efficiencies in shared services and executive compensation.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

6. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Summary of the June 18, 2014 meeting of the Board of Governors

Members received this report for information. There was no discussion.

7. PROVOST’S REMARKS

The Provost sent her regrets. Mark Green provided a COU Academic Colleagues Report. He noted that he co-chairs the Academic Colleagues. He provided an overview of the work of COU. He also noted a number of priorities identified as a result of discussions at COU: Strategic Mandate Agreements; executive compensation; privacy; and funding formulas.

8. CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

The Registrar put forward three motions for consideration. B. MacIsaac noted that the three motions were being presented so that the conferral of degrees for the year are approved once instead of three separate times. There was some discussion and opposition to presenting all three motions together as presenting them at the appropriate time allows us to recognize our students. Following the passing of the motions it was agreed that reports be prepared by the Registrar’s Office on awards, statistics, etc. that would allow for recognition of the accomplishments of our students by Academic Council.

The following motion for the conferral of degrees on November 18, 2014 is being put forward for approval by Academic Council:

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council authorize the granting of degrees to those students who have fulfilled all degree requirements at the end of the Summer term 2014 and who have been recommended for graduation by their Faculty.

The following motion for the conferral of degrees on March 9, 2015 is being put forward for approval by Academic Council:

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council authorize the granting of degrees to those students who have fulfilled all degree requirements at the end of the Fall term 2014 and who have been recommended for graduation by their Faculty.

The following motion for the conferral of degrees on May 11, 2015 is being put forward for approval by Academic Council:

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council authorize the granting of degrees at the University's convocation on June 4, 5, 2015 to those students who have fulfilled all degree program requirements at the end of the 2015 winter semester and who have been recommended for graduation by their Faculty; and those students who, pending submission of incomplete grades or payment of outstanding financial obligations, will fulfill the degree program requirements and receive a recommendation for graduation from their Faculty between the date of this meeting of Academic Council and Convocation on June 4, 5, 2015.

9. FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

This item was on the agenda for information, however it was determined that it should be for approval.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, Academic Council approved the Faculty Council Membership lists for 2014-15.

10. ELECTIONS TO ACADEMIC COUNCIL

10.1 Election Results

C. Foy as Chief Electoral Officer for the elections presented the results to Academic Council. The presentation will be circulated to all members. The part-time student representative on the Graduate Studies Committee remains unfilled.

10.2 Nominations to Academic Council

That Academic Council approve the following student members to Academic Council and Committees:

MOTION
CARRIED

*Academic Council Undergraduate Representative: Chantelle Bishop
Academic Appeals Committee (2 positions): Andrew Varley and Cristina Mazza
Graduate Studies Committee: Naser Choudhury
Honorary Degrees Committee: Michael Williams-Bell*

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President McTiernan noted that executive will be presenting nominations to fill the vacant seats on Academic Council at the November meeting. He further noted that changes to the by-laws are still being considered in response to the discussion at Academic Council last month. M. Eklund requested that as part of the examination of the by-laws that the role of the co-chair of Academic Council be looked at. President McTiernan will take a look at the history of this issue.

M. Eklund also brought up the issue of the search committee for the Associate Provost not aligning with the search procedures examined by Academic Council in January. President McTiernan offered his apologies for any unintended misalignment and indicated that the Provost joins in his expression of regret. He did note that the present search committee has broader faculty involvement in keeping with the principle of inclusiveness. Members agreed on a motion to endorse the present composition of the committee for the search that is currently underway.

11.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

B. Muirhead presented the report of the Curriculum and Program Review Committee which contained two items for information. He made note of the approved Hansa Language Centre and Renison University scores as acceptable standards of language proficiency for consideration for admission to UOIT undergraduate programs. He further highlighted the request made by CPRC to re-examine retention rates of students using these programs in January 2017.

11.3 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

B. Campbell presented the Graduate Studies Committee report for information.

12. TIMING ACADEMIC COUNCIL ORIENTATION

Members discussed the best time to hold orientation for Academic Council members. It was decided to hold two timeslots: 1) The off Tuesday from Academic Council at the same time as AC meets 2) Immediately following an Academic Council meeting.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Policies for Search Committees

M. Eklund brought up a concern involving search committee processes as an ad hoc item. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that personnel-related matters are not the purview of Academic Council agendas. It was also noted that University processes relating to the academy are relevant to Academic Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary