



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

Present:

T. McTiernan
D. Saucier
B. Campbell
B. MacIsaac
B. Lewis
G. Crawford
N Ammar
P. Ritchie
T. Sidhu
S. de Castell
R. Ali
N. Arafa
C. Bishop
N. Charewicz
S. Coffey
C. Collins
M. Eklund
S. Fernando
M. Green

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

Guests:

R. Weaver
N. Jagar
M. Dewson
D. Martins
C. McLaughlin
K. Hester
N. Molinaro

Regrets:

P. Beatty
B. Muirhead
S. McGovern
P. Drayson
M. Owen
E. Vogel
C. Cesaroni
T. Dhar
F. Gaspari
F. Jones
H. Kishawy
C. Elliott

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan spoke to the issue of senior management appointments as well as his discussion with the Board of Governors on his priorities for the upcoming year. He noted that the roles and responsibilities for decanal recruitment and appointment are set out in the UOIT Act and are the responsibility of the Board of Governors on recommendation by the President. He indicated that the advisory and decision processes involved in recruitment and appointment will be documented more formally.

Dr. McTiernan also spoke about the discussions he had with the Board of Governors on his performance and expectations for the upcoming year. He noted the following priorities:

- Advancement (an advancement plan and fundraising priorities)
- Research Strategy and Plan tied to the Strategic Mandate Agreement
- Continued implementation of the Strategic Plan
- Continued partnerships with academic and non-academic parties of strategic interest (particularly Durham College and Trent)
- Providing adequate and timely information to the Board to support the Strategic Mandate Agreement

He thanked everyone for their work and dedication at UOIT.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2014

The minutes were approved with the following revisions under other business: “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.”

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dates were presented for Academic Council orientation. C. Foy noted that the same information would be presented at both dates so members need only attend one session.

6. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Synopsis of the October 1, 2014 meeting of the Board of Governors

Members received this report for information.

7. PROVOST’S REMARKS

The Provost thanked Dr. Brian Campbell for his work as Dean of Graduate studies and Associate Provost. She further noted that this is the International Week of Education. She spoke on the transformational nature of education and hope.

8. POLICY FRAMEWORK

C. Foy presented for information the Policy Framework. Members provide comments and feedback on the following items:

- Lack of clarity in the language relating to precedence between collective agreements and the framework.
- Addition of a definition of “Senior Leadership Team”
- Addition of the word “transparency” in the main policy statement
- Amendment to the category of “Local” policy instruments (s. 7) to acknowledge the potential for local instruments to be academic in nature.
- Increase the number of faculty members on the policy advisory committee membership

These will be taken under advisement and any further comments can be sent to C. Foy. This document will then go to the Board of Governors for approval.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President McTiernan presented the following motion for approval:

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council appoint the following faculty members to serve as a member of Academic Council Executive Committee:

a) Core Faculty Representative

Namdar Saniei, Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science – November 2014 – June 2017

Shanti Fernando, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities – November 2014 – June 2017

9.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

9.2.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science – New Program in Mechatronics Engineering and Mechatronics Engineering and Management

T. Sidhu noted that this would be the fourth such program in Ontario and it is unique in the country. Mechatronics is an existing specialization in the Mechanical Engineering program that will be expanded to a stand-alone program. The program is designed to meet Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board Requirements.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the new Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering and Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering and Management.

9.2.2 Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice – Removal of Race, Ethnicity and Justice; and Gender, Sexualities and Justice Specializations.

S. de Castell raised the issue of why these specializations are being removed as they are important topics for students to consider regardless of the numbers in the specializations. In response N. Nawal acknowledged the importance of these topics, but that these topics are already covered within the comprehensive program and that these are not criminology specializations.

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the removal of the Race, Ethnicity and Justice; and Gender, Sexualities and Justice Specializations in the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology program.

9.2.3 Program Reviews – Final Assessment Report for 2012-13

The final assessment reports for the Bachelor of Engineering in Automotive Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Computing Science undergraduate reviews were presented.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the final assessment reports on the Bachelor of Engineering in Automotive Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Computing Science program reviews conducted in 2012-13.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary