



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2014**

Present:

T. McTiernan
D. Saucier
B. Muirhead
E. Waller
B. MacIsaac
N Ammar
T. Sidhu
S. de Castell
O. Sanchez
R. Ali
C. Cesaroni
N. Charewicz
C. Collins
M. Eklund
S. Fernando
F. Gaspari
M. Green

M. Kaye
H. Kishawy
K. Nugent
D. Petrarca
N. Saniei
C. Foy

Guests:

J. Friedlan
K. McCartney-Young
K. Boujos
K. Hester
N. Molinaro

Regrets:

P. Beatty
B. Lewis
G. Crawford
P. Ritchie
S. McGovern
P. Drayson
M. Owen
N. Arafa
C. Bishop
S. Coffey
T. Dhar
F. Jones
L. Nacke
M. Vargas Martin
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. M. Eklund requested that an update on search committees be added. It was decided that this would occur under Provost's remarks.

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

T. McTiernan noted that Dr. Richard Marceau, former UOIT Provost has just put out a book – *The Canadian University Business Primer*. He further noted that work has begun on the establishment of the Marceau Chair at UOIT.

Convocation will take place on June 4th and 5th this year. The ceremonies are as follows:

June 4th a.m. – FEAS & FESNS

June 5th a.m. – FBIT & FSc

June 4th p.m. – FEEd & HSc

June 5th p.m. - FSSH

A new General Manager has been hired for ACE. The role of the GM is to look outward on business development. The recommendation to hire a GM came out of a report from KPMG. Further information will be circulated to the UOIT community shortly.

The system as a whole is down in applications, however UOIT is beating the system average and there are some good signals such as good overall conversion rates. We will continue to monitor our trend lines paying particular attention to other GTA institutions.

3.1 Chancellor Search Committee Update

The committee has met. There is still time to submit suggestions. This can be done through Cheryl Foy.

3.2 Honorary Degree Committee Update

There are four individuals short-listed (one for each convocation ceremony). We are in the process of approaching these individuals. Once we have confirmation it will be communicated to Academic Council.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Policy Framework Update

C. Foy noted that the item circulated was the final version approved by the Board of Governors. There were no questions.

5.2 Academic Council Orientation Follow-Up

C. Foy noted that one orientation was held with a small group of individuals. The next orientation will be February 24th following the Academic Council meeting. Please RSVP.

6. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

T. McTiernan noted that he had received an email from M. Eklund in relation to including the search procedures for Senior Academic Appointments on the Academic Council agenda this month. This was discussed at Academic Council Executive and will be reported during this section of the agenda.

7. PROVOST'S REMARKS

The Provost noted that there was a lot of business on the agenda from CPRC and GSC and she thanked the committees and the Faculties for their efforts. She further noted that there have been discussions at COU around the connection between OSAP eligibility and MTCU program approvals. Currently, the program needs to be approved by MTCU before a student is eligible for OSAP. COU is working at changing this requirement.

We have received some funding through the Ontario Online Initiative. B. Muirhead will be sending out details on this shortly.

The announcement of the result of the search for an Associate Provost will be coming out on Monday. There are two candidates for the Dean of Graduate Studies role who will be making public presentations over the next two days. A video of the presentations will be available through the Provost Office and any comments can be sent to Malcolm Bernstein. His contact information can be found in the email circulated to the university community announcing the presentations.

Another election is being held to fill one remaining position on the Dean of Health Science search committee. A candidate profile is currently being created.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

T. McTiernan noted that Executive Committee reviewed a request to bring the terms of reference for Senior Academic Appointments back to Academic Council this month. It was decided by Executive that to follow normal procedures it would be brought back next month to give Academic Council Executive committee the opportunity to review it before going on the agenda.

8.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

B. Muirhead presented the report from CPCR which contained seven items for action and three items for information. He highlighted in particular the number of pathways proposals.

8.2.1 Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering – New Specialization in Smart Grid

B. Muirhead noted that this was an area of strategic growth for the university. There were no questions or discussion.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the new specialization in Smart Grid in the Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering program.

8.2.2 Bachelor of Science in Computing Science – Removal of Digital Media Minor

B. Muirhead noted that there were no students enrolled in the minor. It is no longer feasible to offer it.

On a motion, That Academic Council approve the removal of the Digital Media Minor in the Bachelor of Science in Computing Science program.

8.2.3 Bachelor of Commerce – New Minor in Operations and Supply Change Management

This minor already exists for Bachelor of Information Technology students. It is being extended to Bachelor of Commerce students.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the new minor in Operations and Supply Chain Management in the Bachelor of Commerce program.

8.2.4 Bachelor of Communication – New GASC Pathway

Originally, the communication program was not considered for the pathway because it did not have a common first year. Now that it also has a common first year this pathway is being extended into this program.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the new GASC Pathway into the Bachelor of Arts in Communication program.

8.2.5 Bachelor of Arts in Communication – New Pathway with media-relevant college programs

This is a new pathway between the Bachelor of Arts in Communication and relevant media programs at Durham College. This new pathway program will be available to students from the following communication and media-relevant college programs: Journalism, Media, Broadcasting and Advertising and Marketing.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the New Pathway with media-relevant college programs into the Bachelor of Arts in Communication program.

8.2.6 Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policy Studies – New College Pathway and Bridge

This is a proposal for a new pathway and bridge program for Durham College students to enter the second year of the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policy Studies program. In addition, the faculty is introducing a bridge program for college graduates of relevant two or three-year programs.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the New Pathway and Bridge program in the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policy Studies program.

8.2.7 Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science – New Pathway from Advanced Diploma in Biotechnology

This is a new Pathway for Durham and Fleming college students who have earned an advanced diploma in Biotechnology to enter the Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science program. This new pathway will help to strengthen our regional commitment to pathway programs.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the new Pathway into the Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Science program.

In addition, B. Muirhead presented three items for information. CPRC approved the completion of CSLI's Advanced English (EAP) Program at Level 7 as acceptable standards of language proficiency for consideration for admission to UOIT undergraduate programs. There were also a number of curriculum changes noted and CPRC received the annual reports of all Faculties. B. Muirhead thanked everyone involved for their work on the annual reports and noted that the changes demonstrated a healthy academic community that is responsive to the needs of students.

8.3 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

E. Waller presented the report of the Graduate Studies Committee. It included three items for action and one item for information

8.3.1 New Graduate Diploma in Accounting

The Faculty of Business and Information Technology (FBIT) is proposing the establishment of a new Type 3 Master's Diploma program in Accounting. J. Friedlan noted that this proposed diploma program will allow UOIT accounting students to achieve the new Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation and would save our Bachelor of Commerce students considerable time in completing their CPA designation. The Diploma has been approved by CPA Ontario.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the new Graduate Diploma in Accounting

8.3.2 Master of Education – Replacing Portfolio with Course Only option

S. de Castell noted that the portfolio option is not serving students well. Therefore moving to a course only option will be better for student success.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve replacing the portfolio option with a course-only option in the Master of Education program.

8.3.3 External Examiner Regulation Amendments

E. Waller presented a proposal to clarify the external examiner regulations in the academic calendar. He noted that the proposed changes have been benchmarked against other universities as well as the tri-council. M. Eklund questioned why this is being brought forward when there are other issues that need to be addressed. E. Waller acknowledged the need for a broader review, however these changes are required and the other issues are also being examined and will be brought to Academic Council in the future.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the changes to sections 3.8.4.2 and 3.8.1 of the Graduate Calendar as proposed in the attached documentation.

E. Waller noted for information that the annual reports on curriculum changes were also received by GSC in November.

8.4. RESEARCH BOARD

8.4.1 Nomination of Research Board Members

M. Owen presented the Research Board membership for 2014-15. In response to a question raised around re-examining the Terms of Reference for the Research Board it was noted that these were revised recently.

MOTION
CARRIED

On a motion, that Academic Council approve the membership of Research Board for the academic year 2014-2015.

9. 2014 UOIT Teaching Awards

B. Muirhead spoke to the memo on the Teaching Award recipients for 2014. He noted that there will be some changes to the process that will be communicated shortly.

10. Risk Management Update

C. Foy noted for information that Elaine Wannamaker was the successful candidate for the role of Director of Risk Management. There is a new risk management website forthcoming and the Board of Governors approved a Risk Management policy in the Spring of 2014.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary