



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015

Present:

Deborah Saucier (Vice-Chair)
Reem Ali
Nawal Ammar
Robert Bailey
Chantelle Bishop
Nicole Charewicz
Christopher Collins
Greg Crawford (*via teleconference*)
Pamela Drayson
Mikael Eklund
Cheryl Foy
Janette Hughes
Brenda Gamble
Franco Gaspari

Mark Green
Matthew H. Kaye
Hossam Kishawy
Brent Lewis
Brad MacIsaac
Susan McGovern
Michael Owen
Diana Petrarca
Otto Sanchez
Namdar Saniei
Tarlochan Sidhu
Miguel Vargas Martin

Guests:

Brad Easton
Olivia Petrie
Tara Ashley

Regrets:

Carla Cesaroni
Shanti Fernando
Tim McTiernan (Chair)
Ed Waller
Nadim Arafa
Tirtha Dhar
Ferdinand Jones
Kimberly Nugent
Lennart Nacke

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

2. Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Provost served as Chair for the meeting while the President attended a Universities Canada (formerly AUCC) Conference in Halifax. She welcomed Dr. Robert Bailey, the newly appointed Associate Provost, effective July 1, 2015, who was also serving as the Interim Dean for Faculty of Business and Information Technology. She thanked all faculty and staff for their efforts in concluding another successful and exciting term and encouraged all to take a well-deserved break.

D. Saucier advised that UOIT was continuing to advocate generally in respect of the Major Capacity Expansion funding. She reported that the President attended to present to and answer questions from the provincial Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the topic of undergraduate teaching quality on April 1, 2015. UOIT now awaits

the release of the AG's report as that will dictate future obligations. D. Saucier described other advocacy work noting that UOIT's collaboration with Durham College and Trent University is well-received. She provided an update on the provincial review of the funding formula.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of March 17, 2015

There was a typographical error under item 11 "Other Business" – the Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship will be providing support for next three years (2015-**2018**).

Upon a motion duly brought by M. Green and seconded by C. Cesaroni, the minutes were approved as amended.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Inquiries and Communications

There were none.

7. Provost's Remarks

There was nothing to supplement her earlier remarks.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Executive Committee

C. Foy presented the report of the Committee which contained two items, one for action and the other for information.

8.1.1 Academic Council Elections

C. Foy presented the Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer, contained in the materials, confirming that elections were contested fairly and run in accordance with the Academic Council Procedures for the Election of Teaching, Non-Academic Staff and Student Representatives instituted last year by Council. No complaints were received regarding the conduct of the elections. She further confirmed that all candidates were eligible.

That Academic Council appoint the following faculty members and undergraduate students to serve as elected members of UOIT Academic Council:

MOTION
CARRIED

a) Core Faculty Representatives

Maurice DiGiuseppe, Faculty of Education Representative – July 2015 – June 2018

Mark Green, Faculty of Science Representative – July 2015 – June 2018

Hannah Scott, At-Large Faculty Representative – July 2015 – June 2018

b) Student Representatives

Taylor Collins, Undergraduate Representative – September 2015 – August 2017

Emma Blackwood, Academic Appeals Committee – September 2015 – August 2017

Callum Campbell, Admissions and Scholarship Committee – September 2015 – August 2017

M. Eklund remarked that there is currently no graduate representation on Academic Council. C. Foy indicated that a call for candidates will occur at the beginning of the fall term and graduate student elections will run concurrently with by-elections for members on leave.

8.1.2 Academic Council Orientation Feedback

C. Foy presented assessment results from the Academic Council Orientation 2014-15. Two separate sessions saw a total of 15 attendees, of which 7 provided feedback. She shared the qualitative results, noting that feedback was generally positive. She indicated that the recommendations were helpful and will be incorporated into next year's session. C. Foy advised members to hold the date of September 15, 2015 for the next orientation session to be held after the first AC meeting.

M. Eklund raised the concern that the scheduling was inconsistent with the motion passed last year. The Council had approved an orientation to be held two weeks prior to the first AC meeting which includes the Board of Governors.

Council discussed the appropriate time to schedule an orientation session. Many agreed it was befitting to have a meeting on the same day as or after the first AC Meeting given schedule constraints during the first week of classes. C. Foy took the comments under the advisement and indicated that she would endeavour to recommend a compromise noting that she preferred to hold it at a time suitable to most members.

8.2 Curriculum and Program Review Committee

8.2.1 Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science – Nuclear Engineering – Minor Program Modification

R. Bailey, on behalf of B. Muirhead, advised Academic Council that FESNS will migrate course codes that have the general ENGR subject designator to program-specific subject designators, namely NUCL (for the Nuclear Engineering Program) and RAD1 (for the Health Physical and Radiation Science Program).

9. Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities

M. Green presented the bi-annual report of the Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities. He discussed COU's focus on aboriginal education, its draft constitution and some concerns pertaining to the funding formula review and anticipated legislative changes. He answered questions regarding the strategy of COU.

10. 2015-2016 Academic Schedule

B. MacIsaac presented the 2015-16 Academic Schedule for information. He noted that the fall co-curricular break would not commence until the following academic year. He confirmed that it was an administrative decision to require final exam grades posted five calendar days following the conclusion of the exam period. B. MacIsaac indicated he would confirm that "Midterm Break" was the correct terminology and consistent with previous iterations of the Academic Calendar.

The Council discussed confusion arising from the "make-up day for lectures" scheduled on Dec 3, 2015 and April 11, 2016. B. MacIsaac agreed that the information was confusing and unnecessary and would be removed from the Academic Calendar.

11. Other Business

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary