



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

Present:

Robert Bailey (Acting Chair)
Reem Ali
Pietro-Luciano Buono
Greg Crawford (*via teleconference*)
Becky Dinwoodie
Craig Elliott
Maurice DiGiuseppe
Mikael Eklund
Cheryl Foy
Hossam Gaber
Brenda Gamble
Mark Green
Douglas Holdway
Andrea Kirkwood

Hossam Kishawy
Sharon Lauricella
Ramiro Liscano
Lori Livingston
Brad MacIsaac
Qusay Mahmoud
Susan McGovern
Atef Mohany
Kimberly Nugent
Pamela Ritchie
Langis Roy
Hannah Scott
Mahmoud Shaaban
Kamal Smimou
Akira Tokuhira

Guests:

Krista Hester
Adele Imrie (Board Chair)
Nichole Molinaro
Olivia Petrie

Regrets:

Carla Cesaroni
Brian Cutler
Pamela Drayson
Andrew Hogue
Tim McTiernan
Michael Owen
Andre Pinsonnault
Deb Saucier
Noreen Taylor

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. Agenda

A point of order was raised regarding whether R. Bailey could act as Chair of the meeting. C. Foy confirmed that the practice has been for the Acting President to Chair Academic Council meetings in the President's absence. In that regard, R. Bailey was properly chairing the meeting in his role as Acting President.

C. Foy requested that agenda item 6(c) be discussed during a non-public session, as the update will contain legal advice pertaining to the Student Association litigation.

The Agenda was approved, as amended.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed A. Imrie, Chair of the Board of Governors, to the meeting. He also welcomed the new Dean of Energy Systems & Nuclear Science, A. Tokuhiko.

Due to the full agenda, the Chair kept his remarks brief in order to allow further time for discussion.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of January 17, 2017

L. Buono advised that the tutorial hours for the Introductory Calculus course were increased from 1 to 1.5 hours and not 3 hours as stated at the last meeting.

The Minutes were approved, as amended.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Examination and Grading Policy

B. MacIsaac updated Academic Council regarding minor editorial changes made to the Examination and Grading Policy. The majority of changes reduce the use of the term "accommodations" to ensure greater consistency in language requested by Student Accessibility Services. He confirmed that no substantive changes were made.

6. Inquiries and Communications

(a) COU Update

R. Liscano provided an update on the work being done by the Academic Colleagues of COU. He provided a brief overview of his role as Academic Colleague. He reported on the main topics of discussion at the last two meetings of the COU Academic Colleagues Committee. He advised that the Academic Colleagues regularly receive an update from the COU regarding interactions between COU and MAESD. R. Liscano also reported on the presentations delivered by Susan McCahan from the University of Toronto and Harvey Weingarten from Higher Education Quality

Council of Ontario. There is a strong movement towards skills-based credentials by the Ontario government. The committee also received an update on the SMA v2 and corridor funding and its implications. COU will focus on recommending measures for SMA v3 since the timeframe for SMA v2 is relatively short. The Academic Colleagues also discussed the topic of co-curricular records (CCRs) since they could potentially be used to measure experiential learning.

The COU Academic Colleague committee is considering the following topics for discussion at the next meeting in April:

- the challenges faced by faculty in defining and delivering experiential learning; and
- the challenges of introducing indigenous knowledge into the curriculum

Academic Council members were invited to provide any comments/feedback directly to R. Liscano on these topics.

(b) Board of Governors' Synopsis - December 2016 Meeting

R. Bailey referred Council to the synopsis of the most recent Board of Governors meeting included in the meeting material.

(c) Student Association Update – Privileged and Confidential

The meeting moved into non-public session and all non-members of Academic Council, except A. Imrie, C. Foy and B. Dinwoodie, left the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

C. Foy presented Academic Council with an update regarding the recent litigation involving the Student Association.

(S. McGovern left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

All non-members of Academic Council returned at 3:26 p.m.

7. Provost's Remarks

(a) Space

C. Elliott delivered a presentation on Space Considerations. He reviewed the main points from the UOIT Space Considerations discussion paper. He confirmed that the university requires new space to provide for enrolment growth. He defined and demonstrated NASM, which is the standard used to measure space. He compared the university's current NASM average of 4.1 with the system average and COU standard. C. Elliot advised that the goal is to reach 5.13 NASMs for instructional and research space.

He provided an overview of facility assessments. He confirmed that all of the university's buildings are considered to be in excellent condition.

C. Elliott also reviewed the forecasted enrolment growth and its correlation to the university's NASMs. He showed how the NASMs will increase with the completion of the SIRC Building, but will quickly start to decline as enrolment continues to grow. He provided an update on the construction of the SIRC Building, which is currently on schedule and on budget. He noted that the key takeaway is that UOIT needs additional space to support future enrolment growth.

C. Elliott also provided an update on the CARIE Building and other buildings contemplated by the Campus Master Plan.

He answered questions from the Council members. He confirmed that some of the uses originally planned for CARIE will be met by SIRC; accordingly, CARIE's uses may be revisited. He also clarified that the projected enrolment growth would be within that allowed by the proposed corridor-funding model. A concern was raised regarding the space for downtown students and faculties.

There was a discussion regarding the capital funding being set aside for the buildings, as well as anticipated budget surpluses. B. MacIsaac listed the members of the technical space committee: C. Elliott, Karen Young, Ken Bright, Greg Crawford and B. MacIsaac.

(b) Update on Senior Academic Administrator Appointment Searches

R. Bailey confirmed that A. Tokuhiko started on February 2 and he is adjusting well to his new role. He informed Council that the new Dean of the Faculty of Social Science & Humanities has been selected and the appointment is being presented to the Board for approval the following day. If approved, an announcement will be made later that week. He also advised that a final candidate has been selected for the University Librarian position and an announcement will be forthcoming.

The search for the next Dean of the Faculty of Business & Information Technology (FBIT) has begun and the search committee members are:

Robert Bailey, Associate Provost (Chair)
Tara Ashley, Executive Assistant (FBIT)
Tosan Atele-Williams, Graduate Student (FBIT)
Belinda Bambrick, Planning and Budget officer (FBIT)
John Friedlan, Associate Professor (FBIT)
Andrew Hogue, Associate Professor (FBIT)
Michael Konopaski, Lecturer (FBIT)
Joseph Krasman, Associate Professor (FBIT)
Josh Lowe, Senior Lecturer (FBIT)
Mehdi Nejad, Lecturer (FBIT)
Miguel Vargas Martin, Associate Professor (FBIT)
Ying Zhu, Associate Professor (FBIT)
Langis Roy, Dean of Graduate Studies
Faisal Qureshi, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science
Jocelyn Churchill, HR Representative

Krista Hester, Assistant to the Provost (non-voting support)

The anticipated start date for the next Dean of FBIT is July 1, 2018.

In reviewing the agenda, the Chair suggested adjourning the meeting prior to the Presidential Search Listening Session so that there will not be a quorum requirement and the discussion will not be in the minutes.

Upon a motion duly made, the amendment to the Agenda was approved.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC)

R. Bailey invited Q. Mahmoud to present the CPRC items coming forward for approval.

8.1.1 FOR APPROVAL

(a) Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Bachelor of Commerce – Major Program Modification: New Major and Minor in Technology Management

MOTION APPROVED *That Academic Council approve the Technology Management major and minor in the Bachelor of Commerce.*

(b) Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Bachelor of Information Technology – Major Program Modification: New Major in Technology Management

MOTION APPROVED *That Academic Council approve the Technology Management major in the Bachelor of Information Technology.*

(c) Faculty of Health Sciences - Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology – Major Program Modification: Addition of the OTA/PTA pathway

MOTION APPROVED *That Academic Council approve the new OTA/PTA pathway into the Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology.*

(d) Faculty of Science - Bachelor of Science – Major Program Modification: New Minor in Data Science

MOTION APPROVED *That Academic Council approve the new minor in Data Science.*

8.1.2 FOR INFORMATION

Q. Mahmoud referred Council members to the items coming forward for information.

(a) Office of the Registrar - Advanced Standing Policy

- (b) **Faculties of Business and Information Technology, Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, Engineering and Applied Science, and Science - And Management Programs – Minor Program Adjustment: Course Removal and Replacement**
- (c) **Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Bachelor of Commerce – Minor Program Adjustment: Course Removal and Replacement**
- (d) **Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Bachelor of Commerce – Minor Program Adjustment: Double Majors**
- (e) **Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Bachelor of Commerce – Minor Program Adjustment: Major and Minor Requirements**
- (f) **Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Bachelor of Commerce – Minor Program Adjustment: Finance Minor for Applied and Industrial Mathematics Students**
- (g) **Faculty of Health Sciences - Bachelor of – Minor Program Adjustment: Fitness and Health Promotion Bridge to Kinesiology**
- (h) **Faculty of Health Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Minor Program Adjustment: Addition of Admission Requirement**
- (i) **Faculty of Health Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Minor Program Adjustment: Core Course Revision**
- (j) **Faculty of Science - Bachelor of Science – Minor Program Adjustment: Co-operative Education Calendar Description**
- (k) **Faculty of Science - Bachelor of Science in Chemistry – Minor Program Adjustment: Chemistry Course Requirements**
- (l) **Faculty of Science - Bachelor of Science in Computer Science – Minor Program Adjustment: Admission Requirements**
- (m) **Faculty of Science - Bachelor of Science in Physics – Minor Program Adjustment: Program Map Adjustments**
- (n) **Faculty of Social Science and Humanities - Bachelor of Arts – Minor Program Adjustment: First-year Core**
- (o) **Faculty of Social Science and Humanities - Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Digital Media Studies – Minor Program Adjustment: Program Map Adjustments**

8.2 Graduate Studies Committee

8.2.1 FOR APPROVAL

(a) PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering – New Field

L. Roy introduced the proposal and advised it will be a good addition for the university.

That Academic Council approve the new field in Power Systems and Power Electronics.

(b) Master of Applied Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering – New Fields

L. Roy discussed the proposal. He informed Council that this amendment will make the PhD and Masters offerings consistent. There was a discussion regarding whether fields will be noted on a student's parchment and transcript.

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That Academic Council approve the four new fields in Communications and Signal Processing; Control Systems; Software Systems; and Power Systems and Power Electronics

(c) Proposal for renaming the Office of Graduate Studies to School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

L. Roy presented the proposal to Council for recommendation. He confirmed that the change is supported by the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) and Senior Academic Team. With the increasing importance of graduate education to society's advancement, the current focusing of the University's strategic priorities, and the recent addition of postdoctoral fellows to Graduate Studies' administrative portfolio, the proposed change of name – from Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) to School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS) – is both timely and necessary to accurately reflect its complete function, while providing several other benefits. The name change will also align UOIT with many other institutions.

There was discussion regarding the difference in governance of a "School" from that of a "Faculty". Consideration was also given as to whether changing the name would lead to unintentional consequences. L. Roy confirmed that the governance structures mentioned are already in place. Further, the terms of reference of the GSC will be reviewed as part of an ongoing project. L. Roy also confirmed that once it is established, would be open to discussions regarding naming the School. Useful to consider having a doc/post-doc committee.

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That Academic Council recommend to the UOIT Board of Governors that UOIT's Office of Graduate Studies be renamed School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, effective 1 July, 2017.

8.2.2 FOR INFORMATION

(a) Master of Information Technology (MITS) – Minor program adjustment

(b) Master of Applied Science and PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering – Minor program adjustment

8.3 Executive Committee

8.3.1 Academic Council Governance

(a) 2017-2018 Elections Process

B. Dinwoodie presented the approved election timeline to Council and advised that the call for nominations was extended due to a lack of nominations for several positions.

(b) Appointment of Representative to Research Board

The nomination of Salma Karray to the Research Board was presented to Council for approval. In response to a question, P. Ritchie advised as to the Faculty of Business & Information Technology's nomination process.

MOTION APPROVED *That pursuant to the nomination received from the Faculty of Business and Information Technology and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Research Board's Terms of Reference, Academic Council hereby appoints the following faculty member to serve on the Research Board effective March 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2018:*

- Salma Karray, Associate Professor and Associate Dean Research

(c) Board By-Law Review Project

C. Foy delivered an update on the status of the By-Law Review Project. She advised that the working group has completed its review of section 8 of the By-law. There will be 2 By-laws coming forward: By-law No. 1, which will be a general by-law and By-law No. 2, which will deal specifically with Academic Council. The goal is to have the drafts ready by the end of June, which is ambitious. She confirmed that the draft by-laws will be coming to Academic Council for discussion and information, but will be approved by the Board.

There was a suggestion made to appoint Council and committee members prior to the end of the academic year to ensure there is no gap in representation.

9. SIRC Building Update

C. Elliott reviewed the weekly schedule tracker with Council and confirmed there will be classes in SIRC scheduled for September of this year.

10. Other Business

11. Colleagues' Exchange

There being no other business, upon a motion duly made the Meeting terminated at 4:24 p.m.