



GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

*Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of June 20, 2017*

FOR ACTION

1. Program Reviews – Final Assessment Report

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the summary reports of the graduate program reviews outlined below.

Rationale

In accordance with UOIT's Quality Assurance Framework, the Committee reviewed the reports and recommendations for the following two programs that underwent a cyclical review to ensure that they meet provincial quality assurance requirements and to support their ongoing rigour and coherence:

- Master of Applied Science, Master of Engineering, and Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Master of Applied Science, Master of Engineering, and Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Applied Science, Master of Engineering in Automotive Engineering

Each review involves an examination, by both program faculty and staff and outside reviewers, of the program's goals and requirements, its curriculum content, structure, modes of delivery, and assessment of student learning, and its use of available resources to support the program. Their work has generated a valuable set of documents that reflect a great deal of care and attention to the ongoing development and refinement of programs that best meet the needs of students and best represents the current state of each particular field of study. The Committee commends all Faculty and staff who contributed to these program reviews for their important input into the process.

The attached report provides an overview of the outcomes of the recommendations resulting from the program reviews, identifies particular strengths of the programs as well as opportunities for improvement and enhancements, and outlines the agreed-upon implementation plan.

2. Amendments to Graduate Academic Calendar due to name change

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the proposed revisions to the Graduate Academic Calendar to reflect the approved name change from Office of Graduate Studies to School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Rationale

As a result of the recently approved change in name from Office of Graduate Studies to School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, there are amendments required to regulations in the Graduate Academic Calendar to reflect the new name. We are requesting that the GSC approve, in principle, all changes in wording in the Graduate Academic Regulations from “Office of Graduate Studies” to “School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies”. The change in the name of the unit will not affect the purpose or purview of the regulation.