

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES of MEETING of TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018
DTB 524, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Murphy, Steven (Chair)
Bailey, Robert
Clarke, Jessica
Davidson, Catherine
Desaulniers, Jean-Paul
DiGiuseppe, Maurice
Eklund, Mikael
Gaber, Hossam
Green, Mark
Hogue, Andrew
Holdway, Doug
Kishawy, Hossam
Lauricella, Sharon
Livingston, Lori
Lloyd, Meghann

McGovern, Sue
Nugent, Kimberly (*via
teleconference*)
Roy, Langis
Sidhu, Tarlochan
Smimou, Kamal
Stoett, Peter
Tuppall, Sai Tejus
Wu, Terry
Dinwoodie, Becky (non-
voting)
Foy, Cheryl (non-voting)

Guests:

Bruno, Jamie
Drea, Catherine
Edwards, Greg
Harvel, Glenn
Hester, Krista
Liscano, Ramiro
McCabe, Janet
McLaughlin, Christine
Molinaro, Nichole
Murphy, Bernadette
O'Halloran, Niall
Petrie, Olivia
Pitcher, Cathy
Van Nuland, Shirley

Regrets:

Alam, Safwan
Barari, Ahmad
Crawford, Greg
Elliott, Craig
Kirkwood, Andrea
Lesage, Ann
McMorrow, Thomas
Ritchie, Pamela
Scott, Hannah
Stokes, Joe
Taylor, Noreen
Tokuhiko, Akira

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Agenda

M. Eklund followed up on the questions he submitted for consideration as discussion topics at this month's meeting. The Chair explained that the suggested topics were considered by the Academic Council Executive Committee (ACX) and the committee found the topics too operational in nature and not appropriate for discussion by Academic Council. Further, the questions were reviewed and the results of the review were reported to the committee.

The Chair reinforced that as a governance body, Academic Council should be dedicating time to having strategic discussions.

M. Eklund also expressed concern that agenda item 12.1(c) should be coming forward for approval and not just for information.

Upon a motion duly made, the Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone for this year's successful Convocation ceremonies. He advised that the review of the Office of Research had been completed and the report would be released soon.

(a) Senior Academic Administrator Searches

The Chair advised that the searches for the next Provost and VP Responsible for Research were getting underway and calls for expressions of interest to serve on the search committees would be sent out soon.

The Chair also informed Council that the Board of Governors will be going through a renewal process and up to 11 vacancies will need to be filled by the fall. The university retained a search firm to assist with the Board recruitment process over the summer months. Advertisements will be published in the Globe & Mail in the coming weeks.

The Chair discussed the university's acronym. Consultations will be taking place on developing a new nickname for the university. He clarified that the name of the institution cannot be changed, since it is established in the university's founding legislation.

The Chair noted it was the last meeting of Council for the year and thanked everyone for their contributions. He enumerated many of Council's accomplishments for the year. He also recognized those members whose terms were ending. The Chair thanked P. Ritchie for her contributions to the university as her term as Dean of the Faculty of Business & Information Technology was coming to an end.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of May 15, 2018

Upon a motion duly made, the Minutes were approved as presented.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Update from Governance, Nominations & Human Resources Committee Meeting

C. Foy informed Council that the Board's Governance, Nominations & Human Resources Committee recommended the Terms of Reference for Academic Council's new Governance & Nominations Committee for approval at the Board's June meeting. Once the Terms of Reference are approved, expressions of interest for membership on the committee will be sought.

6. Inquiries and Communications

(a) COU Academic Colleague Update

R. Liscano delivered the COU Academic Colleagues Committee Report, which was included in the meeting material. A member asked whether there was any discussion at the COU meeting about how to conduct SMA3 consultations before the negotiations begin. The Chair added that with the upcoming provincial government transition, Council should likely wait to confirm there will be an SMA3 before discussions begin.

7. Provost's Remarks

The Provost also thanked the departing members of Council. He discussed his reasons for not applying to either of the senior academic administrator positions.

The Provost also announced the two faculty members being appointed to the Policy Advisory Committee, Mike Eklund and Amir Mostaghim.

(a) Programs Update

The Provost discussed the highlights from the discussion paper entitled "Programs and Quality Enhancement", which was included in the meeting material. Ideas for program development come from the ground up. He discussed the "Notice of Intent" process for program ideas. The university has the potential to do more in terms of Pathways programs. The Provost responded to questions from Council. There was a discussion regarding the relationship between Continuing Education Programs and the Faculties.

G. Harvel remarked that each standing committee has a representative from each Faculty to provide feedback or faculty can contact N. Molinaro directly with comments or questions. A question was asked about the retention rate of Pathways students as compared to direct entry students.

(S. Tuppal exited the meeting at 3:13 p.m.)

8. 2018-2019 Budget Update

C. Elliott discussed the goals of the budget process. He reviewed the key aspects from the budget presentation, which was distributed in advance of the meeting.

R. Bailey highlighted the following points:

- important for Academic Council to understand the choices made in the budget & how they were made;
- it is not the role of Council to approve the budget;
- examine how the budget aligns with the strategy of the university;
- budget reflects choices made about resources based on strategy; and
- Integrated Academic Plan is directly linked to budget planning.

R. Bailey reviewed the funding for strategic initiatives in 2018-2019. Much of the increase in the budget from last year to this year is allocated to people. R. Bailey also reviewed the opportunities for future funding.

C. Elliott walked through the 2018/2019 budget, including the contingency allocations. He highlighted that it is a balanced budget, at approximately \$194M.

There were discussions regarding the funding of innovation, strategies to increase the return on ACE, and the viability of the Campus Field House/Arena. It was noted that the value of ACE and the arena cannot be measured in purely monetary terms. C. Elliott also responded to questions regarding the Campus Child Care Centre.

C. Elliott explained that this year the university received several one-time forms of revenue, such as the PST rebate.

R. Bailey addressed the desire of faculty to see a more balanced approach to the budget. He advised that the university now has a process for faculty succession planning. It is important for the university to continue to set funds aside for new buildings, as it cannot rely solely on the government and donors for funding.

M. Eklund commended C. Elliott and R. Bailey on the evolution of the transparency in the budget consultation process.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC)

G. Harvel presented the CPRC items for information.

9.1.1 FOR INFORMATION

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

(a) Minor Program Adjustment – Addition of CRMN 4001 Special Topics in Criminology and Justice

(b) Minor Program Adjustment - Advanced Entry - Legal Studies Electives

9.2 Graduate Studies Committee (GSC)

9.2.1 FOR APPROVAL

(a) Faculty of Health Sciences - New Degree Program Proposal - Master of Health Sciences in Nursing Professional Practice

L. Roy presented the proposal for consideration. He highlighted that it is primarily an online program adapted for working professionals and was well received by the external reviewers. The expected initial enrolment is ten UOIT students and ten Trent students.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the Master of Health Sciences in Nursing Professional Practice.*

9.2.2 FOR INFORMATION

(a) Graduate Diploma in Accounting – Minor Program Adjustment

L. Roy presented the informational item.

10. Executive Committee

(a) 2018-2019 Committee Nominations

B. Dinwoodie presented the nominations for consideration.

Curriculum and Program Review Committee

MOTION CARRIED *That pursuant to the nominations received from the respective Faculties and the recommendations of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Curriculum and Program Review Committee's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty members to serve on the Curriculum and Program Review Committee for the specified term:*

- *Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Khalil El-Khatib, Associate Dean of Programs, for 3 years ending June 30, 2021*
- *Faculty of Social Science and Humanities - Olga Marques, Assistant Professor, for 3 years ending June 30, 2021*
- *Faculty of Education - Roland van Oostveen, for 1 year ending June 30, 2019*

Graduate Studies Committee

MOTION CARRIED *That pursuant to the nominations received from the respective Faculties and the recommendations of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Graduate Studies Committee's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty members to serve on the Graduate Studies Committee for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2021:*

- *Faculty of Health Sciences – Nick Wattie, Assistant Professor*

(b) 2018-2019 Election Results Summary

B. Dinwoodie reviewed the election results summary that was included in the meeting material. She confirmed that another election would be held in the fall to try to fill the remaining vacant positions.

(c) 2018-2019 Academic Council Meeting Schedule

B. Dinwoodie discussed the rationale for scheduling the Academic Council Executive Committee meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and Academic Council meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Council expressed support for changing the meeting schedule for 2018-2019. It was noted that if Council needs to meet in December, the timing would need to be adjusted for that particular month.

11. Expense Procedure: Payments to Research Participants

G. Edwards presented the draft procedure for consultation. He advised that currently there is no procedure in place, which causes some confusion. He responded to a question about using Concur to process this type of expense. G. Edwards clarified that the procedure is not prescriptive with respect to minimums/maximums for payments. A concern was expressed about the Expense Procedure's overlap with policies and procedures of the Research Ethics Board. It was clarified that the Expense Procedure makes clear reference to the other relevant policies. It was also noted that the confidentiality of names of participants must also be taken into consideration.

12. Registrar's Office

12.1 FOR INFORMATION:

(a) 2017-2018 Graduates Update

(b) 2018-2019 Scholarships & Major Award Recipients

(c) Policy & Procedures:

- **Grading System and Academic Standing Policy**
- **Grade Reappraisal and Review of Academic Standing Procedures**
- **Graduation and Conferral of Degrees Policy**
- **Academic Conduct and Professional Suitability Policy**

N. O'Halloran provided background on the amended policy instruments presented for information. The amendments made to the documents were categorized as editorial in nature and could, therefore, be approved by the Registrar and reported to Academic Council for information

There were a few concerns raised about several of the changes being substantive in nature as opposed to editorial. N. O'Halloran advised members to send any concerns they might have by e-mail to the policy owner, explaining why they believe the amendments should be considered by CPRC, with a copy to G. Harvel for consideration.

13. Campus of the Future

Due to time constraints, Council's discussion of the campus of the future was deferred. The Chair asked Council members to consider the following questions, which would be discussed in the next academic year:

- How do we create a better sense of community?
- What should a technology university look like?
- What do classrooms/labs look like in the future?
- Think about collaborative spaces & how would those morph into a new building?

14. Other Business

15. Colleagues' Exchange

There being no other business and upon a motion duly made, the meeting terminated at 4:36 p.m.

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary