



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES of MEETING of TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
DTB 524, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Murphy, Steven (Chair)
Abdelmassih, Sarah
Bailey, Robert
Bliemel, Michael
Clarke, Jessica
Crawford, Greg
Davidson, Catherine
Desaulniers, Jean-Paul
DiGiuseppe, Maurice
Easton, Brad
Eklund, Mikael
Gaber, Hossam
Harvel, Glenn
Hector, Sonia
Heydari, Shahram
Hogue, Andrew
Jones, Ferdinand
Kirkwood, Andrea
Kishawy, Hossam
Lesage, Ann

Livingston, Lori
Lloyd, Meghann
Mahmoud, Qusay
McCabe, Janet
Mohany, Atef
Nugent, Kimberly (*via teleconference*)
Partosoedarso, Elita
Petrie, Olivia
Pierce, Tess
Roy, Langis
Scott, Hannah
Stokes, Joe
Tokuhiko, Akira
Williams, Alyssa
Wu, Terry

Guests:

Bruno, Jamie
Dinwoodie, Becky
Foy, Cheryl
Hester, Krista
Maclsaac, Brad
McCartney, Kimberley
McLaughlin, Christine
O'Halloran, Niall
Rinaldi, Jennifer

Regrets:

Holdway, Doug
Liscano, Ramiro
Sidhu, Tarlochan
Stoett, Peter
Taylor, Noreen
Tuppal, Sai Tejus

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Agenda

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

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the members to the first Council meeting of the year. Given the large number of new members, the Chair invited everyone to introduce themselves. He noted the new configuration of the boardroom to accommodate the larger size of Academic Council. Microphones were also set up to ensure everyone can be heard.

The Chair reported on his participation in the university's orientation activities. The events were well attended by students. He thanked Student Life and the university's Student Union for making this year's orientation a success. He also updated Council on the Board recruitment activity that took place during the summer, which also served as a successful fund raising effort.

The Chair discussed the university's acronym and the difficulty external members seem to have saying it correctly. The university will be testing out a new handle, "ONTechU", which was developed using the convention of other reputable institutions (e.g. Georgia Tech and CalTech). He welcomed Council's feedback on the new handle. There was generally a positive reaction to "ONTechU". There was a concern expressed about corporatizing the name.

The Chair also discussed the development of a partnership office at the university in order to help ensure we are coordinating efforts with industry partners as best we can. He was looking forward to the joint orientation session with the Board taking place immediately following the meeting.

(a) Senior Academic Administrator Searches

It was confirmed that the members of the Provost and VP Research search committees were announced that afternoon. Further to the consultation session that took place immediately before the meeting, the President will continue to update Council with the progress of the searches.

(b) University Administrative Council – Revised Structure

The Chair referred members to the Terms of Reference for the Administrative Leadership Team (formerly University Administrative Council) that were included in the meeting material. The Terms of Reference were updated to clarify the role of the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT) in the university's organizational structure and to avoid any confusion with the governing bodies. A concern was raised about the Senior Leadership Team's (SLT) participation on multiple committees. The Chair responded that it is essential for the SLT to have access to unfiltered operational information. Further, ALT meetings are an effective mode of communication among the administrative and academic administrative leaders.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of June 19, 2018

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

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Inquiries and Communications

(a) Summary of Board of Governors Meeting of June 27, 2018

The Chair highlighted the items that were approved by the Board at the June meeting. A question was asked about the breakdown of the internally restricted funds approved at the meeting. A breakdown will be provided as part of “Business Arising” at the next meeting.

7. Provost’s Remarks

The Provost provided an update on enrolment – the university was slightly above its enrolment target on Day 10. He clarified that this was a head count only and any effect on budget will depend on the program-specific numbers.

The Provost also updated Council on the renewal process for the Dean of the Faculty of Science. The renewal committee met for the first time a few days ago and an announcement will be made very soon regarding community consultations. He also reported on the retreat for Senior Academic Leaders, which took place in early September and focused on the student experience. The students who attended were exceptionally honest about their experience at the university.

The university will be joining Durham Region in moving towards being smoke-free. The goal is to have a smoke-free campus within the next year. Accommodations will be made for the use of medical marijuana.

8. Policy Consultation

(a) Free Speech Policy

R. Bailey reviewed the key aspects of the Free Speech Policy presentation, which was included in the meeting material. The policy will define and articulate what free speech is, as well as the constraints on free speech. The policy will not attempt to define Academic Freedom. The proposed consultation pathway was also reviewed.

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the Council of Ontario Universities would be coordinating a response to the government’s initiative.

(M. Lloyd left at 4:27 p.m.)

There was a discussion regarding the proposed consultation schedule and some support was expressed for the policy returning to Council for additional consultation.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC)

9.1.1 FOR APPROVAL

(a) Centre for Institutional Quality Enhancement - Cyclical Program Review Final Assessment Summary Reports

(i) Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering

(ii) Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering

G. Harvel presented the final assessment summary reports for approval.

MOTION APPROVED *That Academic Council approve the summary reports of the undergraduate program reviews outlined below:*

- *Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering*
- *Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering*

10. Executive Committee

(a) Academic Council 2018-2019 Work Plan

C. Foy reviewed the draft work plan for 2018-2019. The plan provides a guideline for the work to be done during the upcoming year. The Academic Council Executive Committee (ACX) reviews the draft plan before it is presented to Academic Council. A suggestion was made to add committee nominations to the work plan for April.

(b) Temporary Chair of Academic Council

C. Foy presented the item for consideration. A member expressed concern about the Provost serving as temporary Chair and having to turn the Chair role over to someone during the meeting in order to express opinions on academic matters.

MOTION APPROVED *Pursuant to the recommendation of the Academic Council Executive Committee, Academic Council hereby approves of the Provost chairing Academic Council meetings in the President's absence until such time as a formal selection process is established by the Governance and Nominations Committee.*

R. Bailey and M. Eklund abstained.

(c) Committee Nominations

B. Dinwoodie presented the nominations for consideration.

Academic Council

MOTION APPROVED *That pursuant to the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Academic Council hereby appoints the following graduate student to serve on the Academic Council for the specified term:*

- *Lyndsay Woolridge, for 2 years ending August 31, 2020*

Research Board

MOTION APPROVED *That pursuant to the nominations received from the relevant Faculties and the recommendations of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Research Board's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty members to serve on the Research Board for the following terms:*

- *Faculty of Health Sciences – Pierre Cote, Associate Professor, for 2 years ending June 30, 2020*
- *Faculty of Science – Brad Easton, Professor, for 2 years ending June 30, 2020*

B. Easton abstained.

Curriculum & Program Review Committee

That pursuant to the nomination received from the relevant Faculty and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Curriculum & Program Review Committee's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty member to serve on the Curriculum & Program Review Committee for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2021:

- *Faculty of Science – Helene Leblanc, Associate Professor*

Graduate Studies Committee

That pursuant to the nomination received from the relevant Faculty and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Graduate Studies Committee's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty member to serve on the Graduate Studies Committee for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2021:

- *Faculty of Science, Anatoli Chkrebtii, Professor*
- *Faculty of Health Sciences, Meghann Lloyd, Associate Professor*

M. Lloyd abstained.

(d) 2018-2019 Fall Election Process

B. Dinwoodie provided an update on the Fall Election Process, a summary of which was included in the meeting material. She advised that no nominations were received for a few positions and discussed the next steps. A question was asked about the eligibility of long term academic associates (LTAA) to serve on Academic Council. By-law No. 2 refers to faculty members being elected from among full-time continuing Associate Deans, tenured and tenure-track faculty and teaching faculty. A change to the By-law would be required to extend eligibility to LTAA faculty.

Inquiries were made regarding the vacant faculty position on ACX and the expression of interest process for the Governance and Nominations Committee. Since the recent candidates in the election for faculty positions on Academic Council were acclaimed making a vote unnecessary, the call for expressions of interest for faculty positions on both committees will include the newest Council members and be presented to ACX at the next meeting for consideration.

11. Other Business

12. Colleagues' Exchange

Upon a motion duly made, the meeting terminated at 4:52 p.m.

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary

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