



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES of MEETING of TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019
DTB 524, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Steven Murphy (Chair)
Abdelmassih, Sarah
Bailey, Robert
Bliemel, Michael
Clarke, Jessica
Davidson, Catherine
Desaulniers, Jean-Paul
DiGiuseppe, Maurice
Easton, Brad
Eklund, Mikael (*teleconference*)
Gaber, Hossam
Harvel, Glenn
Heydari, Shahram
Hogue, Andrew
Holdway, Doug
Jones, Ferdinand (*teleconference*)
Khalid, Osama
Kirkwood, Andrea (*teleconference*)
Kishawy, Hossam
Liscano, Ramiro
Livingston, Lori

Regrets:

Crawford, Greg
Hector, Sonia
Lesage, Ann
Lloyd, Meghann
Mahmoud, Qusay
Marques, Olga
Mohany, Atef
Partosoedarso, Elita
Scott, Hannah
Shon, Phillip
Taylor, Noreen
Tuppal, Sai Tejus
Williams, Alyssa

McCabe, Janet
Mostaghim, Amir
Nugent, Kimberly
(*teleconference*)
Petrie, Olivia
Pierce, Tess
Rinaldi, Jen
Roy, Langis
Sidhu, Tarlochan
(*teleconference*)
Stoett, Peter
Stokes, Joe
Tokuhiro, Akira
Woolridge, Lyndsay
Wu, Terry

Guests:

Bruno, Jamie
Dinwoodie, Becky
Elliott, Craig
Foy, Cheryl
Hester, Krista
Maclsaac, Brad
McCartney, Kimberley
Molinaro, Nichole
O'Halloran, Niall
Seres, Rich

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made by P. Stoett and seconded by G. Harvel, the Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair congratulated and thanked the bargaining teams for the university and Faculty Association (FA) for reaching a tentative agreement. The tentative agreement needs to be ratified by the FA and the university's Board of Governors, which will likely be done in the next week or so.

The Chair discussed the Colleagues Exchange that took place prior to the meeting. The attendees had a good discussion about safe spaces and what that means for a university. He thanked T. Pierce for facilitating the discussion. The Academic Council Executive Committee is looking for ways to improve the Colleagues Exchange and welcomes Council's suggestions.

In anticipation of the budget discussion during the meeting, the Chair commented that he views this is a time of opportunity. He articulated the budget goals in the video that was distributed the week before.

The Chair introduced the Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, Rich Seres, to deliver a presentation introducing the university's new visual identity. The new visual identity is being revealed to the campus community before launching it more broadly. R. Seres reminded Council that the changes are to the institution's brand and the official name remains the same.

(a) Senior Academic Administrator Searches

The President provided an update on the status of the searches for the next Provost and VP Research. He is confident that the Provost will be selected soon. They are now at the short list phase of the VP Research role.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of January 22, 2019

Upon a motion duly made by D. Holdway and seconded by L. Roy, the Minutes were approved as presented.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

6. Inquiries and Communications

There were none.

7. Provost's Remarks

The Provost also thanked the bargaining teams for their efforts in reaching a tentative agreement. He discussed the Lord Ridgeback disaster simulation exercise that took place on campus for forensic students.

8. 2019-2020 Budget Development

The Chair introduced the budget presentation. He discussed the challenges posed by the government's recent 10% tuition decrease. He emphasized that the budget development has been strategic. R. Bailey reviewed the core values and principles that are guiding the budget process.

(D. Holdway left at 3:09 p.m.)

It is important to remain focused on the university's strategic direction. Integral to the strategic direction is the construction of a new building to continue to improve student experience and contribute to building an innovation ecosystem. R. Bailey addressed the resources allocated to the branding campaign. The university is committed to minimizing the budget challenges on people by finding efficiencies and doing things differently. C. Elliott presented the significant budget assumptions that have been updated to reflect the tuition reductions. The strategy is shifting by focusing more on international students.

(D. Holdway returned at 3:15 p.m.)

C. Elliott discussed the proposed contingencies in the budget. Budget holders have been asked to reduce their 2019-20 budgets by 5% and 2020-2021 budgets by 3%. R. Bailey explained that some units might see an increase in budget, while others will see greater reductions depending on strategic allocations. Suggestions from each unit are being collected and being taken into consideration together with the integrated operational plan, university's strategic priorities, core mission, and values. C. Elliott reviewed the remaining budget development schedule. The budget will be presented to the Board for approval in April and will return to Academic Council in May. S. Murphy added that cost reduction measures are being looked at, as well as new strategic revenue generators. There was a discussion regarding the university's shift in international strategy.

9. Policy Consultation:

(a) Change of Gender Policy (Student)

J. Stokes summarized the draft policy and reviewed the consultation pathway. No comments were provided.

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee

10.1.1 For Recommendation:

(a) Faculty of Social Science and Humanities - New Program Proposal – Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Psychology

G. Harvel presented the proposal for recommendation. P. Stoett discussed the benefits of introducing the new program and responded to questions from Council members.

(J. Bruno & C. Elliott left at 3:32 p.m.)

(M. Eklund joined at 3:33 p.m.)

There was a discussion about how the new program would impact SMA. G. Harvel explained the process used for introducing a new program, which takes the university's obligations under the SMA into account. He confirmed that the proposed program fits the corridor model as set out in the university's SMA.

Upon a motion duly made by G. Harvel and seconded by P. Stoett, pursuant to the recommendation from CPRC, Academic Council recommended the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychology for approval by the Board of Governors.

J. Rinaldi abstained.

(b) Faculty of Science - New Program Proposal – Bachelor of Science in Integrative Neuroscience

G. Harvel summarized the proposed new program. He shared that during the site visit by an external reviewer, the reviewer was very impressed with the proposed program. G. Harvel responded to questions from Council about whether current students would be able to transfer into the new program and the process for obtaining feedback on new programs from across the university. The extensive consultation process was set out in the supporting material.

Upon a motion duly made by G. Harvel and seconded by O. Khalid, pursuant to the recommendation from CPRC, Academic Council recommended the Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Integrative Neuroscience for approval by the Board of Governors.

J. Rinaldi abstained.

10.1.2 For Information:

(a) Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Information Technology

(b) Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Technology in Sustainable Energy Systems

(c) Faculty of Health Sciences - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Allied Health Sciences

(d) Faculty of Health Sciences - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Health Sciences – Human Health Specialization

(e) Faculty of Health Sciences - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Health Sciences – Public Health Specialization

(f) Faculty of Health Sciences - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Health Sciences - Kinesiology, Kinesiology Health and Wellness Specialization, and Kinesiology Advanced Entry Programs

(g) Faculty of Health Sciences - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Health Sciences in Medical Laboratory Science and Med Lab Bridge programs

(h) Faculty of Science - Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Progression Requirements

10.2 Graduate Studies Committee

10.2.1 For Approval:

(a) Faculty of Business and Information Technology - Major Program Modification – Master of Information Technology Security (MITS) and Master of Information Technology Security: Artificial Intelligence in Security (AIS) Field

L. Roy summarized the proposed amendments.

Upon a motion duly made by L. Roy and seconded by A. Mostaghim, Academic Council approved the modifications to the Master of Information Technology Security programs, as presented.

10.3 Governance & Nominations Committee

(a) Research Board Nominations

B. Dinwoodie presented the nominations to the Research Board.

Upon a motion duly made by R. Bailey and seconded by H. Kishawy, pursuant to the nominations received from the Governance and Nominations Committee, Academic Council approved the appointment of the following faculty members to the Research Board for the specified term:

- *Dr. Salma Karray, Faculty of Business and IT - February 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019*
- *Dr. Andrea Slane, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities - February 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021*

(b) Procedure for Selection of Vice-Chair & Temporary Chair for Academic Council

B. Dinwoodie summarized the recommendations from the Governance and Nominations Committee for development of a procedure to select a Vice-Chair of Academic Council. Council members provided their feedback, which included:

- the Vice-Chair should also serve on the Academic Council Executive Committee (ACX);
- the Vice-Chair should be selected from among the elected representatives on ACX; and
- should solicit expressions of interest for the position & then candidates elected by Academic Council.

(c) Procedure for selecting Academic Council liaison with the Board

B. Dinwoodie summarized the recommended procedure. No comments were provided.

11. Registrar's Office

(a) 2019-2020 Academic Schedule

J. Stokes presented the 2019-2020 Academic Schedule for information.

12. Centre for Institutional Quality Enhancement, the Office of the Registrar, and the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

(a) Editorial Changes to the Graduate and Undergraduate Academic Calendars

G. Harvel summarized the changes.

13. Other Business

The Chair referred to the policy instruments available for written consultation:

- (a) Risk Directives
- (b) Examination & Grading Policy

Upon a motion duly made by J. Stokes, the meeting terminated at 3:54 p.m.

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary

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