



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Minutes
Meeting of September 16, 2008

Present:	J. Greenlaw
R. Bordessa (Chair)	R. Levin
N. Ammar	R. Marceau
T. Austin	B. Muirhead
T. Bailey-Taylor	F. Naumkin
M. Bennett	P. Ritchie
C. Byrne	W. Smith
B. Campbell	N. Trivedi
I. Dincer	S. Van Nuland
P. Drayson	R. Wright
J. Friedlan	O. Petrie, Secretary
K. Gabriel	
B. Goodman	Guests:
M. Green	M. Milovick

1. CHAIR’S REMARKS

Ron Bordessa expressed his sincere appreciation and gratitude to Richard Levin for the tremendous contributions he has made to UOIT. He observed that under Mr. Levin’s leadership, the university has achieved remarkable success in attracting high quality, highly-satisfied students who seek UOIT out from across the province and internationally. On behalf of all members, Dr. Bordessa wished Mr. Levin continued success in his new appointment as Registrar at McMaster University.

Dr. Bordessa also reported that the Board of Governors has empowered him to take the necessary measures to address the critical space shortage at UOIT, including moving some university activities to downtown Oshawa if that is found to be an appropriate solution. He noted that discussions and consultations are currently underway both on campus and with public officials and property owners to ensure that careful consideration is given to all aspects of any such relocation plan before a decision is made.

The Chair also welcomed Tom Austin, who has recently joined UOIT as Vice-President, Finance.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2008

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 The summary of the June 2008 meeting of the Board of Governors was received for information.

In response to an inquiry, Dr. Bordessa undertook look into to operational concerns that were raised with respect to the new Faculty Association and provide members with a written reply.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Richard Marceau circulated for review a draft Strategic Research Plan that is currently under review by the Research Board. Members were asked to provide their comments on the plan to the Research Office by September 23rd, which will then be finalized at the next Academic Council Executive Committee meeting prior to its submission to the CFI and CRC on October 10, 2008. The report will be brought forward for final approval by Academic Council at the November meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Bordessa presented the report of the Executive Committee which contained three items for action and four items for information:

1. Academic Council Nominations

MOTION CARRIED *That the following individuals be appointed to serve as members of Academic Council standing committees for three-year terms, July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011:*

a) Graduate Studies Committee

Patrick Hung, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

b) Curriculum and Program Review Committee

*Khalil El-Khatib, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
Lorayne Dunlop-Robertson, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education*

c) Research Board

*Michael Bennett, Associate Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Pamela Ritchie, Dean, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
Brian Cutler, Professor, Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies*

2. Standing Committee Membership

MOTION CARRIED *That the general terms of reference for standing committees of Academic Council include the following provision:*

Officers who serve as ex-officio members of standing committees may appoint a delegate to serve in his/her place. The Executive Committee will review such appointments and bring them to Academic Council for information.

3. Creation of a Committee on Non-Degree Credentials

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council create a Committee on Non-Degree Credentials to develop a credential taxonomy as outlined in the Executive Committee's report.*

Dr. Bordessa noted for information that the Executive Committee report also contains the Provost's summary of the undergraduate program reviews completed in 2007-08, the appointment of designates to the Graduate Studies Committee and the approval of the Faculty Councils membership for 2008-09. He further reported that, under summer authority, the Executive Committee approved the appointment of a temporary member to the Tenure Appeal

Committee and revisions to the Master of Information Technology Security in the Faculty of Business and Information. The latter item was subsequently endorsed by Academic Council.

6.2 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Brian Campbell presented the report of the Committee which contained three items for action:

1. Proposal for a PhD Program in Applied Bioscience, Faculty of Science

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Applied Bioscience, Faculty of Science, as set out in its report to Academic Council.*

2. Proposal for Graduate Diplomas in Nuclear Technology, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the six proposed Graduate Diplomas in Nuclear Technology, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, as follows:*

- 1. Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Technology - Fuel, Materials and Chemistry*
- 2. Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Technology - Reactor Systems*
- 3. Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Technology - Operation and Maintenance*
- 4. Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Technology - Safety, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs*
- 5. Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Technology - Health Physics*
- 6. Graduate Diploma in Nuclear Technology - Radiological Applications*

3. Proposed Revisions to Graduate Studies Policies

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the following Graduate Studies policy:*

17.10 xx (new policy): Admission of mature students

Two other Graduate Studies policies, 17.2 on Graduate Faculty Appointments, and 17.10 xx on Deferral of Offers, were referred back to the Committee for further review.

7. UOIT Coat of Arms

Dr. Bordessa circulated a project update on the UOIT Coat of Arms for information.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Pamela Drayson informed members that the Annual Report of the Library was now available on the Library website.

Olivia Petrie, Secretary