



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

**Present:**

T. McTiernan (Chair)  
N. Ammar  
A. Barari  
J. Bradbury  
B. Campbell  
V. Choy  
M. DiGiuseppe  
M. Eklund  
J. Friedlan  
B. Gamble  
M. Green

J. Greenlaw  
R. Hinch  
J. Hughes  
H. Jones-Taggart  
H. Kishawy  
S. Lauricella  
R. Machrafi  
R. Marceau  
B. Muirhead  
M. Owen  
H. Scott

F. Qureshi  
P. Ritchie  
D. Saucier  
P. Shah  
K. Smimou  
E. Vogel  
M. West-Moynes  
M. Wideman  
O. Petrie, Secretary

**Guest:**

B. MacIsaac

**Regrets:**

P. Beatty

G. Bereznai

P. Drayson

**1. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Members extended a warm welcome to Dr. McTiernan at this his first meeting of Academic Council at UOIT. Dr. McTiernan remarked that he is impressed and invigorated by the discussions already underway concerning the development of the next strategic plan and looks forward to hearing the ideas and contributions that all members will bring to this process.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2011**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was none.

**4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

4.1 A summary of the June 2011 meeting of the Board of Governors was received for information.

**5. PROVOST'S REMARKS**

Dr. Marceau noted several items for information:

- Colleagues were thanked for their patience and graciousness at the picket lines during the recent labour dispute at Durham College.
- Colleagues were also thanked for their support and participation in the homecoming event that was held over the past weekend, which was a great success.

- Enrolments at UOIT have increased by 10% over the previous year, 11% at the undergraduate level and 3% at the graduate level. Again, colleagues were thanked for continuing to make UOIT an institution of choice for new students.
- Dr. Deborah Saucier, the new Dean of Science was welcomed to Council.
- An announcement was recently circulated concerning the appointment of Dr. Tarlochan Sidhu as the next Dean of Engineering and Applied Science. He will begin his term on January 1, 2012.
- Due to the recent departure of the interim Chief Financial Officer, the budget update will not be provided to Academic Council at this meeting as planned, but will be added to the agenda of the October meeting.

### 5.1 Development of the Next UOIT Strategic Plan 2011-2016

Dr. Marceau reviewed the process and timelines for the development of the next UOIT strategic plan. He noted that the plan will be developed in two phases. The first phase will involve information-gathering and analysis of the goals and expectations of colleagues and students that will lead to the identification of strategic institutional priorities. The second phase will involve the development of draft unit plans which will further inform the institutional plan and be subject to another round of review by the campus community. A complete and comprehensive institutional strategic plan with supporting documentation will be submitted to the President in May 2012.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Dr. McTiernan, Dr. Marceau presented the report of the Committee which contained two items for action.

#### 1. Academic Council Standing Committee Nominations

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the appointments of the following individuals to serve as members of standing committees of Academic Council:*

##### **a) Academic Council Executive Committee**

*John Friedlan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology*

##### **b) Research Board**

*Molly Dragiewicz, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities (Fall 2011 term only)*

#### 1. Ad Hoc Governance Committee

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the appointments of the following individuals to serve as members of Ad Hoc Committee on Governance:*

*Ahmad Barari, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science*

*George Bereznoi, Dean, Faculty of Energy Systems & Nuclear Science/Engineering & Applied Science*

*Brian Campbell, Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies*

*Maurice DiGiuseppe, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education*

*Mark Green, Professor, Faculty of Science*

*Ron Hinch, Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities*

*Diana Petrarca, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education*

*Parth Shah, BSc Biological Science Program*

*Maureen Wideman, Manager, Disability Services and AODA Project Manager*

It was also noted that Mr. Shah has graciously agree to take the place of Ms. Higginson as the student representative on the ad hoc committee.

## **6.2 RESEARCH BOARD**

Dr. Owen noted for information that the annual reports have been received and reviewed by the Research from the following research entities: Centre for Evaluation & Survey Research (CESR), University-Community Link Unit (CLU), and the Health Education Technology Research Unit (HETRU). Highlights of their activities are outlined in the report.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

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Olivia Petrie, Secretary