



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of November 15, 2011

FOR ACTION

1. Ad Hoc Committee on Governance – Extension of Reporting Deadline

The Executive Committee recommends:

That Academic Council amend the terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance to require the submission of its report at the March 20, 2012 meeting of Academic Council.

Rationale

In April 2011, Academic Council approved the establishment of an ad hoc committee to conduct a review of the governance structure at UOIT. It was initially envisioned that the Committee could complete its deliberations over the summer months and submit a report to Academic Council at its November 2011 meeting. The committee membership, however, was only confirmed in September and is currently in the initial stages of its work. As the work will involve conducting a comprehensive comparison and analysis of the structure and organization of governance at universities across Ontario, and the development of a report and recommendations that will define the future role of academic governance at UOIT, the Committee has asked that it be granted more time to complete its deliberations. Thus, the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee, has recommended that it be required to provide its report to Academic Council in March.

At the same time, the Executive Committee notes that, in its last review of the Academic Council composition in June 2009, it had resolved to return to the matter in the Fall of 2011. Given that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee will necessarily involve a review of membership structures at other universities, the Executive Committee has delegated to this Committee the membership review. Recommendations concerning the composition of Academic Council will be therefore be part of the Ad Hoc Committee's report to Academic Council in March.

FOR INFORMATION

2. UOIT 2012-13 Budget Planning Process

The Executive Committee notes for information that the budget process for 2012-13 has been developed that will involve greater participation and consultation with the committee. Under this new process the Executive Committee will be provided with updates on the budget development process through the academic year, presented with the preliminary assumptions, targets and outcomes for review and comment in January, and presented with the draft budget for review in March prior to its approval by the Board of Governors in May. The final approved budget will then be presented to Academic Council at its June meeting.

Over the longer term, the university intends to move to a multi-year, revenue based resource allocation model, and a process for transitioning to this model will be launched in the near future.

The Executive Committee will keep Academic Council apprised of new developments on this matter.