



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

Present:

T. McTiernan (Chair)
N. Al-Sadi
N. Ammar
G. Bereznai
J. Bradbury
B. Campbell
V. Choy
M. DiGiuseppe
M. Eklund
R. El-Emam

J. Friedlan
M. Green
R. Hinch
J. Hughes
H. Jones-Taggart
H. Kishawy
S. Lauricella
R. Marceau
F. Qureshi
P. Ritchie

H. Scott
K. Smimou
E. Vogel
M. Wideman
O. Petrie, Secretary

Guest:

B. MacIsaac

Regrets:

A. Barari
P. Beatty
P. Drayson
C. Elliot

B. Gamble
J. Greenlaw
R. Machrafi
B. Muirhead

M. Owen
P. Shah
D. Saucier
M. West-Moynes

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan thanked members for their participation in his Installation Ceremony held the previous day, and noted that his remarks have been posted on the UOIT website.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2011

With a correction to the spelling of Mr. El-Emam's name in Item 6.2, the minutes were approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A detailed breakdown of the 2011-12 budget to date was presented for information, and members were invited to contact Dr. Marceau if further information or clarification is needed.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau noted several items for information:

- Colleagues were reminded members to take the time to contribute to the next Strategic Plan through the strategic planning website and/or via email.

- Two search committees have been struck to identify the next deans for the Faculties of Education and Health Sciences, and members were encouraged to send their ideas and suggestions on possible candidates to the committee or the Provost as chair.
- In the budget presentation at the last meeting, Dr. Marceau noted that the undergraduate allocations to the university have not been finalized at the Ministry and there are indications that only a small percentage of the current student enrolment may not be funded.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

1. Ad Hoc Committee on Governance

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

It was also noted that the Executive Committee has also asked this committee to include in its deliberations a review of the Academic Council membership following on its earlier review that took place in 2009.

The Committee also noted for information that budget process for 2012-13 will involve greater participation and consultation with the committee prior to its presentation to Academic Council at its June meeting.

6.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Several changes to undergraduate courses and program requirements were noted for information.

6.3 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Changes to graduate courses and program requirements were noted for information.

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Victoria Choy put forward the following motion for action:

1. CONFERRAL OF DEGREES FOR SUMMER 2011

MOTION *That Academic Council authorize the granting of degrees to those students who have fulfilled all*
 CARRIED *degree requirements at the end of the summer term 2011 and who have been recommended for graduation by their Faculty.*

8. ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF CANADA (AUCC) UPDATE

Dr. McTiernan noted that the AUCC recently marked its 100th anniversary at its meeting in October, 2011 in Montreal. At that time, the President, Dr. Stephen Toope, reflected on the role and nature of the university in society and identified five aspects of its role that have endured over the past century relating to learning, academic freedom, collegiality, openness and accomplishing meaningful change. He urged members to review the speech which can be found on the AUCC website.

9. ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

Dr. Green provided an update on recent meetings of the COU which have focused on issues relating to the differentiation, access, online education, degree programs in colleges and pathways initiatives. He also noted for information the two Academic Colleague papers that were circulated with the agenda.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

Olivia Petrie, Secretary