



## **Executive Committee**

Report to Academic Council  
at its meeting of March 20, 2012

### **For Action**

#### **1. UOIT By Laws, Section 8 on Academic Council**

The Executive Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors amendments to the UOIT By-Laws on Academic Council, Sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.10 and 8.12 as outlined in the attached report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance.*

#### **Rationale:**

In May 2011, Academic Council approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance to review the UOIT governance structure in the context of the future structure and role of Academic Council. The Committee has since conducted a full review of the governance structures at UOIT and at other universities in the province which are summarized in the attached report. It is important to note that the Committee is not recommending changes to the powers and authority of the Academic Council nor the Board; rather, it believes the changes will serve to better clarify the bicameral structure of the university, strengthen the relationship between the two governing bodies, and reinforce the academy's responsibility for defining and upholding the standards and quality in academic matters. A detailed rationale for each of the recommended changes is set out in the attached report.