



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2012**

**Present:**

T. McTiernan (Chair)  
N. Ammar  
A. Bararl  
J. Bradbury  
B. Campbell  
V. Choy  
M. DiGiuseppe  
M. Eklund  
R. El-Emam  
C. Elliot  
J. Friedlan  
B. Gamble

M. Green  
J. Greenlaw  
R. Hinch  
J. Hughes  
H. Jones-Taggart  
H. Kishawy  
S. Lauricella  
R. Marceau  
B. Muirhead  
M. Owen  
F. Qureshi  
P. Ritchie

D. Saucier  
P. Shah  
T. Sidhu  
K. Smimou  
E. Vogel  
M. Wideman  
O. Petrie, Secretary

**Guests:**

B. Maclsaac  
N. Dallaire

**Regrets:**

N. Al-Sadi  
P. Beatty  
G. Bereznai

P. Drayson  
R. Machrafi  
H. Scott

M. West-Moynes

**1. CHAIR’S REMARKS**

There were no remarks.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

With respect to item 6.3, Dr. Owen noted that the requirement for ethics training is mandated by the Tri-Council guidelines, and the Research Ethics Board views this requirement as a standard operating procedure where researchers will need to have this training in conduct research involving human participants. He observed that there are similar training requirements in place for research involving animals, radioactive materials, etc., and that the Research Office will be providing training opportunities both online and onsite. Dr. Owen also noted that the Research Board is reviewing the current Research Ethics Policy and will embed the training requirement into the policy at that time.

In response to a query, Dr. McTiernan referred the framework for the management of programs and curriculum to Dr. Marceau for further clarification.

**4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no inquiries or communications.

## 5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau extended his congratulations to the following faculty members whose achievements have been highlighted in the news:

- Dr. Doug Holdway, who has been renewed as the Canada Research Chair in Aquatic Toxicology
- Drs. Ahmad Barari, Jeremy Bradbury, Min Dong and Moustafa El-Gindy, who have been awarded funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation
- Drs. Hossam Kishawy, Dan Zhang and Dan Meneley, who were inducted as Fellows of the Engineering Institute of Canada
- Drs. Carla Cesaroni and Bill Muirhead, among others, who showcased the innovative work taking place at UOIT at the Learning Re-invented Conference held during Reading Week.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

MOTION CARRIED *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 report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance.*

With respect to the recommended changes in 8.10 (b), it was clarified that in subsection (i) the full-time faculty members would be elected by and from among the full-time faculty constituency, and in subsection (ii) the part-time faculty member would be elected by and from among the part-time faculty constituency. Also, in response to a query, Dr. Hinch noted that the question of whether a position might be designated for Teaching Assistants would be reviewed the next time the membership is reviewed.

Academic Council extended its appreciation to Dr. Hinch and all members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance for their important work.

### 6.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Muirhead presented the report of the Committee which contained three items for action.

#### 1. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science – New Minor Option in Digital Media

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new minor option in Digital Media in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Program as outlined in the Committee's report.*

#### 2. Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policy Studies

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the change in name of the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development to the Bachelor of Arts in Community Development and Policies Studies and phase out the major in Policy Studies.*

#### 3. Academic Regulation on Repeating Courses – Amendment

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve amendments to the Academic Regulation 5.5 on Repeating Courses, as follows:*

*Students ~~are not~~ will be allowed to repeat the same courses, or its equivalent, more than two times in which they have received a grade of D or lower. Students will need to make*

~~arrangements with the Registrar's office to repeat a course.~~ All instances of a course will appear on the academic transcript. The highest grade achieved on the most recent attempt will be taken into account in the grade point average.

The Committee report also notes for information changes to courses and program requirements for implementation in 2012.

### 6.3 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Campbell presented the report of the Committee which contained two items for action.

#### 1. Master of Business Administration – Change in Admission Requirements

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council approve a change in the admission requirements for the Master of Business Administration, as part of Regulation 8.3.3, as follows:

- ~~Minimum Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score of 550;~~
- Applicants must submit either GMAT or GRE test scores. The minimum required scores are as follows:
- Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score of 550.
- GRE Revised General Test, a minimum score of 316, with no less than 150 on the Verbal Reasoning Test and 155 on the Quantitative Reasoning Test.
- GRE General Test, a minimum score of 1140, with no less than 470 on the Verbal Reasoning Test and 530 on the Quantitative Reasoning Test.

#### 2. Master of Education – Change in Program Regulation

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council approve a change to the program regulation in the Master of Education program, Regulations 9.7.2 as follows:

The MEd program is available either with a portfolio option or a project option; however, all students will commence the program in the portfolio option. Students may request a transfer to the project option after the successful completion of the first four courses, which must include the two required courses (EDUC 5001G, and EDUC 5002G).

Students in the portfolio option are required to take ten 3-credit courses (one of which is the 3-credit digital portfolio). Students in the project option take eight courses with a 6-credit research project.

### 7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Victoria Choy put forward the following motion for action:

#### 1. Conferral of Degrees for Fall 2011

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

Members suggested that consideration be given to the possibility of holding a convocation ceremony in the Fall term, perhaps solely for graduate students, at a time when the numbers are large enough to sustain it.

**8. COU REPORT**

**1. Position Paper on Graduate Education in Ontario**

Members noted for information the Position Paper on Graduate Education in Ontario produced by the Council on Ontario Universities, and thanked Drs. Green and Campbell for their leadership on this initiative and for successfully advancing the university's interest on this important issue.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. McTiernan reminded members to watch for the upcoming budget plans that will be announced by the provincial government on March 27 and the federal government on March 29.

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Olivia Petrie, Secretary