



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2012**

Present:

R. Marceau (Acting Chair)
N. Al-Sadi
N. Ammar
G. Bereznai
J. Bradbury
B. Campbell
V. Choy
M. DiGiuseppe
R. El-Emam
J. Friedlan
B. Gamble

M. Green
R. Hinch
J. Hughes
H. Jones-Taggart
H. Kishawy
S. Lauricella
R. Machrafi
B. Muirhead
M. Owen
P. Ritchie
T. Sidhu

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

Guest:

N. Jagar
B. MacIsaac
B. Murphy
P. Yelder

Regrets:

A. Barari
P. Beatty
P. Drayson
M. Eklund

C. Elliot
J. Greenlaw
T. McTiernan
F. Qureshi

D. Saucier
H. Scott
P. Shah
M. West-Moynes

1. CHAIR’S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau conveyed Dr. McTiernan’s regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 15 AND JUNE 11, 2012

The Minutes were approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

A summary of the May 2012 meeting of Board of Governors was received for information.

5. PROVOST’S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau noted that at the request of the Student Association, CampusFest will be held in the Polonsky Commons on the evening of Friday, September 7, 2012. While several classes are scheduled to be held at this time, these will either be cancelled or moved to a classroom at the downtown. He noted that he will be looking for a more permanent solution through the setting of the sessional dates going forward.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

1. Academic Council Nominations

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the appointment of the following individual to serve as an elected teaching staff member of Academic Council for a three year term (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015):*

Mark Green, Professor, Faculty of Science

And that Academic Council re-appoint Mark Green to serve as the Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities.

2. Academic Council Standing Committee Nominations

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of standing committees of Academic Council for three year terms (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015):*

a) Curriculum and Program Review Committee

*Hossam Kishawy, Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Faisal Qureshi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science*

b) Admissions and Scholarship Committee

*Steven Downing, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
Shantanu Dutta, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology*

c) Graduate Studies Committee

*Jeremy Bradbury, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science
Manon Lemonde, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences
Ramiro Liscano, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science*

d) Research Board

*Robin Kay, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education
Ayush Kumar, Assistant Professor Faculty of Health Sciences
Ramiro Liscano, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Barbara Perry, Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities*

It was noted that a detailed response has been received from the Dean Vogel to address the concerns put forward in Item 3 of the Committee's report regarding the new specializations in Health Sciences.

6.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dr. Muirhead presented the report of the Committee which contained one item for action and two items for information.

1. Bachelor of Health Science – New Specializations in Public Health and Human Health Sciences

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new specializations in Public Health and in Human Health in the Bachelor of Health Science Program as outlined in the Committee's report.*

In response to queries about the proposal including those contained in the Executive Committee's report, Dean Vogel noted that she had provided a detailed response that was added to Council's agenda. She observed that the new specializations do not constitute new programs, rather they are a repackaging of current curricular offerings. The students who are currently in the Comprehensive option will be accommodated through these new offerings which will better meet their needs, and any new enrolment

growth is growth that is expected to occur naturally in the Bachelor of Health Sciences program. The new courses will be phased in over a four year period amounting to 1.5 new course offerings per year. She also noted that existing and new faculty appointments are well suited to these new curricular offerings.

Dr. Muirhead also noted for information a series of changes that have been made to courses and requirements and the undergraduate program reviews to be undertaken in 2012-13.

6.2 ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Ms. Choy noted for information the Committee's selection of the winners of the Governor General's Academic Medals, and the Major Entrance Scholarships.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Bradbury noted that Rameez Virji in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program was recently named one of Canada's Top 20 Under 20, by Youth in Motion, a program that identifies outstanding young Canadian leaders. On a motion, Council undertook to send congratulations to Rameez for this prestigious honour.

Olivia Petrie, Secretary