



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

Present:

T. McTiernan (Chair)	M. Green	T. Sidhu
S. Alvi	R. Hinch	K. Smimou
A. Barari	H. Kishawy	E. Vogel
V. Choy	R. Machrafi	E. Waller
M. DiGiuseppe	B. Muirhead	M. Wideman
P. Drayson	M. Owen	O. Petrie, Secretary
R. El-Emam	F. Qureshi	
B. Gamble	P. Ritchie	

Regrets:

N. Al-Sadi	G. Bereznaï	J. Friedlan
L. Banks	J. Bradbury	R. Marceau
P. Beatty	C. Elliot	D. Saucier

1. CHAIR’S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan noted that enrolment at UOIT is up almost 9% over last year, indicating that this was a testament to the growing reputation of the university and the big part faculty members and deans have played in this.

Dr. McTiernan also noted that there have been several developments involving the provincial government that have required attention over the summer months. The Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities has initiated a series of consultations on the future of higher education in Ontario. These involved roundtable discussions, held at several college and university campuses, including UOIT and Durham College, exploring pathways, technology and differentiation. A discussion paper, entitled Strengthening Ontario’s Centre of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge, has also been put out for comment.

In addition, each university and college is required to submit a Strategic Mandate Agreement that sets out their priorities for the next three years. Because of the strategic planning exercise that was undertaken last year, UOIT was well positioned to respond to this requirement, and indeed the university’s priorities for the agreement align directly with those in the strategic plan, centering on pedagogical change, partnerships, particularly with Trent University and Durham College, and technological and physical infrastructure.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 11 and 19, 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

There were no inquiries and communications.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan noted that Dr. Marceau had sent his regrets that he was unable to make the meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. McTiernan presented the report of the Committee which contained one item for action.

1. Academic Council 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) Admissions and Scholarship Committee

Christopher Collins, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science

b) Graduate Studies Committee

Carla Cesaroni, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

c) Research Board

Helene LeBlanc, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science

d) Honorary Degrees Committee

Mark Green, Professor, Faculty of Science

In response to a query, Dr. McTiernan noted that Academic Council's recommendations to the Board of Governors on its membership and operations are still under consideration by the Governance Subcommittee. He noted that progress has been delayed while the Board recruits new members and two senior appointments, a vice-president, External Relations, and a university secretary/general counsel, but will be moving it forward this term.

7. UOIT VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Dr. McTiernan observed that refreshed Vision, Mission and Values statements and the Strategic Plan (Item 8) were being presented here for information only and will be brought back to Council in November for endorsement. He invited members to provide feedback through the Academic Council secretary by September 30.

He stated that the Board of Governors had initiated work on the Vision, Mission and Values to mark the start of our second decade and to capture the achievements and contributions of the university in a new way. Draft statements were presented at town halls held in early September. The statements presented here have been further revised to reflect the concerns and suggestions that have been put forward by individuals.

8. UOIT STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-16

Dr. McTiernan invited comments and suggestions on the strategic priorities, outcomes and initiatives that will be incorporated into the Strategic Plan for the October meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.