



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2012**

Present:

T. McTiernan (Chair)
O. Afifi
N. Al-Sadi
S. Alvi
L. Banks
A. Barari
J. Bradbury
K. Bucciari
V. Choy
M. DiGiuseppe
P. Drayson
R. El-Emam
J. Friedlan

B. Gamble
M. Green
H. Kishawy
G. Lindsay
R. Machrafi
R. Marceau
B. Muirhead
L. Nacke
M. Owen
D. Petrarca
F. Qureshi
P. Ritchie
D. Saucier

H. Scott
T. Sidhu
K. Smimou
E. Waller
M. Wideman
O. Petrie, Secretary

Guests:

Brad MacIsaac
John Perz
Shirley Van Nuland

Regrets:

P. Beatty
G. Bereznai

S. De Castell
C. Elliott

R. Hinch
E. Vogel

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan reported that the university's Strategic Mandate Agreement was submitted to the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities on October 1st, which set out the ways in which UOIT will contribute to innovation within the post-secondary sector. He noted that the document centred on our considerable strengths in pathways, degree relevant education, partnerships and technology. The full agreement has been posted on the UOIT website.

The Chair also observed that the recent proroguing of the legislature by Premier McGuinty effectively suspends the introduction of any new legislation at this time, but that the process of government will nevertheless continue. He noted that this will mean that its agenda to move toward greater differentiation, innovation, cost-savings will proceed and UOIT will need to continue to be responsive to these priorities.

Dr. McTiernan also reported that the Board of Governors continues to review the By-Law amendments that were put forward by Academic Council last spring and will be striking a subcommittee to examine the recommendations in detail.

Dr. McTiernan also noted that he is in the final stages of appointing a university secretary/general counsel for the university and a vice-president, External Relations and hopes to make an announcement about this shortly.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

With minor edits, the Minutes were approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 A summary of the September 2012 meeting of the Board of Governors was received for information. Dr. McTiernan expressed his appreciation to Dr. Bradbury for organizing presentations by three students in the MSc in Computer Science program, which was met with great enthusiasm by the governors.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau reported that the search committee for a new Dean of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science will be hosting a set of public presentations for the short-listed candidates and encouraged members to attend. He also noted that a review committee in the Faculty of Business and Information Technology has undertaken a process of consultation on the quality of the Faculty and it will be making a recommendation on the renewal of current dean.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

1. Academic Council Teaching Faculty Nominations

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council appoint the following faculty members to serve as elected members of Academic Council for three year terms (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015):*

a) Faculty Representatives

*Hannah Scott, Associate Professor, Social Science and Humanities
Diana Petrarca, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education*

b) "At Large" Representatives

*Jeremy Bradbury, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science
Kristy Buccieri, Lecturer, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
Maurice di Giuseppe, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education
Gail Lindsay, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences
Lennart Nacke, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology*

2. Academic Council Student Nominations

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council appoint the following students to serve as elected members of Academic Council and its committees for two year terms (September 1, 2012-August 31, 2014):*

a) Academic Council

Omar Afifi, BEng program in Mechanical Engineering

b) Academic Appeals Committee

*Syed Husain, BCom program
Sabina Narula, BHSc program*

c) Curriculum and Program Review Committee

Aajab Abdulhusein, BSc program in Biology

d) Honorary Degrees Committee

Mohamed Rizwan Bachani, BCom program in Finance

1. Academic Council Committee Nomination

MOTION *That Academic Council appoint the following individual to the Academic Council Executive*
CARRIED *Committee for a three year term (to June 30, 2015):*

a) Academic Council Executive Committee

Gail Lindsay, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences

The recipients of the 2012 UOIT Teaching Awards were also noted for information.

7. ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE TO THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES UPDATE

Dr. Green noted the several items of interest at the provincial level:

- Premier McGuinty's announcement that he is stepping down and proroguing the legislature, will exacerbate the uncertainties that already exist in the funding landscape and that COU will be working to predict the impact this will have on universities.
- The Strategic Mandate Agreements of colleges and universities were made public on October 15th and will form the basis for funding over the next three years, is an important step forward for UOIT, which heretofore has had to operate within a funding regime that did not take into account the unique circumstances of a startup university.
- The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities will shortly be producing a summary of the responses it has received to its paper, Strengthening Ontario's Centres of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge.
- The COU is looking at the issue of pensions that may have implications for UOIT as one of few pension funds that is a defined contribution plan.

8. UOIT VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

MOTION *That Academic Council endorse the revised UOIT Vision, Mission and Values statements as*
CARRIED *presented.*

Dr. McTiernan noted that several changes have been made to the Vision, Mission and Values statements based on members' feedback noting that it will be a living document that will be revisited from time to time.

9. UOIT STRATEGIC PLAN 2012-16

MOTION *That Academic Council endorse the UOIT Strategic Plan 2012-16 as presented.*
CARRIED

Dr. Marceau noted that the new Strategic Plan sets out a challenging agenda for the next three years, and can only be done with more resources and greater collaboration within and among the units.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Olivia Petrie, Secretary