



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

Present:

T. McTiernan (Chair)
O. Afifi
N. Al-Sadi
S. Alvi
L. Banks
A. Barari
G. Bereznaï
J. Bradbury
K. Bucciari
V. Choy
S. De Castell
M. DiGiuseppe
P. Drayson

J. Friedlan
B. Gamble
M. Green
H. Kishawy
G. Lindsay
L. Nacke
M. Owen
D. Petrarca
F. Qureshi
P. Ritchie
H. Scott
T. Sidhu
K. Smimou

E. Waller
O. Petrie, Secretary

Guests:

R. Brar
H. LeBlanc
B. MacIsaac
N. Molinaro
J. Percival
J. Perz

Regrets:

P. Beatty
R. El-Emam
C. Elliott
R. Hinch

R. Marceau
B. Muirhead
R. Machrafi
D. Saucier

E. Vogel
M. Wideman

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan noted that the two searches underway for a University Secretary/General Counsel and a Vice-President, External Relations are wrapping up and he hopes to make an announcement about the appointments shortly.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 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 was none.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan expressed Dr. Marceau's regrets as he was at a meeting out of town and not able to make the meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

1. Nominations to Academic Council Committees

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council appoint the following individuals to serve on the Academic Council Executive Committee:*

a) Academic Council Executive Committee

Noor Al-Sadi, BEng program in Nuclear Engineering (to August 31, 2013)

Diana Petrarca, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education (to June 30, 2015)

The report also included an item for information on a new Task Force on the Transformation of Learning has been struck as a joint committee of the Academic Council Executive Committee and Provost's Council to address the strategic mandate priority of learning transformation and to find ways to reduce UOIT's dependency on space for 2013-14 and to find solutions that will sustain the university over the longer term.

6.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Olivia Petrie, on behalf of Bill Muirhead, presented the report of the Committee which contained 6 items for action:

1. Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science– New Specializations in Forensic Biology, Forensic Chemistry, Forensic Physics, and Forensic Psychology

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new specializations in Forensic Biology, Forensic Chemistry, Forensic Physics, and Forensic Psychology in the Bachelor of Science, Forensic Science program.*

2. Bachelor of Science in Physics – New Specialization in Astrophysics

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve a new specialization in Astrophysics in the Bachelor of Science, Physics program.*

3. Bachelor of Science in Physics – Removal of Specializations in Medical Physics and Forensic Physics

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the removal of the Medical Physics and Forensic Physics specializations in the Bachelor of Science, Physics program.*

4. Bachelor of Information Technology – Majors in Networking and IT Security and Game Development and Entrepreneurship

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the renaming of specializations in Networking and IT Security and Game Development and Entrepreneurship to Majors in Networking and IT Security and Game Development and Entrepreneurship.*

5. Bachelor of Information Technology, Networking and IT Security – New Minors in Operations Management and Management

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the creation of two new minors in Operations Management and Management to the Bachelor of Information Technology in Networking and IT Security.*

6. Bachelor of Information Technology, Networking and IT Security (Bridge) – New 3 course bridging option

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new three course bridging option for the Bachelor of Information Technology, Networking and IT Security program.*

Several changes to undergraduate courses and program requirements were noted for information.

6.3 RESEARCH BOARD

Michael Owen presented the report of the Research Board which contained one item for action:

1. Policy on the Care and Use of Animals for Research and Teaching

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the new policy on the Care and Use of Animals in Research*
CARRIED *and Teaching.*

7. RESEARCH UPDATE

Dr. Owen gave a report on research activities at UOIT over the past year.

Dr. Owen also undertook to review the process for nominating and selecting the Research Excellence Awards with the Research Board and the award selection committee.

8. CONFERRAL OF DEGREES FOR SUMMER 2012

Victoria Choy put forward the following motion for action:

MOTION *That Academic Council authorize the granting of degrees to those students who have fulfilled all*
CARRIED *degree requirements at the end of the summer term 2012 and who have been recommended for*
graduation by their Faculty.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a query, Dr. McTiernan noted that UOIT has joined all but 12 other universities in entering into an agreement that was negotiated with Access Copyright by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) that allows universities to reproduce copyright protected materials for students in both print and digital formats. He observed that this agreement is in response to several significant developments in this area, including litigation and pressure from the international community for tighter controls on the use of copyrighted materials. As a result of this agreement, fees increased from \$3.38 to \$26 which is charged to students through their ancillary fees. Dr. McTiernan noted that AUCC continues to advocate for greater access to materials for teaching and learning while protecting individual copyright holders. It was also noted that this development does not affect the use of copyrighted materials for research for which assistance can still be obtained through the Library.

Olivia Petrie, Secretary