

**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2013**

Present:

T. McTiernan (Chair)
N. Al-Sadi
A. Barari
G. Bereznai
J. Bradbury
B. Campbell
S. de Castell
J. Friedlan
M. Green
H. Kishawy

M. Owen
F. Qureshi
P. Ritchie
M. Owen
F. Qureshi
P. Ritchie
K. Smimou
E. Vogel
M. Wideman
D. Saucier
N. Molinaro (Minutes)

Guests:

B. MacIsaac
L. Becskei
S. VanNuland
A. Leach
B. Cutler

Regrets:

S. Alvi
K. Buccieri
M. DiGiuseppe
P. Drayson
R. El-Emam
B. Gamble

G. Lindsay
R. Hinch
L. Nacke
R. Marceau
S. McGovern
R. Machrafi

B. Muirhead
T. Sidhu
D. Petrarca
H. Scott
C. Elliott
C. Foy

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan noted that he wanted to recognize the contributions of outgoing Provost Dr. Richard Marceau and welcome Dr. Deborah Saucier into her new role as Interim Provost.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2013

The approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The synopsis of the January and February Meetings of the Board of Governors was deferred until the next meeting.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. Saucier thanked everyone who contributed to the celebration for Dr. Marceau and made it such a heartfelt appreciation of the work he has done.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. McTiernan noted that Dr. Mark Green provided an overview of the work that is being done by the Joint Taskforce on the Transformation of Learning at the Executive Committee. Dr. Green remarked that as the Chair of the committee he has been setting up meetings to talk to all the Faculties and also to the Faculty Association. The short report on the work of the taskforce to be presented to Academic Council may not make the April deadline, however it will be presented shortly after that. The main focus of the taskforce has been on improving the quality of education at UOIT and the recognition that the approach may be different for each Faculty based on their unique needs.

6.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

On behalf of Dr. Muirhead, Dr. Saucier presented the report of the Committee which contained two items for action and two items for information.

6.2.1 Bachelor of Health Sciences – Changing the Kinesiology Specialization to a Major

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the renaming of the Kinesiology Specialization in the Bachelor of*
CARRIED *Health Science program to a Major.*

In response to queries about the proposal, Dean Vogel remarked that the change is to the nomenclature only and is to ensure that Kinesiology can appear on the degree parchment for students.

6.2.2 Bachelor of Health Sciences – Removal of Specialization in Health Information Management

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the removal of the Specialization in Health Information*
CARRIED *Management from the Bachelor of Health Science program.*

In response to queries about the proposal, Dean Vogel noted that the specialization has been suspended since January 2012 and a review of the specialization was conducted. There has been extensive communication with students about the change and the Faculty has been proactive in ensuring that there is no negative effect on students.

6.3 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Campbell presented the report of the Committee which contained one item for action and one item for information.

6.3.1 Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology – New Degree Program

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the proposed Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in*
CARRIED *Forensic Psychology.*

Dr. Campbell remarked that this is the first new program proposal being approved through our new IQAP process. It will help to build coverage for research strengths within the Faculty. In response to queries about the proposal Dr. Leach noted that the program is designed to be completed full-time however there may be the opportunity in the future to allow for part-time studies to accommodate working professionals. The program is also currently designed to be face-to-face.

6.4 RESEARCH BOARD

Dr. Owen presented the UOIT Research Ethics Policy.

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the proposed UOIT Research Ethics Policy*
CARRIED

7. CONFERRAL OF DEGREES FOR FALL 2012

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

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. McTiernan noted that the Federal Budget was delivered last week. We are continuing to work through the details of the budget for areas that support the work of UOIT.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary