



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2013**

Present:

T. McTiernan (Chair)
O. Afifi
N. Al-Sadi
S. Alvi
A. Barari
J. Bradbury
B. Campbell
V. Choy
M. DiGiuseppe
P. Drayson
R. El-Emam
J. Friedlan
M. Green
R. Hinch
D. Holdway
H. Kishawy
B. Lewis

R. Machrafi
S. McGovern
B. Muirhead
L. Nacke
M. Owen
D. Petrarca
F. Qureshi
P. Ritchie
F. Qureshi
P. Ritchie
H. Scott
T. Sidhu
K. Smimou
E. Vogel
M. Wideman

Non-Voting:

C. Foy (Minutes)

Guests:

B. MacIsaac
N. Molinaro
S. Van Nuland
O. Petrie

Regrets:

D. Saucier
P. Beatty
K. Buccieri
S. de Castell
C. Elliott
B. Gamble
G. Lindsay

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 2:34 p.m.

2. Agenda

V. Choy requested and the Chair agreed to add Entrance Scholarships as a new Item 8.1.2 on the Agenda. The Agenda was otherwise approved.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted that those in the post-secondary education sector continue to live in interesting times and noted a recent initiative to adjust the number of spaces education programs indicating that there would be a budget impact to that adjustment. He advised that the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities would be holding roundtables respecting online learning, credit transfer, differentiation, and graduate spaces over summer. He commented on the role of COU in respect of these roundtables. T. McTiernan expressed the view that UOIT is well-positioned in the differentiation agenda, online learning and credit transfer.

T. McTiernan advised the Council that the University completed the fiscal year in a stronger position than expected advising that the one-time only savings came as a result of a range of factors including: one-time only money for graduate spaces and a slower than anticipated hiring process for several positions. He noted that there were discussions about the proposed use of the one-time funds indicating that there was a hope to reserve funds for student scholarships and use these funds as leverage to raise additional student money. He also noted that there was a hope to use some funds to address immediate lab needs and near-term space needs. He noted that the savings represent a windfall that we cannot expect to see repeated.

T. McTiernan thanked those who participated in convocation and acknowledged many participants, in particular the mace carriers. He indicated that he had received a fair amount of feedback and related some feedback from a parent, indicating that, from a parent's point of view, convocation was a great event.

T. McTiernan concluded his remarks noting some additional feedback about the work being done at the University. He congratulated the individual members of the Academy and the Academy as a whole for another good year.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2013*

With the addition of a notation that O. Afifi was present at the Meeting of May 21, 2013, the Minutes of that Meeting were approved as amended.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

6. Inquiries and Communications

There were no inquiries or communications.

7. Provost's Remarks

B. Muirhead spoke on behalf of D. Saucier noting that she was attending a conference in Alberta. He advised that there are continuing discussions about the fall co-

curricular week. There has been no decision as to what week. He noted that there are a large number of questions from the Academy and that a “Frequently Asked Questions” document is under preparation. He noted that there is much work being done to consult, answer questions and respond to as many concerns as possible before the matter comes to Academic Council for approval.

H. Scott asked about the target implementation date. B. Muirhead noted that it would probably be 2015, likely not 2014, to enable sufficient consultation.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Admissions and Scholarship Committee (V. Choy)

The Chair invited V. Choy to speak to item 8.1.1. V. Choy referred to the memo distributed in advance of the Meeting.

The Chair invited V. Choy to speak to item 8.1.2. V. Choy referred to a memorandum distributed at the Meeting. V. Choy described the process. She advised that the Out of Province applicant was from Saskatchewan and that she had declined. The President commented that this applicant had a number of scholarships. V. Choy noted that the President calls every scholarship recipients. The President commented that a faster process is better and that it may be beneficial to introduce an interim step prior to the Presidential call. D. Holdway and H. Scott both asked about the failure to award a couple of the scholarships and there was a discussion about how to ensure that the awards could all be made. V. Choy agreed to take the suggestions made to the Committee.

8.2 Curriculum and Program Review Committee (B. Muirhead)

B. Muirhead moved and M. Green seconded the following motion:

That Academic Council approve the new management option for the Bachelor of Science in Applied and Industrial Mathematics, Chemistry, Computing Science, Forensic Science and Physics programs.

B. Muirhead and P. Ritchie responded to comments and questions. P. Ritchie noted that this proposal involves more than a minor as it is ten courses integrated with the degree. The Motion was carried as presented.

B. Muirhead moved and R. Hinch seconded the following motion:

That Academic Council approve the changing of options within the Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology program to specializations.

There being no discussion, the Motion was carried as presented.

9. Other Business

T. McTiernan noted that he wished to make a comment on the Honorary Degrees process. He noted that the Committee will be looking at accelerating the process for the nomination and review of Honorary Doctorates. To the extent it is possible to coordinate schedules, it is our hope to have the process done before end of calendar year so that we can deal with nominees and schedules. He noted a need to pay more explicit attention to diversity and gender representation.

Upon closing the Meeting, T. McTiernan expressed his gratitude to all in the Academy for their various and legion contributions in the course of the year.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary