



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2013**

Present:

T. McTiernan (Chair)
O. Afifi
N. Ammar
N. Arafa
B. Campbell
N. Charewicz
M. DiGiuseppe
M. Eklund
M. Green
R. Hinch

D. Holdway
H. Kishawy
B. Lewis
S. McGovern
M. Owen
D. Petraca
N. Saniei
D. Saucier
H. Scott
T. Sidhu
E. Vogel

M. Wideman
C. Foy

Guests:

N. Molinaro
S. Rose
S. VanNuland

Regrets:

P. Beatty
S. de Castell
P. Drayson
G. Lindsay
R. Machrafi

B. MacIsaac
B. Muirhead
L. Nacke
P. Ritchie
C. Elliott

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTiernan noted that he has been participating in a series of roundtables on differentiation. We are beginning to enter into Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) negotiations with the ministry. Part of the negotiation will involve securing additional graduate spaces to grow research intensiveness to ensure that as an institution UOIT is doing what the legislation mandates.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2013

The minutes were approved as presented with one abstention.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The synopsis of the June 2013 meeting of the Board of Governors was presented. There was a question from H. Scott on the financial statement and what the internally restricted funds and working capital referred to. Dr. McTiernan responded that the internally restricted funds were funds that are restricted to a particular use inside UOIT. Working capital is for use on projects (for example refurbishment). M. Eklund questioned what the \$9.5 million waiting to be allocated referred to. Dr. McTiernan responded that this was reserved for future building.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. Saucier noted that it was a remarkably smooth start up this year and that registration was on target. She also handed out to members for information an item on a subcommittee of faculty council for FEAS and FESNS to consider curricular items pertaining to both Faculties together. This will allow for greater coordination and reduce duplication. In response to N. Ammar on the benefits and weaknesses of this proposal B. Lewis responded that the new structure will allow the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) to have greater confidence in the delivery of programs and the two Faculties working together. In addition the item also refers to the two Faculties jointly offering the Energy Systems Engineering program to reduce duplication in this program and also to satisfy CEAB concerns for accreditation.

Dr. Saucier also noted that M. Green had recently submitted the final report of the Joint Taskforce on the Transformation of Learning. This report will be reviewed by Academic Council Executive committee at the next meeting. She thanked M. Green and the committee for their enthusiasm and effort to support high quality teaching.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 6.1.1** Dr. McTiernan presented the Executive Committee report. There were two items for action and two items for information.

There was one correction to the motion as outlined below.

1. Nominations to Academic Council

That the following individuals be appointed to serve as members of Academic Council and/or its standing committees for three year terms to 2015-16:

a) Academic Council

Hossam Kishawy, Associate Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Namdar Saniei, Academic Associate, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Mikael Eklund, ~~Assistant~~ Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

b) Academic Appeals Committee

Barbara Perry (Chair) Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

Helene LeBlanc, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science

c) Curriculum and Program Review Committee

Holly Jones-Taggart, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences

John Friedlan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

d) Graduate Studies Committee

Glenn Harvel, Associate Professor, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science

Robin Kay, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education

Brad Easton, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science

e) Research Board

Julie Thorpe, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

2. Academic Council Student Nominations

That Academic Council appoint the following students to serve as elected members of Academic Council and its committees for two year terms to 2014-15:

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a) Academic Council

Nadim Arafa (Graduate Student)

Nicole Charewicz (Undergraduate Student)

b) Academic Appeal Committee

Ali Syed

c) Curriculum and Program Review Committee

Hira Raheel

Dr. McTiernan also noted for information that Academic Council Executive approved the Faculty Council membership lists for 2013-14. He also noted that during the 2013 summer term, no actions were taken by the Executive Committee under summer authority.

6.1.2 Honorary Degrees Committee Update

C. Foy provided an update on the work of the honorary degrees committee. She noted that the call for nominations has been sent out with a deadline of the end of October. She also noted that this year, the committee will be collecting nominations for this year and next year to build a pool of recipients. Dr. Ammar commented that it would be beneficial to possibly have a theme for the honorary doctorates each year, noting that this year Queen's University has the theme of mental health. The theme could be formed based on important issues, societal impact and interest from our students. She also noted that it would be beneficial to also have some international representation. Dr. McTiernan responded that these were excellent suggestions for the future and that he would bring the concept of a theme back to the honorary degrees committee. He further noted that the committee had already discussed the fact that diversity and gender balance were important to keep in mind for consideration this year.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

H. Scott brought up the issue of security at the downtown location. She noted that security regularly do safety audits, however there is no communication mechanism on deficits discovered during these audits. She further noted that based on communication with security there seems to be considerably less security at the downtown location compared to the north location. N. Ammar further noted that security in the 55 Bond street building have been told not to check ID. It was further noted by members that this is also the practice at the education building. Dr. McTiernan acknowledged that this is an important issue and one that requires further investigation. S. McGovern will also bring the issue to the emergency response team.

H. Scott also asked for further clarification on the per diem issue from finance in relation to federal grants. M. Eklund also noted that this is also an issue in engineering. D. Saucier noted that the policy is that receipts are needed. She noted that they are currently looking at the practices of other institutions across the system on this issue.

S. VanNuland questioned why UOIT is advertising Adidas on the UOIT homepage. She commented that the information could be displayed a few pages in and not on the homepage. Dr. McTiernan noted that we have a relationship with Adidas that provides significant support to our student athletes. He will take the comment under advisement.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary