



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

**Present:**

D. Saucier (Chair)  
N. Ammar  
N. Arafa  
B. Campbell  
S. de Castell  
M. DiGiuseppe  
P. Drayson  
M. Eklund  
M. Green  
R. Hinch  
w. Bartfay

D. Holdway  
H. Kishawy  
B. Lewis  
B. MacIsaac  
S. McGovern  
L. Nacke  
D. Petracca  
N. Saniei  
H. Scott  
T. Sidhu  
C. Foy

**Guests:**

N. Molinaro  
S. Rose  
H. Jones-Taggart  
R. Weaver

**Regrets:**

P. Beatty  
T. McTiernan  
O. Afifi  
N. Charewicz  
G. Lindsay  
R. Machrafy

B. Muirhead  
M. Owen  
P. Ritchie  
E. Vogel  
M. Wideman  
C. Elliott

**1. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Provost Saucier sent regrets from President McTiernan. She remarked that we are at a busy period for year-end curricular reporting and thanked everyone for their hard work.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2013**

The Minutes were approved with an amendment to typos in items 1 & 4 and naming of the Faculties in item 5.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

H. Scott inquired on an update to the safety issues brought forward at the last meeting. D. Saucier responded that the items have been brought to the attention of the VP responsible and that an update will be provided at the next Academic Council meeting. H. Scott also brought up the advertising issue from the last meeting. D. Saucier responded that this is not an Academic Council issue and that the comments have been taken under advisement.

**4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

## 5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Provost Saucier noted that there are a number of initiatives happening to study UOIT, its identity and what it does as an academic institution. An integrated planning exercise will be carried out focusing on all aspects of the academy. Terms of Reference will be created before the process begins. It will involve planning for the next four years.

The search for the next Dean of Science is in the final stages. There are two candidates being considered and the committee is meeting shortly to discuss the decision. The results of the search will be announced to Academic Council once a decision is made.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 6.1.1 D. Saucier presented the Executive Committee report. There were two items for action and two items for information.

MOTION  
CARRIED

#### 1. Academic Council Teaching Faculty Nominations

*That Academic Council appoint the following faculty members to serve as elected members of Academic Council for three year terms to 2015-16:*

##### a) Faculty Representatives

*Wally Bartfay, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences*

*Franco Gaspari, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science*

##### b) "At Large" Representatives

*Christopher Collins, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science*

MOTION  
CARRIED

#### 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:*

##### a) Graduate Studies Committee

*Saeeda Sana (Full-time graduate student)*

It was also noted for information the recipients of the 2013 Teaching Award recipients. The winners were congratulated.

### 6.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Provost Saucier presented the report of the Committee which contained three items for action and one item for information.

#### 1. Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology – Trent Pathway

MOTION  
CARRIED

*That Academic Council approve the new degree pathway with Trent University for the Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology program.*

This proposal will increase student choice and foster institutional collaboration with Trent.

#### 2. Bachelor of Education – Discontinuation of Concurrent Education Courses

MOTION  
CARRIED

*That Academic Council approve the discontinuation of the Concurrent Bachelor of Education program.*

This offering is being discontinued due to low enrolment.

### **3. Bachelor of Education – Discontinuation of Visual Arts in the Intermediate/Senior Program**

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the discontinuation of Visual Arts as a teachable subject in the*  
CARRIED *Intermediate/Senior Bachelor of Education program.*

This offering is being discontinued due to low enrolment and no longer being financially feasible to offer. There was some discussion on why this was being approved by Academic Council. It was confirmed that all curricular items need to be approved by the academy at Academic Council.

### **7. CONFERRAL OF DEGREES FOR SUMMER 2013**

B. MacIsaac 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 2013 and who have been recommended for graduation by their Faculty.*

### **8. ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE TO THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES UPDATE**

M. Green provided committee members with a general overview of the Council of Ontario Universities. There has recently been a lot of discussion and work around the Strategic Mandate Agreements. In response to a question on the SMA process, D. Saucier remarked that UOIT is in a good position for negotiations. UOIT is differentiated and it is just a matter of communicating UOIT's differentiation effectively. UOIT is STEM-based, but it is not just a STEM institution. She noted that the institution's Act is clear that UOIT is more than a STEM university and indicates that UOIT has a mandate to serve the Durham Region and community.

### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

T. Sidhu noted that Mechanical Engineering just finished a site visit for accreditation and thanked those who participated. T. Sidhu then read an excerpt from the accreditation guidelines. There was a discussion and it was agreed that further follow-up was required outside of Academic Council on the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Cheryl Foy, Secretary