



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2014**

**Present:**

T. McTiernan  
D. Saucier  
N. Ammar  
B. Campbell  
C. Collins  
T. Dhar  
S. de Castell  
M. Eklund  
F. Gaspari  
M. Green  
R. Hinch  
H. Kishawy  
B. Lewis  
B. MacIsaac

S. McGovern  
B. Muirhead  
L. Nacke  
M. Owen  
D. Petrarca  
O. Petrie  
P. Ritchie  
N. Saniei  
H. Scott  
C. Foy

**Guests:**

N. Molinaro  
R. Weaver

**Regrets:**

P. Beatty  
O. Afifi  
N. Arafa  
W. Bartfay  
N. Charewicz  
P. Drayson  
D. Holdway  
R. Machrafi

M. DiGiuseppe  
T. Sidhu  
E. Vogel  
C. Elliott

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The agenda was approved with the addition of an item on the Admissions and Scholarship Committee added under other business and the deferral of item 6.2.4 (Bachelor of Arts Community Development and Policy Studies – new minor) until the next meeting.

President McTiernan wished everyone a Happy New Year and remarked that this will be an interesting year as we are actively involved in the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process. UOIT is also involved in a number of other important initiatives including the Online Learning Institute of Excellence, the Capital Expansion call for proposals that will be happening shortly as well as examining the possibility of an ombudsperson for UOIT.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Minutes were approved following a discussion on quoting verbatim in the minutes. This question will be examined by the Secretariat.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

H. Scott inquired on an update to the safety issues brought forward at the last meeting. President McTiernan noted that an update will be deferred until the next meeting.

### 4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### 4.1 Communication with Academic Council

Members reviewed a statement on Communications with Academic Council prepared by the Executive Committee. President McTiernan noted that the CAUT report will be dealt with under Provost's Remarks. Some members raised concerns that if Academic Council does not accept anonymous correspondence that individuals who have serious concerns but do not feel comfortable identifying themselves will not have a mechanisms to have their voice heard. President McTiernan noted that there are a number of mechanisms for those individuals including the Faculty Association, the Deans, the Provost and the Whistleblower policy, as well as members of Academic Council being able to sponsor an item being put on the Academic Council agenda. Some members also had some concerns with the wording "preclude any opportunity to hold the individual communicating the message accountable for the statements made." Academic Council Executive will conduct a further review based on issues raised and will bring back any changes to Academic Council.

#### 4.2 Summary of the October 9, 2013 meeting of the Board of Governors

A summary of the meeting was received by members. There were no questions.

### 5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Provost Saucier remarked on the CAUT report *Open for Business: On What Terms*. Provost Saucier has completed a thorough review of the agreement with OPG and supporting documents. She noted that the agreement is silent on and does not explicitly protect academic freedom, and further noted, however there is no instance in which there has been a violation of academic freedom as a result of this agreement. UOIT prefers explicit recognition of academic freedom and the collective agreement with faculty in all agreements. The current agreement has no research piece, largely focussing on continuing education to OPG employees. UOIT received scholarships for students, equipment to train students and an education fund as their part of the agreement.

### 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6.1.1 T. McTiernan presented the Executive Committee report.

##### 1. Academic Council Faculty Nominations

MOTION  
CARRIED

*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

*Tirtha Dhar, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology*

*Miguel Vargas Martin, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology*

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

*Ferdinand Jones, Lecturer, Faculty of Business and Information Technology*

## 6.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

B. Muirhead presented the report of the Committee which contained five items for action and two items for information

### 1. Program Nomenclature Protocol

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the change to the nomenclature protocol to allow specializations*  
CARRIED *to appear on the academic transcript*

This will allow specializations to be reflected officially on the academic record.

### 2. Bachelor of Information Technology in Game Development and Entrepreneurship – New Minor in Game Programming

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the new minor in Game Programming in the Bachelor of*  
CARRIED *Information Technology, Game Development and Entrepreneurship program.*

This proposal is the result of student demand.

### 3. Bachelor of Engineering – New ‘Engineering and Public Policy’ option

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the Engineering and Public Policy option for students in the*  
CARRIED *Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science*

President McTiernan remarked that this is an exciting option for students.

### 4. Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Psychology – New bridge

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the new bridge for the Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Psychology*  
CARRIED *program*

This will increase the opportunities for pathways into UOIT.

### 5. Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies – New bridge

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the new bridge from a college graduate certificate plus diploma*  
CARRIED *into the Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies program.*

B. Muirhead noted that the committee also received the annual curriculum reports from the Faculties. He acknowledged the tremendous work that Faculties do to put the material together. The volume of changes reflects the dynamic nature of the institution.

## 6.3 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

B. Campbell presented the report from the Graduate Studies Committee that contained two items for information. He also noted that GSC had received the annual curriculum reports this past month and thanked those involved for their work on this.

## 7. ASSOCIATE PROVOST RENEWAL PROCEDURE

Provost Saucier noted the item for information on the Associate Provost Renewal Procedure. M. Eklund raised a question on the length of term for an Associate Provost. Provost Saucier noted that she would make it clearer that an Associate Provost serves a maximum of two terms.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

### ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

B. Maclsaac presented a motion to appoint students to the Admissions and Scholarship Committee. These students are ones that have previously won awards. In response to a question from H. Scott, the registrar noted that having the students on the committee does not exclude them from winning awards as the committee adjudicates entrance scholarships.

MOTION      *That Academic Council accept the motion*  
CARRIED

MOTION      *That Academic Council appoint the following student members to serve as members of*  
CARRIED      *Admissions and Scholarship Committee for 2013-14:*

*Sabrina Bedjera, BSc, Concurrent, 4<sup>th</sup> Year, (recipient of the Founder's scholarship in 2010)*  
*Nicole Deziel, BScN, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, (recipient of the Founder's Scholarship in 2012)*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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Cheryl Foy, Secretary