

### **April 2014: Academic Council Motions regarding new Academic Council Members**

Whereas, Academic Council is the highest academic governing body at UOIT, and that its members are elected to serve the academic interests of all members of UOIT, and that this comes with it a responsibility to be knowledgeable about the rules and procedures, and further to be active participants in Academic Council.

And noting that the current procedures for the election of members to Academic Council do not include any indication of the timing of these elections (see AC Handbook Section II.2, and UOIT By-law 8.4).

And noting that early elections would help to ensure full membership of Academic Council at the start of each academic year as well as time for orientation for new members.

And also noting that annual performance expectations and course scheduling for teach staff is done by around the end of April each year.

***Motion 1:*** *That Academic Council recommend elections held to fill vacancies for the coming year be held in March each year with at least the first round of nominations and voting completed by the last day of classes in Winter term each year, and that the complete process be completed no later than April 30.*

And further that the university secretariat will organize an orientation session for the new members which will include an opportunity to meet the other members of Academic Council and the members of the Board of Governors.

***Motion 2:*** *That the university secretariat will organize an orientation session for the new AC members at least two weeks prior to the first regularly scheduled meeting each September, which shall include a session to which all members of Academic Council and the Board of Governors are invited to meet with the new members.*

And further, that in consideration of the fact that the current procedures for elections do not speak to the timing of those elections, that the University Secretariat conduct the elections for 2014-2015 as soon as conveniently possible.

***Motion 3:*** *That the election process for 2014-2015 vacancies begin and conclude as quickly as conveniently possible.*