



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

Present:

T. McTiernan
D. Saucier
N. Arafa
B. Campbell
N. Charewicz
C. Collins
S. de Castell
M. DiGuuseppe
P. Drayson
M. Eklund
F. Gaspari
M. Green
R. Hinch
D. Holdway
B. Lewis
B. MacIsaac

S. McGovern
M. Vargas Martin
B. Muirhead
M. Owen
D. Petrarca
O. Petrie
N. Saniei
H. Scott
T. Sidhu
E. Vogel
C. Elliott
C. Foy

Guests:

N. Molinaro
B. Perry
M. Lapp

Regrets:

P. Beatty
O. Afifi
N. Ammar
W. Bartfay
T. Dhar
F. Jones
H. Kishawy
R. Machrafi

L. Nacke
P. Ritchie

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of an update on the Ad Hoc Committee on Governance under Other Business.

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

President McTiernan remarked that this will be an interesting year. We will have a discussion at the end of the agenda on the SMA submission. There has been a briefing from the Deputy Minister assigned to deal with SMAs from COU. There has also been one discussion on our proposal which affirmed our overall direction. Overall President McTiernan noted that he is optimistic.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented with corrections to those in attendance.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Downtown Security

M. Lapp provided an update to members on security downtown. He noted that we have stopped checking the ID of students downtown as there were complaints from student that they felt they were being profiled and we do not make student present ID at the north location. Security staff do monitor the buildings and have a right to check. This approach seems to be working. As a follow up on lockdown drills M. Lapp noted that each has been better than the last. We are working on having refined, differentiated approaches based on the needs of each location. Panic buttons will be installed at the Regent Theatre. In response to a question from H. Scott, M. Lapp noted that the panic buttons will have a direct line to the police. M. Lapp further noted that there will be an audit of the downtown location to identify which locks will need to be replaced. Solutions are being examined for windows as well. If there are any specific issues please contact M. Lapp.

6. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Communication with Academic Council

A new draft of the wording was presented to members. The changes were well received. H. Scott noted that there was nothing in the statement that noted where the route to communication with Academic Council might be. T. McTiernan noted that Academic Council may be just one potential forum of communication. We need to take a more comprehensive look at this issue in our existing policies. M. Eklund noted that the whistleblower policy only deals with financial complaints.

6.2 Summary of the November 26, 2013 meeting of the Board of Governors

There was no discussion

6.3 Academic Council Schedule

The following schedule was discussed and approved for Academic Council meetings:

- 1. Academic Council Executive shall hold its regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each of the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May and June each academic year.*
- 2. Academic Council shall hold its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each of the months of September, October, November, January, March, April, May and June each academic year.*
- 3. That Academic Council shall hold its regular February meeting on the fourth Tuesday of February each academic year.*

7. PROVOST'S REMARKS

We recently responded to the recommendations from the Auditor General's teaching audit. We were able to demonstrate that we complied with all recommendations except one. We will not post teaching evaluations of all faculty members on the website. Provost Saucier further remarked that B. Muirhead will be looking for members to sit on the retention committee and the learning enhancement committee.

T. McTiernan noted that he fully supports the way in which we responded to teaching audit recommendations. There is a chance we could be called to public accounts committee

H. Scott posed a question on how the committee to choose the next Provost was constituted and why the members were not elected to the committee. President McTiernan responded that there was a change to the policy framework that was passed by the Board of Governors in 2012. He further noted that the principle of broad representation is contained in the current policy and that it follows the process used by many other institutions. President McTiernan noted that he is happy to address any specific concerns and he will take under advisement the comments on how the committee is structured for the future.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

T. McTiernan presented the Executive Committee report

8.1.1 Nominations to Academic Council Executive Committee

That Academic Council appoint the following faculty members and a student to serve as elected members of Academic Council Executive Committee:

MOTION
CARRIED

a) Core Faculty Representatives

Miguel Vargas Martin, Faculty of Business and Information Technology – Jan 2014 – Jun 2016
Franco Gaspari, Faculty of Science – Jan 2014 – Jun 2016

b) Student Representative

Nadim Arafa – Jan 2014 – Jun 2015

M. Eklund remarked that there is currently no Engineering or Nuclear Science representation on the Executive Committee. This was noted by T. McTiernan.

8.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

B. Muirhead presented the report of the Committee which contained one item for action and one item for information

8.2.1 Community Development and Policy Studies – Proposed Minor

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council approve the new minor in Community Development and Policy Studies.

This proposed minor was taken off the agenda last month due to a small typo in the number of courses required. There was a question from S. de Castell about the course on education policy and E. Vogel on the Health and Public Policy course and why these were not in conjunction with their Faculties. A. Slane noted that these were pre-existing courses and that further conversations on the cross-listing of these courses will occur.

8.2.2 Final Assessment Report on the 2012-13 Undergraduate Program Reviews

B. Muirhead presented for information the final assessment reports for the Bachelor of Allied Health Sciences, Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering and Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering program reviews. The report also contained the eighteen month follow up reports on the Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Science in Applied and Industrial Mathematics and Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science reviews. He thanked all of those involved for the tremendous amount of work they did. It is clear that we are achieving recognition from our peers for the quality of our programs. CPRC has seen all of the documentation associated with these reviews.

8.3 RESEARCH BOARD

M. Owen presented the report from the Research Board

8.3.1 Indirect Costs of Research Policy

M. Owen noted that this policy is a revision to an existing policy at UOIT. The document attached outlines the key changes to the document. There was some discussion on why this policy was an information item and not an approval item. There was a discussion on whether it was an administrative issue or an academic one. In response to a question from M. Eklund on how this policy fits in with the one from the tri-council M. Owen responded that it does not, this policy is for non-federal indirect costs. C. Collins noted that it is difficult to see what has been changed in the policy. T. McTiernan noted that the point about the appropriate approval process for the policy was a good one and indicated that we would review the point and come back to the Council with our thoughts.

8.3.2 Research Board Terms of Reference

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the revised terms of reference for the Research Board*
CARRIED

This document clarifies the terms of reference for the Research Board on who is a voting member and who is not. The Chief Librarian is now a member of the committee.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

C. Foy noted that we have retained external counsel to look at the Academic Council Committee on Governance proposed changes to the UOIT by-law s.8. The goal is to complete this exercise by the end of the year. R. Hinch remarked that there are some items in the report that need Board of Governor action to implement and others that do not – one is the composition of Academic Council. There is still not majority composition of teaching faculty. T. McTiernan responded that we will report back at the next Academic Council meeting on what we can move forward on. It is important to get the framing of the issue right and to not do things ad hoc.

10. IN CAMERA SESSION – STRATEGIC MANDATE AGREEMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Cheryl Foy, Secretary