



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016**

Present:

Deborah Saucier (acting Chair)
Robert Bailey
Chantelle Bishop
Carla Cesaroni (*via teleconference*)
Christopher Collins
Becky Dinwoodie
Maurice DiGiuseppe (*via teleconference*)
Pamela Drayson
Mikael Eklund
Hossam Gaber
Brenda Gamble
Franco Gaspari
Mark Green

Lori Livingston
Susan McGovern
Kimberly Nugent (*via teleconference*)
Langis Roy
Namdar Saniei
Mahmoud Shaaban
Tarlochan Sidhu

Guests:

Kristen Boujos
Pierre Cote
Greg Edwards
Nichole Molinaro
Olivia Petrie
Cerise Wilson

Regrets:

Reem Ali
Nawal Ammar
Taylor Collins
Greg Crawford
Craig Elliott
Cheryl Foy
Ferdinand Jones
Sharon Lauricella
Brad MacIsaac
Qusay Mahmoud
Tim McTiernan
Michael Owen
Pamela Ritchie
Hannah Scott
Kamal Smimou
Miguel Vargas Martin
Noreen Taylor

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

2. Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Chair's Remarks

Although the President was absent, he asked the acting Chair to express thanks to those who attended Convocation and helped to make the ceremonies a great success.

The Chair also thanked the members of Academic Council who were attending their last meeting as their terms come to an end. She thanked them for all of their contributions. She also acknowledged all of the work done by M. Green as UOIT's COU Academic Colleague.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 2016

N. Saniei noted that he was absent from the meeting of May 17.

The Minutes were approved as amended.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

6. Inquiries and Communications

6.1 Synopsis of Board of Governors' Meeting of April 20, 2016

The Chair presented the synopsis from the Board's meeting of April 20, 2016 and answered Council's questions.

7. Provost's Remarks

The Provost noted that it was National Aboriginal Day and she thanked O. Petrie and the Student Life Office for making the UOIT-Baagwating Indigenous Student Centre a great centre.

8. Major Award Recipients

D. Saucier presented the names of the major award recipients and offered her hearty congratulations.

9. 2016 Graduates Update

D. Saucier provided an update on the number of degrees awarded since 2004.

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC)

The Chair invited R. Bailey to discuss the items coming forward from CPRC.

10.1.1 Faculty of Business and Information Technology

(a) Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurship – Addition of Pathway

R. Bailey provided an overview of the proposed pathway. He confirmed it is a 2+2 pathway and answered a question regarding how it affects first year enrolment. R. Bailey advised that it is targeting a specific type of student and is generally not detracting from students who would typically enrol in university directly from high school. D. Saucier clarified that there is a bridge term for the program.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new Pathway for the Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurship program.*

(b) Bachelor of Commerce – Addition of Pathway

R. Bailey reviewed the new pathway for the Bachelor of Commerce program. He explained the demand for the pathway and confirmed that the academic credentials were examined by FBIT and found to be satisfactory.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new Pathway for the Bachelor of Commerce program.*

10.1.2 Faculty of Science

(a) Bachelor of Science in Computer Science – New Specialization in Data Science

M. Green provided the background for the proposal. M. Green clarified that there are no additional resources required because the specialization consists of courses already being offered. C. Collins added there will be less flexibility in the specialization as certain courses will be required going forward and will no longer be electives.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new Specialization in Data Science for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program.*

10.1.3 Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

(a) Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – Program Changes and Two New Specializations

R. Bailey reviewed the recommended changes. C. Cesaroni also provided background on the proposal.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve changes to the comprehensive program map and two new Specializations (Political Communication & Social Justice, Globalization and Development) for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program.*

10.1.4 For Information:

R. Bailey invited questions regarding the items for information.

(a) Faculty of Health Sciences - Bachelor of Health Science – Minor Program Adjustment

(b) Faculty of Health Sciences - Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology – Minor Program Adjustment

(c) Faculty of Health Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Minor Program Adjustment

(d) Faculty of Social Science and Humanities - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science Bridge Program – Minor Program Adjustment

10.2 Graduate Studies Committee

10.2.1 Faculty of Health Sciences – New Graduate Diploma in Work Disability Prevention

L. Roy presented the new graduate diploma to Council. The program has been developed over the years and out of the Canada Research Chair. It is an innovative program that caters to working professionals. The program will take a more comprehensive approach to workplace disability and is very forward looking in delivery. It is primarily an online degree. L. Roy clarified that the estimated enrolments are conservative – 8 students for the first year.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council recommend the proposed Graduate Diploma in Work Disability Prevention to the Board of Governors for approval.*

10.3 GSC and CPRC

10.3.1 Program Nomenclature Guidelines

L. Roy introduced the proposed amendments to the program nomenclature guidelines. He informed Academic Council that it is more of a housekeeping exercise. He reviewed several of the changes. R. Bailey added that the process to arrive at the amendments has taken a long time but all the changes are necessary.

There was a discussion regarding whether the changes in nomenclature will affect the collective agreement. R. Bailey confirmed that these changes will not have any effect on the Collective Agreement.

It was suggested that the language in s. 5.3 regarding diplomas being concurrent be changed. The wording was changed to “classified as concurrent OR direct-entry”.

R. Bailey also answered questions regarding the number of credit hours set out in s. 5.4. There was also a discussion regarding how the number 15 was arrived at in the same section and whether this would prevent the Faculty of Engineering from requiring 18 hours for a bridge. N. Molinaro advised that this is a result of clean up and further clean up may still be required once they examine the practices of other faculties.

There was also clarification as to whether UOIT currently provides a 3-year degree and double major.

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council approve the Program Nomenclature Guidelines as presented.

10.4 Executive Committee

10.4.1 Academic Council Governance

(a) Appointment of Temporary Replacement on Academic Council for Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

B. Dinwoodie presented the nomination for a temporary replacement for Q. Mahmoud on Academic Council.

MOTION
CARRIED

That pursuant to section 4 of the Academic Council Handbook, the nomination received from the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty member to serve on Academic Council as a temporary replacement for Qusay Mahmoud:

- *Atef Mohany*

11. University Governance

11.1 Violence, Harassment and Related Policies Framework Update

The Chair advised that work is continuing on this policy and they continue to move forward. She confirmed that new aspects of the legislation were introduced 4 weeks ago and they will ensure the policy is in line with the legislative requirements.

12. Other Business

S. McGovern reported that the Chancellor really enjoyed the convocation ceremonies and was impressed with the University. The Chancellor also shared that she is very excited to be part of the University. C. Bishop expressed her appreciation to Council members for the opportunity to learn and grow while on Council.

13. Colleagues' Exchange

The meeting was terminated at 3:13 p.m.

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary