

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES of MEETING of TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018
DTB 524, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Steven Murphy (Chair)
Abdelmassih, Sarah
Clarke, Jessica
Crawford, Greg
Davidson, Catherine
Desaulniers, Jean-Paul
DiGiuseppe, Maurice
Easton, Brad
Eklund, Mikael
Hector, Sonia
Heydari, Shahram
Hogue, Andrew
Holdway, Doug
Jones, Ferdinand
Kirkwood, Andrea
Kishawy, Hossam
Lesage, Ann (*teleconference*)
Liscano, Ramiro
Livingston, Lori (*teleconference*)
Lloyd, Meghann
Mahmoud, Qusay

Marques, Olga
McCabe, Janet
Mohany, Atef
Partosoedarso, Elita
Petrie, Olivia
Pierce, Tess
Rinaldi, Jen
Roy, Langis
Scott, Hannah
Shon, Phillip
Stoett, Peter
Tokuhiko, Akira
(*teleconference*)
Tuppai, Sai Tejus
(*teleconference*)
Williams, Alyssa
Wu, Terry

Guests:

Bruno, Jamie
Dinwoodie, Becky
Foy, Cheryl
Hester, Krista
MacIsaac, Brad
McCartney, Kimberley
Nejad, Mehdi
O'Halloran, Niall

Regrets:

Bailey, Robert
Bliemel, Michael
Gaber, Hossam
Harvel, Glenn
Khalid, Osama
Mostaghim, Amir
Nugent, Kimberly
Sidhu, Tarlochan
Stokes, Joe
Taylor, Noreen
Woolridge, Lyndsay

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Agenda

Upon a motion duly made, the Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair acknowledged the tragic death of Rhyss Glenfield, a first-year student in the Faculty of Business and Information Technology. It has been a very difficult time for the community and the Chair was heartened to see many members of the university community in attendance at the funeral. Academic Council observed a moment of silence in honour of Rhyss.

The Chair discussed the recent town halls focusing on changing the handle of the university. He reminded members that the full name of the university will be staying the same. He also discussed the recent announcement about the GM closure scheduled for the end of 2019. The announcement came without any warning, which made it particularly difficult. The university will be examining how we can assist with reskilling.

The new Governance & Nominations Committee held its first meeting last week. The committee will be working hard to implement By-law No. 2. The By-law No. 2 implementation will include the appointment of a Board member to Academic Council and the Board is in the process of considering the appointment.

(a) Senior Academic Administrator Searches

The Chair provided an update on the status of the Provost search. The feedback provided by the search firm is that the candidates are excited about the direction of the university. A consultation session for the VP Research role was conducted immediately before the Council meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of October 23, 2018

Upon a motion duly made F. Jones and seconded by B. Easton, the Minutes were approved as presented.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Questions were raised about items discussed during the Colleagues Exchange of previous meetings (BIA statement about Bill 47 and replacing scantron machine). There was a discussion regarding the process for proposing agenda items and adding items to "other business". Since the agenda for an Academic Council meeting is developed three weeks in advance of the meeting (using the work plan as a guide), agenda items should be submitted to the Office of the University Secretary & General Counsel at least three weeks before a Council meeting for

consideration by the Academic Council Executive Committee. The Chair encouraged members to submit suggested discussion topics for consideration in advance rather than requesting to add an item under “other business” at a meeting. This allows for responses to be prepared in advance, if necessary, and for Council members to adequately prepare for discussions.

6. Inquiries and Communications

(a) COU Academic Colleagues Update

R. Liscano discussed the COU Academic Colleagues Committee Report, which was included in the meeting material.

7. Provost’s Remarks

There were no remarks in the Provost’s absence.

8. Integrated Operational Plan

The Chair introduced the Integrated Operational Plan (IOP). Rather than only reviewing the document every few years, there will be ongoing discussions regarding the IOP. This approach will put the university in a better position to present an overarching plan to the government when it comes time to negotiate the next SMA.

The university will be moving towards the five key strategic priorities and each unit plan must address how it will contribute to achieving those priorities. There was a discussion regarding the difference between the Integrated Academic Plan (IAP) and the IOP. It was clarified that individual unit plans have been added to the IAP to form the IOP and no changes have been made to the IAP. B. MacIsaac offered to meet with any member interested in discussing the IOP in greater detail.

9. Policy Consultation:

(a) Freedom of Expression

C. Foy presented the draft Freedom of Expression Policy in R. Bailey’s absence. She advised that the policy will be scheduled for review in one year in light of the short time frame for development and implementation. There was clarification that section 6.1 of the policy would not apply to strike demonstrations as strike protocols are governed by the Ontario Labour Relations Act. The President thanked the community for participating in the consultation process.

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC)

In G. Harvel’s absence, the Chair asked that any questions about the CPRC report be directed to G. Harvel by e-mail.

For Information:

(a) Program Package Offers with TCDSB

(b) ESL Partnership with The Language Gallery

10.2 Graduate Studies Committee

For Approval:

(a) Final Assessment Report Executive Summary – MA, MEd & GDip in Digital Technologies Program Review

L. Roy presented the executive summary for approval. He summarized the results of the program review. A recommendation was made to update the terminology of “core faculty” in the report.

That pursuant to the recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Final Assessment Report Executive Summary for the Master of Arts, Master of Education, and Graduate Diploma in Digital Technologies Program Review, as amended.

10.3 Executive Committee (ACX)

(a) ACX Membership

C. Foy informed Council that further to the discussion at the last Council meeting, the ACX decided to issue another call for expressions of interest for the vacant faculty and student positions on the committee. No expressions of interest for the student role were received. ACX also suggested posting the vacant roles online and accepting expressions of interest throughout the year. The Academic Council webpage will be updated accordingly.

That Academic Council hereby appoints Teresa (Tess) Pierce to the Academic Council Executive Committee for a three-year term starting on December 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2021.

T. Pierce abstained.

(b) Nominations to Academic Appeals & Honorary Degrees Committees

B. Dinwoodie presented the recommended nominations for consideration.

That the Academic Council hereby appoints the following faculty members to the specified standing committee for a three-year term starting on December 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2021:

Academic Appeals Committee

- *Helene-Marie Goulding, Faculty of Health Sciences*
- *Brent MacRae, Faculty of Business & Information Technology*

Honorary Degrees Committee

- *Shahram Heydari, Faculty of Business & Information Technology*

- Barb Perry, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

(c) Faculty Council Membership Lists

An inconsistency was noted that on the FBIT and FHS membership lists as LTAAAs were included under the V(1)(d)(v) category and should be in the V(1)(d)(iv) category. It was also noted that Robin Kay should be added to the Faculty of Education membership list and Mikael Khan to the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHSci) membership list. L. Livingston explained why DC faculty are included as part of the FHSci Faculty Council membership list.

(d) Colleagues Exchange

The President discussed the purpose of the Colleagues Exchange and how to engage Academic Council. Given the first hour of that meeting was allocated to the VP Research consultation session, ACX thought January would be a good time to propose a discussion topic. By proposing topics in advance and including them on the agenda, Council members will have the opportunity to prepare and contribute to an engaged discussion rather than waiting to suggest a topic at the meeting. The goal is to provide Council with opportunities to have strategic discussions. He reminded members that the Colleagues Exchange is not minuted and if a business item comes out of the discussion, it may be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Registrar's Office

(a) Conferral of Degrees for Fall 2018

That pursuant to Article 1.1(a)(g) of UOIT By-law No. 2, Academic Council hereby authorizes the granting of degrees to those students who have fulfilled all degree requirements at the end of the Fall term 2018 and who have been recommended for graduation by their Faculty.

12. Other Business

There was follow up on a question about an accommodation policy for employees. There were also questions following up on improving the technology for multiple choice exams and how the university responded to the BIA's position on Bill 47. These matters will be looked into.

The Chair ended the meeting by thanking Council for their support during his first nine months at the university. A lot of ground has been covered quickly and he is appreciative of their patience and understanding.

Upon a motion duly made, the meeting was terminated at 4:15 p.m.

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary