



ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES of MEETING of TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018
DTB 524, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Bailey, Robert (Acting Chair)
Abdelmassih, Sarah
Crawford, Greg
Davidson, Catherine
Desaulniers, Jean-Paul
Easton, Brad
Eklund, Mikael
Harvel, Glenn
Heydari, Shahram
Hogue, Andrew
Holdway, Doug
Jones, Ferdinand
Kishawy, Hossam
Lesage, Ann (*teleconference*)
Livingston, Lori
Lloyd, Meghann
Mahmoud, Qusay

Marques, Olga
McCabe, Janet
Mohany, Atef
Nugent, Kimberly
Petrie, Olivia
Pierce, Tess
Rinaldi, Jen
Roy, Langis
Scott, Hannah
Shon, Phillip
Sidhu, Tarlochan
Stoett, Peter
Stokes, Joe
Tuppal, Sai Tejus
Williams, Alyssa
Woolridge, Lyndsay
Wu, Terry

Guests:

Dinwoodie, Becky
Dupuis, Jacquelyn
Foy, Cheryl
(*teleconference*)
Leckey, Heather
Maclsaac, Brad
McCartney, Kimberley
O'Halloran, Niall
Petrarca, Diana

Regrets:

Bliemel, Michael
Clarke, Jessica
DiGiuseppe, Maurice
Gaber, Hossam
Hector, Sonia
Kirkwood, Andrea
Liscano, Ramiro
Murphy, Steven
Partosoedarso, Elita
Taylor, Noreen
Tokuhiro, Akira

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Agenda

A motion was made to move the appointment of newly elected members up on the agenda to allow them to participate in the discussions.

Upon a motion duly made by G. Harvel and seconded by L. Livingston, the Agenda was approved as amended.

3. Chair's Remarks

(a) Senior Academic Administrator Searches

The Chair reviewed the report updating Council on the status of the senior academic administrator searches. B. Dinwoodie advised that a consultation session with Council for the VP Research search will likely be scheduled for the same day as the next Council meeting or on another Tuesday in November.

4. Minutes of the Meeting of September 25, 2018

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

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Internally Restricted Funds

The Chair referred Council to the report outlining the breakdown of 2017-2018 internally restricted funds. If there are any further questions regarding the internally restricted funds, Council was asked to please contact Craig Elliott directly.

9.2 (c) 2018-2019 Fall Election

B. Dinwoodie presented the nominations for approval by Academic Council.

MOTION APPROVED *Appointment of the following faculty members to serve on Academic Council for a three-year term starting on October 25, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2021:*

- **Faculty of Social Science & Humanities** - **Olga Marques**
- **Faculty of Social Science & Humanities** - **Jen Rinaldi**
- **Faculty of Social Science & Humanities** - **Phillip Shon**
- **Faculty At-large** - **Amir Mostaghim**

MOTION APPROVED *Appointment of the following students to serve in the stated positions for a one-year renewable term starting on November 1, 2018 and ending on August 31, 2019:*

- **Undergraduate Student Position on Academic Council** - **Osama Khalid**
- **Student Position on Admissions & Scholarship Committee** - **Chelsea Jones**

6. Inquiries and Communications

There were none.

7. Provost's Remarks

The Provost discussed a book he is reading, "An Inclusive Academy: Achieving Diversity and Excellence" by Abigail J. Stewart. The book explores the link between equity, diversity, inclusiveness, and excellence. He encouraged Council members to read the book and suggested forming a book club focused on reading books such as this.

The Provost also provided an update on the Dean of Science renewal process. The renewal committee has received community feedback, which will be compiled and incorporated into a letter for the Dean. Updates on the progress of the renewal process will continue to be provided to Council.

8. Policy Consultation

(a) University Continuity Policy

J. Dupuis provided context for the development of the University Continuity Policy and discussed a few examples of when a continuity policy would have been helpful to deal with an event on campus.

A member commented that the policy should build in compassion in the event that the university is experiencing a catastrophic event. It was clarified that when appropriate, plans would be developed together with the Emergency Management Response Team (EMRT).

A suggestion was made that Facilities should be one of the groups included in the continuity framework. There was also a discussion as to whether the Joint Health and Safety Committee should be involved. It was clarified that the safety of the university community during an emergency would be handled by the EMRT and the University Continuity Framework is focused on the continuation of operations. Online consultation was conducted over the month of September. J. Dupuis thanked Council members for their feedback.

(b) Use of Medical Cannabis by Students Procedure

H. Leckey summarized the key aspects of the procedure. There was a brief discussion regarding the consultation pathway of the procedure and H. Leckey confirmed that the university's Cannabis Working Group was consulted during the development of the procedure.

A question was raised about the procedure's compliance with Ontario's human rights legislation. It was confirmed that the procedure's requirements are consistent with requirements of the Ontario Human Rights Code. Further, the procedure was developed to align with the university's current policies dealing with accommodations. Not all students are required to register their medicinal cannabis use; they would register only in the event that they experience functional impairment as a result of a documented disability and require use of the prescription while on campus. It was also confirmed that the procedure is consistent with the university's recent Smoke Free Campus Policy.

(c) Freedom of Expression Policy

K. Nugent stepped in as Chair while R. Bailey presented the Freedom of Expression Policy. R. Bailey reminded Council of the background of the development of the policy. The policy has been posted online for one week and constructive feedback has been received. N. O'Halloran reviewed the consultation and approval pathway. Comments from the policy portal will be incorporated into the policy, as appropriate, and the updated policy will be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) on October 25 for review. The feedback received from Academic Council, PAC and online consultation will be taken into consideration and an updated draft of the policy will be presented to the Board's Audit and Finance Committee for recommendation on November 19 and to the Board for approval on November 29. The updated version of the draft will also be presented to Council on November 27 for information. Council members were welcomed to provide R. Bailey with additional comments in writing following the meeting. It was clarified that the role of Council was to comment on the policy and not to recommend it.

There were discussions regarding how far the "virtual campus" extends and the distinction between freedom of expression and academic freedom. It was suggested that the university should consider including a mission statement at the beginning of the policy.

A member asked whether the university has ever experienced a situation where freedom of expression has unduly disrupted and significantly interfered with the functioning of the university. While no one could recall such a scenario at the university, there was a situation at another institution where protesting students were jostling Board members and preventing them from attending a Board meeting. The decision about what constitutes obstruction or interference under s.7.1 will have to be made on a case by case basis in the context of the policy's guiding principles.

The university's student union has been asked to comment on the policy and will share it with the university's clubs.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee & Graduate Studies Committee (Glenn Harvel & Langis Roy)

(a) Definition of Experiential Learning & Amendments to Course Nomenclature

G. Harvel presented the proposal for consideration. There was a discussion about the approval pathway. It was clarified that the Senior Academic Committee considered and recommended the experiential learning definition, which is now coming forward to Academic Council for approval. There was a brief discussion regarding whether other institutions' definitions of experiential learning were reviewed.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the CPRC and GSC, Academic Council hereby approves the definition for experiential learning, and the inclusion of this definition in the Course Nomenclature and Program Nomenclature Guidelines, as presented.

M. Eklund and H. Scott abstained.

9.2 Executive Committee

(a) By-law Implementation Update

(K. Nugent left at 3:37 p.m.)

C. Foy reviewed the updated By-law No. 2 Implementation Plan with Council. She reported on the joint orientation session that took place immediately following the September Academic Council meeting. The session was well attended and would have been even better if more Council members had attended. The results of the orientation evaluation will be shared at the next meeting. Since it was a joint session, the usual orientation “mock meeting” was not conducted. Council members expressed interest in attending such a session.

(b) Expressions of Interest

Academic Council Executive Committee (ACX):

B. Dinwoodie advised Council that ACX felt there was adequate faculty representation on ACX given the anticipated work load for the year and decided to leave the remaining faculty position on ACX vacant until the next nomination period. Concern was expressed that there is currently no downtown representation on ACX. There was a discussion regarding the benefits of serving on ACX. Several others expressed support for filling the vacancy.

That the Academic Council Executive Committee (ACX) reconsider the decision to leave the remaining faculty position on ACX vacant and to issue another call for expressions of interest to fill the role, keeping in mind balance of representation.

G. Harvel abstained.

Governance & Nominations Committee

Appointment of the following Academic Council members to serve on the newly established Governance and Nominations Committee for the term as stated:

Name	Representative	Term End Date
Brad Easton	Faculty - Science	June 2021
Hossam Kishawy	Faculty - Engineering & Applied Science	June 2019
Janet McCabe	Faculty - Health Sciences	June 2021
Hannah Scott	Faculty – Social Science & Humanities	June 2021
Peter Stoett	Dean - Social Science & Humanities	June 2021
Sai Tuppal	Student	August 2019

10. Registrar’s Office

(a) Enrolment Update

J. Stokes referred Council to the report on enrolment, which sets out the fall enrolment headcount broken down by new and continuing students. These numbers represent the count after day 10,

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the last day to add or drop courses. The numbers reflect 101% of registered budget target. The official Ministry count is conducted in November to account for add/drop dates. A suggestion was made that it would be helpful to view enrolment trends.

(b) Conferral of Degrees for Summer 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 Summer term 2018 and who have been recommended for graduation by their Faculty.

11. Other Business

12. Colleagues' Exchange

Upon a motion duly made, the meeting was terminated at 4:00 p.m.

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary

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