



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of MEETING of TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**  
**DTB 524, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Murphy, Steven (Chair)  
Abdelmassih, Sarah  
Bailey, Robert  
Bliemel, Michael  
Clarke, Jessica  
Crawford, Greg  
Davidson, Catherine  
Desaulniers, Jean-Paul  
DiGiuseppe, Maurice  
Easton, Brad  
Eklund, Mikael  
Gaber, Hossam  
Harvel, Glenn  
Hector, Sonia  
Heydari, Shahram  
Hogue, Andrew  
Jones, Ferdinand  
Kirkwood, Andrea  
Kishawy, Hossam  
Lesage, Ann

Livingston, Lori  
Lloyd, Meghann  
Mahmoud, Qusay  
McCabe, Janet  
Mohany, Atef  
Nugent, Kimberly (*via teleconference*)  
Partosoedarso, Elita  
Petrie, Olivia  
Pierce, Tess  
Roy, Langis  
Scott, Hannah  
Stokes, Joe  
Tokuhiro, Akira  
Williams, Alyssa  
Wu, Terry

**Guests:**

Bruno, Jamie  
Dinwoodie, Becky  
Foy, Cheryl  
Hester, Krista  
Maclsaac, Brad  
McCartney, Kimberley  
McLaughlin, Christine  
O'Halloran, Niall  
Rinaldi, Jennifer

**Regrets:**

Holdway, Doug  
Liscano, Ramiro  
Sidhu, Tarlochan  
Stoett, Peter  
Taylor, Noreen  
Tuppal, Sai Tejus

**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 welcomed the members to the first Council meeting of the year. Given the large number of new members, the Chair invited everyone to introduce themselves. He noted the new configuration of the boardroom to accommodate the larger size of Academic Council. Microphones were also set up to ensure everyone can be heard.

The Chair reported on his participation in the university's orientation activities. The events were well attended by students. He thanked Student Life and the university's Student Union for making this year's orientation a success. He also updated Council on the Board recruitment activity that took place during the summer, which also served as a successful fund raising effort.

The Chair discussed the university's acronym and the difficulty external members seem to have saying it correctly. The university will be testing out a new handle, "ONTechU", which was developed using the convention of other reputable institutions (e.g. Georgia Tech and CalTech). He welcomed Council's feedback on the new handle. There was generally a positive reaction to "ONTechU". There was a concern expressed about corporatizing the name.

The Chair also discussed the development of a partnership office at the university in order to help ensure we are coordinating efforts with industry partners as best we can. He was looking forward to the joint orientation session with the Board taking place immediately following the meeting.

#### **(a) Senior Academic Administrator Searches**

It was confirmed that the members of the Provost and VP Research search committees were announced that afternoon. Further to the consultation session that took place immediately before the meeting, the President will continue to update Council with the progress of the searches.

#### **(b) University Administrative Council – Revised Structure**

The Chair referred members to the Terms of Reference for the Administrative Leadership Team (formerly University Administrative Council) that were included in the meeting material. The Terms of Reference were updated to clarify the role of the Administrative Leadership Team (ALT) in the university's organizational structure and to avoid any confusion with the governing bodies. A concern was raised about the Senior Leadership Team's (SLT) participation on multiple committees. The Chair responded that it is essential for the SLT to have access to unfiltered operational information. Further, ALT meetings are an effective mode of communication among the administrative and academic administrative leaders.

### **4. Minutes of the Meeting of June 19, 2018**

*Upon a motion duly made, the Minutes were approved as presented.*

### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

## **6. Inquiries and Communications**

### **(a) Summary of Board of Governors Meeting of June 27, 2018**

The Chair highlighted the items that were approved by the Board at the June meeting. A question was asked about the breakdown of the internally restricted funds approved at the meeting. A breakdown will be provided as part of “Business Arising” at the next meeting.

## **7. Provost’s Remarks**

The Provost provided an update on enrolment – the university was slightly above its enrolment target on Day 10. He clarified that this was a head count only and any effect on budget will depend on the program-specific numbers.

The Provost also updated Council on the renewal process for the Dean of the Faculty of Science. The renewal committee met for the first time a few days ago and an announcement will be made very soon regarding community consultations. He also reported on the retreat for Senior Academic Leaders, which took place in early September and focused on the student experience. The students who attended were exceptionally honest about their experience at the university.

The university will be joining Durham Region in moving towards being smoke-free. The goal is to have a smoke-free campus within the next year. Accommodations will be made for the use of medical marijuana.

## **8. Policy Consultation**

### **(a) Free Speech Policy**

R. Bailey reviewed the key aspects of the Free Speech Policy presentation, which was included in the meeting material. The policy will define and articulate what free speech is, as well as the constraints on free speech. The policy will not attempt to define Academic Freedom. The proposed consultation pathway was also reviewed.

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the Council of Ontario Universities would be coordinating a response to the government’s initiative.

(M. Lloyd left at 4:27 p.m.)

There was a discussion regarding the proposed consultation schedule and some support was expressed for the policy returning to Council for additional consultation.

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **9.1 Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC)**

#### **9.1.1 FOR APPROVAL**

##### **(a) Centre for Institutional Quality Enhancement - Cyclical Program Review Final Assessment Summary Reports**

**(i) Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering**

**(ii) Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering**

G. Harvel presented the final assessment summary reports for approval.

MOTION APPROVED *That Academic Council approve the summary reports of the undergraduate program reviews outlined below:*

- *Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering*
- *Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering*

## **10. Executive Committee**

### **(a) Academic Council 2018-2019 Work Plan**

C. Foy reviewed the draft work plan for 2018-2019. The plan provides a guideline for the work to be done during the upcoming year. The Academic Council Executive Committee (ACX) reviews the draft plan before it is presented to Academic Council. A suggestion was made to add committee nominations to the work plan for April.

### **(b) Temporary Chair of Academic Council**

C. Foy presented the item for consideration. A member expressed concern about the Provost serving as temporary Chair and having to turn the Chair role over to someone during the meeting in order to express opinions on academic matters.

MOTION APPROVED *Pursuant to the recommendation of the Academic Council Executive Committee, Academic Council hereby approves of the Provost chairing Academic Council meetings in the President's absence until such time as a formal selection process is established by the Governance and Nominations Committee.*

R. Bailey and M. Eklund abstained.

### **(c) Committee Nominations**

B. Dinwoodie presented the nominations for consideration.

## **Academic Council**

MOTION APPROVED *That pursuant to the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Academic Council hereby appoints the following graduate student to serve on the Academic Council for the specified term:*

- *Lyndsay Woolridge, for 2 years ending August 31, 2020*

## **Research Board**

MOTION APPROVED *That pursuant to the nominations received from the relevant Faculties and the recommendations of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Research Board's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty members to serve on the Research Board for the following terms:*

- *Faculty of Health Sciences – Pierre Cote, Associate Professor, for 2 years ending June 30, 2020*
- *Faculty of Science – Brad Easton, Professor, for 2 years ending June 30, 2020*

B. Easton abstained.

### **Curriculum & Program Review Committee**

*That pursuant to the nomination received from the relevant Faculty and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Curriculum & Program Review Committee's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty member to serve on the Curriculum & Program Review Committee for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2021:*

- *Faculty of Science – Helene Leblanc, Associate Professor*

### **Graduate Studies Committee**

*That pursuant to the nomination received from the relevant Faculty and the recommendation of the Executive Committee, and in accordance with the Graduate Studies Committee's Terms of Reference, the Council hereby appoints the following faculty member to serve on the Graduate Studies Committee for a term of three years ending on June 30, 2021:*

- *Faculty of Science, Anatoli Chkrebtii, Professor*
- *Faculty of Health Sciences, Meghann Lloyd, Associate Professor*

M. Lloyd abstained.

### **(d) 2018-2019 Fall Election Process**

B. Dinwoodie provided an update on the Fall Election Process, a summary of which was included in the meeting material. She advised that no nominations were received for a few positions and discussed the next steps. A question was asked about the eligibility of long term academic associates (LTAA) to serve on Academic Council. By-law No. 2 refers to faculty members being elected from among full-time continuing Associate Deans, tenured and tenure-track faculty and teaching faculty. A change to the By-law would be required to extend eligibility to LTAA faculty.

Inquiries were made regarding the vacant faculty position on ACX and the expression of interest process for the Governance and Nominations Committee. Since the recent candidates in the election for faculty positions on Academic Council were acclaimed making a vote unnecessary, the call for expressions of interest for faculty positions on both committees will include the newest Council members and be presented to ACX at the next meeting for consideration.

### **11. Other Business**

### **12. Colleagues' Exchange**

*Upon a motion duly made, the meeting terminated at 4:52 p.m.*

Becky Dinwoodie, Secretary

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