

**UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MINUTES OF THE 47TH REGULAR MEETING (PUBLIC SESSION) OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Date: September 19th, 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Community Room
Oshawa Campus

IN ATTENDANCE

GOVERNORS: Phillip (Rocky) Simmons, Chair
Allan Gibbins, Vice Chair
Peter Bagnall
Peter Berg
Dave Broadbent
Joanne Burghardt
Garry Cubitt
Peter Dixon
Aileen Fletcher
Allan Furlong
Rick Majury
Michael Martin
Doug McKay
Greg Rohrauer
Bill Robinson
Darrell Sewell
Michael Seymour
Gerry Warman
Franklin Wu
Kimberley Young

PARTICIPANTS: Leah Myers
Rhonda Christian
Carlee Fraser
Pansy Goodman
Karen Hodgins
Deborah Kinkaid
Michael Newell
Charlie Peel

PRESIDENT: Ron Bordessa

SECRETARY: Karen Spearing

RECORDING
SECRETARY: April Winter

SENIOR STAFF: Ralph Aprile
Terry Caputo
Richard Levin
Martin Hicks
Ruth MacKay
Richard Marceau
Paul McErlean
Gerry Pinkney
Margaret Greenley

Ken Robb
Don Lovisa
Donna McFarlane
Cathy Pitcher
Ann Mars

REGRETS:

GOVERNORS: Lyn McLeod
Jim O'Donnell

SENIOR STAFF: David Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Incoming Chair, Phillip (Rocky) Simmons welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Board of Governors for the 2007-08 year. He also introduced April Winter as Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Boards of Governors for Durham College and UOIT.

INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS

Margaret Greenly, Vice-President of Student Affairs introduced Deputy Chief C. Mercier, Durham Regional Police Service.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The Secretary noted the deletion of item #5.1, Presentation to Beth Wilson; former Durham College & UOIT Governor who was unable to be in attendance at the meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None were declared.

PRESENTATIONS

Margaret Greenly, Vice-President of Student Affairs reminded governors that the 2008 Ontario Special Olympic Games will be held on campus in May of 2008. She also introduced Deputy Chief Chuck Mercier, the chair of the 2008 spring games and Elgin Knopp, sponsorship chair for Durham College for the 2008 games. Deputy Chief Mercier presented an overview of the games and spoke of the sponsorship opportunities still available to the Boards of Governors and their respective corporate communities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION Moved by Dave Broadbent Seconded by Peter Dixon
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“that the minutes of the 46th regular meeting (public session) of the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, held June 13th, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sharing Agreement Principles

The Chair, on conjunction with UOIT President Ron Bordessa and Durham College President Leah Myers, reviewed the draft principles and framework for a renewed sharing agreement relating to Academic Pathways and Collaboration; Administrative Services; and Physical Infrastructure.

Everyone agreed that the critical component of the overall sharing agreement was the students. The principles presented represented maximized opportunities for all students, including reciprocal pathways, opportunities for collaboration between faculty members of both institutions. It was further indicated that there is still a great deal of work to be done at the operational level with regard to physical infrastructure.

Both presidents indicated that the next step will be to develop the various protocols of the sharing agreement in consultation with legal counsel. The principles were recognized by the board as sustainable and would allow the two institutions to follow through on the original intentions of the Durham College Board of Governors and the founding Board of UOIT at the time of the creation of the university, to ensure a positive and collaborative relationship between the two institutions moving forward.

The Chair recognized that the development of these principles as well as the on-going work at the operational level sends a positive message to the provincial government regarding our commitment to the unique partnership between Durham College and UOIT and the recognition of the efficiencies to be realized through this partnership.

MOTION #

Moved by Garry Cubitt

Seconded by Aileen Fletcher

“that the UOIT Board of Governors approve each of the appended documents:

- a) Academic Collaboration;
- b) Administrative Services; and
- c) Physical Infrastructure”

and hereby instructs the President of UOIT, in collaboration with the President of Durham College, to craft a single sharing agreement document in a form that captures the principles, implementation and reporting accountabilities to the Board of Governors.”

CARRIED

Governor Handbooks

The Board Secretary presented everyone with a copy of the newly developed “2007-08 Board of Governors’ Handbook”, indicating that document serves to capture and/or codify the role and responsibilities of the Board of Governors, as well as overall governance processes.

Appointment of “Community at Large” Governor

The Chair of the Executive Committee, Rocky Simmons, advised the Board of Governors that the Executive Committee, at its August 15, 2007 meeting, acting under its summer authority, has hereby appointed Michael Martin as a “community at large” governor until such time as notification is received from the Province of Ontario regarding the status of his Lieutenant Governor in Council appointment to the Board of Governors.

Approval of Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies

President Bordessa presented a proposal for a Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies. He called upon Provost Richard Marceau to present the proposed program in further detail.

Dr. Marceau indicated that such a program will not only enhance the skillsets of our current graduates but also enhance recruitment and visibility for UOIT as a Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies is a rare commodity. Significant input was also received from Durham College focused on degree completion for Durham College graduates. Durham College also had input into the design and definition of the program. The program serves as a bridge for UOIT Criminology students and is the ideal vehicle for bridging of College Justice students to Legal Studies.

Dr. Marceau further indicated that the targeted cohort is approximately 100 students. He also reported that tuition is currently being determined through the Registrar's office although there are regulated levels for tuition in the university sector.

Dr. Marceau committed that he would report back to the Board as to whether practicing legal professionals are able to obtain relevant credentials through this program.

He indicated that this program would prepare students for the completion of their Master's degree or the pursuit of law at another institution. He also stated that this program is an excellent foundation for an individual wanting to work in the legal field at the paralegal level.

MOTION Moved by Michael Martin Seconded by Rick Majury
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“that the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Legal Studies.”

CARRIED

Establishment of a Free-Standing University Ethics Board

President Bordessa presented a report requesting the establishment of a free-standing university ethics board. He advised that although the Research Ethics Board is already established, there is a need to streamline some of the processes associated with the board. This board presently reports to the Research Board, which in turn reports to Academic Council. He advised, however, that the Research Ethics Board requires independence from any other body at the university; therefore the proposed reporting structure is attached to the president who is responsible for the naming of the members to that board which will independently oversee research protocols in the health sciences, core sciences and social science fields.

MOTION Moved by Peter Bagnall Seconded by Franklin Wu
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“that the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the establishment of a free-standing Research Ethics Board.”

CARRIED

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Board Secretary reported on upcoming events including: Board Audit & Finance Workshops being held in the Community Room on September 27 and 28, 2007; the Annual Legacy Gala at Tosca Banquet Hall in Oshawa on September 28, 2007; the Durham College Fall Convocation at the Campus Recreation Centre on October 18, 2007; and the Boards' Annual Retreat at the Delta Grandview Resort in Huntsville on October 27 and 28, 2007.

MOVE TO IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION

Moved by Dave Broadbent

Seconded by Aileen Fletcher

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“that the UOIT Board of Governors move the meeting to in-camera session.”

CARRIED

TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 9.09 p.m.

Phillip (Rocky) Simmons, Chair

Leah Myers, President

Karen Spearing, Secretary