

**UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

DATE: May 9, 2007
TIME: 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: Community Room
Oshawa Campus

IN ATTENDANCE

GOVERNORS: Patrick McNeil, Chair
Peter Bagnall
Peter Berg
Dave Broadbent
Joanne Burghardt
Garry Cubitt
Peter Dixon
Aileen Fletcher
Allan Gibbins
Denise Jones
Manon Lemonde
Fraser McArthur
Kimberley McCartney
Lyn McLeod
Mark Moorcroft
Jim O'Donnell
Phillip (Rocky) Simmons
Gerry Warman

PARTICIPANTS: Rhonda Christian
Pansy Goodman
Karen Hodgins
Deborah Kinkaid
Leah Myers
Charlie Peel

PRESIDENT: Ron Bordessa

SECRETARY: Karen Spearing

**RECORDING
SECRETARY:** Erin Boniface

SENIOR STAFF: Terry Caputo
David Chambers
Margaret Greenley
Craig Loverock
Richard Marceau
Ann Mars
Paul McErlean
Donna McFarlane
Judy Moretton
Gerry Pinkney
Cathy Pitcher
Ken Robb

REGRETS:

GOVERNORS: Allan Furlong
Doug McKay

PARTICIPANTS: Dustin Grant
Darrell Sewell

SENIOR STAFF: Ralph Aprile
Richard Levin
Ruth MacKay
Brian Marshall

evolution of UOIT ~~as its own entity~~ requires the Boards of Governors to revisit the question of what the appropriate processes and structures are to achieve the vision. ~~is “vision.”~~

UOIT President Bordessa asked that this issue be reviewed and reassessed.

Vice-Chair Simmons requested time to reconsider his candidacy for Chair in light of these ~~observations~~ ~~revelations~~ and an opportunity to speak with the President of UOIT regarding the concerns raised.

Following discussion, the Durham College Board of Governors agreed to defer the election of Chair and Vice-Chair until such time as the issues on the table could be deliberated.

The Chair reported that all collected ballots for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2007-08 will be shredded.

MOTION Moved by Dave Broadbent Seconded by Peter Dixon

“That the UOIT Board of Governors table the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2007-08 until the next regular meeting of the Board of Governors scheduled for June 13, 2007.”

CARRIED

Professional Expense Allowance for Faculty

President Bordessa reported that there is currently a policy in place regarding the professional expense allowance for faculty; however he would like to recommend that it be included in the academic employment policy.

Governors Peter Berg and Manon Lemonde noted a conflict of interest with respect to this issue.

MOTION Moved by Ron Bordessa Seconded by Aileen Fletcher

“That the Board of Governors for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the following amendment to the Academic Staff Employment Policy:

In addition to other sources of support provided by University policy for the carrying out of an employee’s professional responsibilities to the University, all core faculty members and full-time academic associates are entitled to an annual professional expense allowance. The University shall reimburse employees, up to the maximum as determined from time to time, for eligible expenses through the mechanism of a research account submitted with appropriate documentation in accordance with the University’s Business Expense Guidelines. All material and equipment purchases shall be the property of the University. Any unspent balance at the end of the year may be carried forward to the next fiscal year.”

CARRIED

Health Education Technology Research Unit

President Bordessa recommended the establishment of a Health Education Technology Research Unit which will be the first research unit in Canada that focuses on the use of advanced technologies in the classroom based on thorough research evidence. This research unit focuses on the area of educational technology and using technology in offering distance education courses. The Health Education Technology Research Unit will assist in attracting both faculty and new graduate students and is expected to improve donor interest. President Bordessa reported that any revenue generated through this research unit will flow back to the institution.

President Bordessa noted that many of the teams are comprised of faculty from both UOIT and Durham College. He reported that an informal agreement has been developed between UOIT and Durham College with regard to intellectual property.

Vice-President McErlean noted that the issue of intellectual property as it pertains to Durham College will require further investigation as the college is a Crown corporation. Durham College President Myers indicated that she will report back to the Board in this regard should any further action be required.

MOTION Moved by Ron Bordessa Seconded by Peter Dixon

“That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the establishment of a Health Education Technology Research Unit.”

CARRIED

Appointments to the UOIT Board of Governors for 2007-08

MOTION Moved by Peter Bagnall Seconded by Dave Broadbent

“That the Board of Governors of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology approve the appointment and stated terms of office for:

- Bill Robinson, commencing September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2009;
- Franklin Wu, commencing September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2010.”

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) Agreement Update

Vice-President of Finance and Strategy Paul McErlean reported that the Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) Agreement has now been completed and is awaiting approval.

Vice-President McErlean noted that a detailed report will be brought forward to the Board following the signing of this contract.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Bordessa provided a review of the 2007 Application Summary, noting that UOIT is on track and there are no areas of concern. He reported that as of the end of April undergraduate applications are up 4.4% year over year. He also reported on the 2007 Graduating Student Survey, noting that UOIT compares very well while standing out with respect to the uses of technology.

President Bordessa noted that he attended the AUCC semi-annual meeting in Saskatoon in mid-April and plans to attend a session being offered by AUCC in Ottawa this June for new University Presidents.

He further reported that Minister Bentley has denied the Master of Arts (Criminology) program; however UOIT is having on-going dialogue with the Minister’s office regarding this issue.

He also reported that a meeting has been scheduled in May by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities with the four GTA Universities. The focus of the meeting will be on the expected growth in demand for GTA universities by students residing in the GTA who elect to remain at home while attending university. The Ministry is intending to develop a strategy, in consultation with the GTA universities, to address this issue.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reported on upcoming events including: the ACCC Conference in Montreal, Quebec on May 27-29, 2007; the UOIT Convocation at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa on June 1, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; the Farewell to Governors Dinner at Harpo's Restaurant in Oshawa on June 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.; the Durham College Convocation at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa on June 22, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

UOIT Governor Broadbent reported that he is aware of some negative press regarding Durham College and UOIT students in neighbourhoods close to the Oshawa campus. Donna McFarlane, Vice-President of Marketing and Communications, noted that a Town and Gown Committee was established in 2005 and is composed of community representatives as well as Gary Pitcher, Director of Student Conduct, and herself. She indicated that this committee is very effective and is supported by the DC-UOIT Student Association. She reported on recent issues, indicating that a neighbours' coalition has now been formed to address issues around absentee landlords and upkeep of the properties.

The Chair asked for a report to be brought back to the Board of Governors on a quarterly basis.

TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Chair terminated the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Patrick McNeil, Chair

Ron Bordessa, President

Karen Spearing, Secretary