



## GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council  
at its meeting of November 16, 2010

### FOR ACTION

#### 1. Master of Health Sciences – New Field of Strength in Kinesiology

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council approve the addition of a new field of strength in Kinesiology to the Master of Health Sciences Program, as set out in Appendix 1.*

##### Rationale

The Master of Health Sciences program, approved by OCGS in December 2008, was established to build on our successful undergraduate programs in Health Sciences and to advance our mandate to provide forward-looking and innovative programming for future health professionals. The program currently offers two areas of strength: Community Health and Health Informatics.

The Faculty of Health Sciences proposes to add one additional field to the MHS degree in the area of Kinesiology. This field offers a needed complement to the existing fields for those who wish to specialize in the study of kinesiology, an emerging and rapidly growing area within health sciences, and an area of significant interdisciplinary strength within the Faculty. The proposed field will also be the University's Strategic Research Plan in the area of "Community and Social Wellness."

The proposal to add the new field in Kinesiology to the Master of Health Sciences Program is attached as Appendix A. The original proposal for the Master of Science Program in Applied Bioscience is available on the Academic Council website at:

[http://www.uoit.ca/assets/Section~specific/About~UOIT/Governance/Academic~Council/Agendas~2007-08/20080311/AC%206.3%20GSC%20xA%20MHS%20proposal%20\(March%2008\).pdf](http://www.uoit.ca/assets/Section~specific/About~UOIT/Governance/Academic~Council/Agendas~2007-08/20080311/AC%206.3%20GSC%20xA%20MHS%20proposal%20(March%2008).pdf)

#### 2. Master of Business Administration – Changes to Admission Requirements

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council approve the changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Business Administration Program, as set out in Appendix 2.*

##### Rationale

The Faculty of Business and Information Technology has proposed changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Business Administration program to provide an integrated work component for students who wish to pursue their studies directly following their undergraduate degree. With this change, applicants who already have work experience will be able to complete the MBA program within 16 months, and those who enter the program directly from an undergraduate degree can complete the MBA through a combination of study and work placement over a 24-month schedule.

The proposed change also provides criteria to allow the GMAT requirement to be waived for four year honours degree graduates who have an incoming average of A- in any discipline or Bachelor of Commerce graduates with an incoming average of B+.