



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MINUTES
MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2011**

Present:

R. Bordessa (Chair)
N. Ammar
T. Bailey-Taylor
G. Bereznai
J. Bradbury
B. Campbell
V. Choy
M. DiGiuseppe
P. Drayson
M. Eklund
J. Friedlan
M. Green

J. Greenlaw
A. Higginson
J. Hughes
H. Jones-Taggart
H. Kishawy
S. Lauricella
R. Marceau
M. Milovick
B. Muirhead
I. Ngaira
M. Owen
P. Ritchie

H. Scott
K. Smimou
W. Smith
A. Waker
M. West-Moynes
O. Petrie, Secretary

Guests:

B. MacIsaac
N. Molinaro
P. Yelder

Regrets:

A. Barari
P. Beatty
M. Bluehardt

B. Gamble
R. Hinch
F. Qureshi

P. Shah

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

There were none.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2011

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 A summary of the March 2011 meeting of the Board of Governors was received for information.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau announced that UOIT has been awarded two Tier II Canada Research Chairs; one will be hosted by the Faculty of Education and the other by the Faculty of Health Sciences. He also noted that the two university locations should be referred to UOIT Downtown and UOIT North.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Dr Bordessa, Dr. Marceau presented the report of the Committee which contained one item for action.

1. Nomination to Academic Council

MOTION CARRIED *That the following individual be appointed to serve as a member of Academic Council as one of the two faculty representatives from the Faculty of Business and Information Technology for a term ending June 30, 2013:*

Kamal Smimou, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

6.2 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Campbell presented the report of the Committee which contained two items for action.

1. Master of Business Administration – New Field of Strength in Technology Management

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the addition of a new field of strength in Technology Management to the Master of Business Administration Program, as set out in the Committee's report.*

2. Graduate Academic Regulations - Amendments

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve amendments to the graduate academic regulations on Repeating Courses and Academic Conduct as outlined in the Committee's report.*

The Committee also reported for information several minor changes to courses and program requirements and its approval of the terms of reference for the Ontario Trillium Scholarship and the Italian Cultural Centre of Durham Graduate Scholarships.

The Committee also noted for information its review of recent changes to the UOIT Quality Assurance Handbook that have been made to satisfy the specific the document is virtually ready for ratification and will be submitted to the Quality Council for final approval this month. Following its ratification, the Committee will be bringing the amended policies back to Academic Council for final approval.

6.3 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Muirhead presented the report of the Curriculum and Program Review Committee which contained three items for action:

1. Bachelor of Commerce – Removal of E-Commerce Major and Minor

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the removal of the e-commerce major and minor from the Bachelor of Commerce program, as set out in the Committee's report.*

2. Bachelor of Science in Integrative Neurobiology – New Degree Program

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the proposed Bachelor of Science in Integrative Neurobiology, as set out in the Committee's report.*

3. Bachelor of Science in Biological Science – New Specialization in Environmental Sustainability Science

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the new specialization in Environmental Sustainability Science in the Bachelor of Science in Biological Science Program, as set out in the Committee's report.*

The Committee also reported for information its review of recent changes to the UOIT Quality Assurance Handbook.

7. BUDGET UPDATE

Matt Milovick provided an update on the 2011-12 budget, noting that several key financial items are still in the process of being resolved. He confirmed that the Board of Governors approved an interim budget in March, and a final budget will be put forward to the Board at its June meeting. Mr. Milovick will present the final budget to Academic Council once it receives approval.

8. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE TO THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES.

Mark Green reported on recent activities and issues that are under discussion at the Council of Ontario Universities, including the Ministry's move to establish an online institute, intellectual property, quality assurance, workload and credit transfers.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION *That Academic Council approve the establishment of an ad hoc committee to review the*
CARRIED *UOIT Act. The Academic Council Executive Committee will undertake to develop the*
 membership and terms of reference for this committee which will be presented to Academic
 Council for approval at its June meeting or earlier.

Dr. Bordessa noted that the Governance Committee of the Board of Governors has been reviewing aspects of the Act, and there may be an opportunity to inform its deliberations through this committee.

Olivia Petrie, Secretary