



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting of February 21, 2006**

**Present:**

G. Bereznai  
C. Byrne  
K. Gabriel  
M. Green  
B. Goodman  
R. Hinch  
R. Marceau, Acting Chair  
B. Maclsaac  
G. Naterer  
M. Rosen  
O. Sanchez  
B. Schell

W. Smith  
S. Van Nuland  
D. Wallace, Secretary  
J. Wolf

**Recording Secretary:**

K. Spearing

**Guests:**

A. Mars  
M. Wilson

**1. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Dean Smith, as the designated spokesperson for the Presidential Search Committee, provided a brief update regarding the status of the committee. He indicated that the committee has targeted the late summer or early fall of 2006 as the timeframe for the appointment of a new president for the university.

**2. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Dr. Marceau, as Acting Chair in Dr. Polonsky's absence, provided a brief update on a number of current issues and/or initiatives impacting the university, including the appointment of a new president for Durham College, the impact of a labour dispute on university staff and students, the AUCC site visit, and a brief financial update.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2005**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**3.2 MINUTES OF THE E-MAIL VOTE OF JANUARY 2006**

Dr. Wallace circulated a memo from the Faculty of Science requesting minor corrections to the elective and breath requirements in the Faculty of Science which were approved by Academic Council by means of an e-mail vote held in January 2006.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

**4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Council of Ontario Universities December 2005 Issue of Council Highlights were circulated for information.

**5. PROVOST'S REMARKS**

Dr. Marceau provided a status report on the following issues:

a) UOIT Strategic Plan:

Dr. Marceau commended all staff for their diligence in providing timely feedback on Strategic Plan initiatives. He indicated that significant progress has been made on the implementation of these various initiatives.

b) Agreement with Trent University:

UOIT has entered into an agreement with Trent University which provides the basis for a new relationship, focused on joint programs and initiatives. Subsequently, Trent University has withdrawn its objections to UOIT Bachelor of Education for the Primary/Junior Division.

c) Undergraduate Teaching Assistants:

UOIT is currently in the process of revising its policy on undergraduate teaching assistants.

d) Canada Research Chairs:

Two candidates have been selected for CRCs – one from the Faculty of Engineering and one from the Faculty of Business and Information Technology. A third chair should be opened on or about March 1.

e) Succession Planning:

The University recognizes that there is a need for succession planning within the deanships and contingency plans are currently in development.

**6. REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE TO THE COUNCIL OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES**

Dean Byrne presented two information papers from the Council of Ontario Universities for members' review:

- a) Changes in Student Learning Behaviours
- b) Guidelines for University Undergraduate Degree Level Expectations

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**7.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Wallace presented the report of the Executive Committee, which proposed two recommendations for approval.

**a) Academic Appeals Committee Nomination**

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council approves the appointment of Maureen Wideman as a member of the Academic Appeals Committee for the period February 2006 to June 2008.

**b) Composition and Committee Structure of Academic Council**

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council approves:  
1. The assignment of a second voting position on Academic Council to the Faculty of Business and Information Technology effective July 1, 2006;

2. The establishment of a Graduate Studies Committee as a standing committee of Academic Council in 2006-07, with terms of reference and membership to be determined before the end of the 2005-06 academic year;
3. The designation of the Provost as Vice-Chair of Academic Council; and
4. A review of Academic Council membership in the fall of 2008.

In addition, Dr. Wallace presented an administrative protocol for the approval of international agreements for members' information. As a supplement to this protocol, Dr. Wallace indicated that a framework for international agreements will be drafted and circulated in the near future.

**8. 2006-07 ACADEMIC DATES FOR THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

Dean Hunter presented revised 2006-07 Academic Dates for the Faculty of Education.

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council amend the motion of Academic Council at its November 15, 2005 which read "that Academic Council approves the revised academic schedule to 2009-10", to including the revised 2006-07 Academic Dates for the Faculty of Education as presented herein.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.1 COMPLAINTS REVIEW BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Dr. Wallace presented a memo from Dr. Polonsky, indicating that the terms of appointment for two members of the Complaints Review Board have now expired and recommending the extension of the members' terms. The extension of these two members will insure that memberships on this committee are staggered over 2006, 2007 and 2008.

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council approve the extension of the following terms of appointment for Complaints Review Membership:

Peter Berg, Faculty of Science (2006-2008)  
 Holly Jones Taggart, Faculties of Health Sciences and Science (2006-2008)

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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Karen Spearing, Assistant Secretary