



## ACADEMIC COUNCIL

### Minutes

Meeting of March 21, 2006

**Present:**

T. Barsby  
G. Bereznai  
C. Byrne  
W. Crichlow  
R. Dhanji  
K. Gabriel  
B. Goodman  
M. Greenley  
R. Hinch  
B. Hunter  
R. Levin  
R. Marceau, Acting Chair  
B. Maclsaac

B. Muirhead  
E. Muller-Cheng  
G. Naterer  
E. Nichita  
O. Sanchez  
B. Schell W. Smith  
S. Van Nuland  
D. Wallace, Secretary  
J. Wolf

**Recording Secretary:**

K. Spearing

**Guests:**

A. Mars  
J. Macnab  
M. Wilson

### 2. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau, as Acting Chair in Dr. Polonsky's absence, provided a brief update on a number of issues and/or initiatives currently impacting the university, including:

- Durham College Faculty labour dispute.
- Tuition Fee Announcement:  
The provincial government will allow Ontario universities to increase tuition fees by up to 5% on average. The proposed framework will be exceedingly complicated to administer and explain to students.
- Primary/Junior Program – Faculty of Education:  
The proposal is still awaiting conditional approval from the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, who has raised issues about the appropriateness of this program to UOIT's mission. The President will be making an additional representation to the Minister on March 28.
- Career Development Workshops:  
Four workshops, focused on career development and planning, tenure and promotion, have been scheduled over the coming months for faculty. Details will be forthcoming shortly.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2006

The minutes were approved as presented.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 4.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

- a) **Graduate Studies Committee – Terms of Reference and Membership**  
Minor changes were noted to the text of the terms of reference.

MOTION CARRIED That the proposed membership and terms of reference, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED That the Associate Provost, Research be added to the membership of the Graduate Studies Committee.

Dr. Gabriel suggested that the Executive Committee consider adding the Dean of Graduate Studies to the membership of the Research Board.

MOTION CARRIED That the membership of the Graduate Studies Committee be further amended as follows:  
“One full time faculty member from each Faculty (normally, a Graduate Program Director” be deemed *ex-officio*, and reworded as follows:  
“One core faculty member from each Faculty (named by the Faculty Dean; normally, a Graduate Program Director)”

Dean Hunter suggested that the Executive Committee consider the appointment of the Dean of Graduate Studies as an *ex-officio* voting member of Academic Council.

- b) **Academic Council Handbook**

Dr. Wallace presented a draft of the Academic Council Handbook, indicating that the document reflects a consolidation of existing practices and emphasizes the informal nature of its governance.

MOTION WITHDRAWN That the draft of the Academic Council Handbook be adopted as circulated.

MOTION WITHDRAWN That the second paragraph of “Section A: Statement of Authority (General)” be deleted from the draft and be referred to Executive Committee for further amendment.

Dr. Marceau excused himself from the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Dr. Wallace assumed the Chair.

##### 4.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Muirhead presented the report of the Curriculum and Program Review Committee, that proposed one item for action: a Faculty of Science Proposal for Workplace Experience.

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council approve two optional workplace experience programs in the Faculty of Science, specifically a twelve to sixteen month Science Internship option and a three to four month Science Co-op option, and forward a comprehensive proposal to the Postsecondary Education and Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB) for final approval.

**5. GRADUATE STUDENT RECRUITMENT**

Vice-President Levin introduced Mr. Jeff Macnab as the newly appointed Associate Registrar, Admissions and Recruitment. Mr. Macnab circulated a draft plan for graduate student recruitment and provided a brief overview of the proposal.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Vice-President Levin presented a motion from the Admissions and Scholarships Committee to amend admission requirements for undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Engineering.

MOTION CARRIED That Academic Council approve the following change in admission requirements for all UOIT Engineering Programs commencing in the 2006-07 academic year:

<b>Current Requirement:</b> Geometry & Discrete Mathematics (MGA4U)	<b>To be Changed to:</b> Geometry & Discrete Mathematics (MGA4U) * <i>preferred</i> Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U) Earth & Space Science (SES4U) Biology (SBI4U)
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**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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Karen Spearing, Assistant Secretary