



**ACADEMIC COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting of April 18, 2006**

**Present:**

T. Barsby  
C. Byrne  
R. Dhanji  
K. Gabriel  
B. Goodman  
M. Green  
M. Greenley  
R. Hinch  
C. Mittlestead  
R. Marceau, Vice-Chair  
B. MacIsaac  
B. Muirhead  
G. Naterer

E. Nichita  
G. Polonsky, Chair  
M. Rosen  
O. Sanchez  
W. Smith  
D. Wallace, Secretary  
J. Wolf

**Recording Secretary:**

K. Spearing

**Guests:**

A. Mars  
M. Wilson

**1. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Dr. Polonsky provided a brief update on a number of current issues:

1.1 Presidential Search

Dr. Polonsky indicated that a recommendation would be presented to the Board of Governors at its April 19 meeting.

1.2 Ministerial Consent for Consecutive BEd (Primary/Junior) Program

Dr. Polonsky commended everyone involved in bringing the Consecutive BEd (Primary/Junior) Program to a successful conclusion.

1.3 Long-Term Operating and Capital Funding

Dr. Polonsky expressed optimism with regard to capital funding, citing the recent appointment of a new Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities who has signaled a commitment to a timely resolution of this issue.

1.4 Operating Budget 2006-07

Dr. Polonsky stated that the draft operating budget for 2006-07 would be presented to the Board of Governors at its April 19 meeting.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2006**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**4.1 A.C.D.E. – SUMMARY OF GENERAL ACCORD**

In Dean Hunter's absence, Dr. Wallace indicated that this documentation had been circulated at the previous Academic Council meeting, for members' information.

**4.2 ACCESS TO UOIT BUILDINGS OFF-HOURS**

Professor Green expressed his concern regarding restrictions on access to UOIT buildings on weekends and holidays. Dr. Marceau indicated that this has been an on-going concern and that he would contact Facilities to resolve the issue as soon as possible.

**5. PROVOST'S REMARKS**

Dr. Marceau provided a brief update on a number of initiatives:

- He congratulated Dean Hunter and his colleagues in the Faculty of Education for their success in receiving Ministerial consent for the BEd (Primary/Junior) Program.
- He reported that the Ontario government has issued a call for submissions for future graduate student places. He advised that Dean Campbell and Dr. Wallace, in consultation with all Faculty Deans and the Office of Research Services, are currently working on UOIT's submission.
- Vice-President McErlean will provide an overview of the 2006-07 operating budget at the May 16 meeting of Academic Council.
- He provided a further update on decanal succession planning.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**a) Addition of Dean of Graduate Studies to Academic Council**

Dr. Wallace indicated that this recommendation arises from a suggestion made at the March meeting.

MOTION  
CARRIED

*That the Dean of Graduate Studies be added as an ex-officio, voting member of Academic Council.*

**b) Additional Member to the Research Board**

Dr. Wallace indicated that this recommendation arises from a discussion at the March meeting.

MOTION CARRIED *That the Dean of Graduate Studies be designed as an ex-officio member of the Research Board.*

**c) Academic Seal Policy**

In the absence of Vice-President Levin, Dr. Wallace indicated that this policy was drafted to codify current practice and to provide clear authority to the Office of the Registrar. He stated that the policy reflects standard practice at other Canadian universities.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the draft Academic Seal Policy as circulated.*

**7. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS**

Dean Rosen presented a proposed Student Code of Ethics for the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. He indicated that this Code of Ethics would serve to promote professional behaviour and academic integrity, an effective learning environment and to prepare graduates for careers as professionals in their discipline.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Student Code of Ethics.*

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 COU ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE AND ALTERNATE**

Dr. Marceau presented a recommendation for the appointment of a COU Academic Colleague and alternate as a result of recent resignations.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council name Dr. Brian Campbell, Dean of Graduate Studies (Faculty of Social Science) as UOIT Academic Colleague and Dr. Mark Green (Faculty of Science) as UOIT Academic Colleague Alternate for the Council of Ontario Universities for terms ending June 30, 2008.*

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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Karen Spearing, Assistant Secretary