

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting of May 16, 2006

Present:

T. Barsby
B. Balenko
G. Bereznai
B. Campbell
K. Gabriel
B. Goodman
M. Green
M. Greenley
R. Hinch
B. Hunter
R. Levin
R. Marceau, Vice-Chair
B. Maclsaac
P. McErlean
G. Naterer

G. Polonsky, Chair
M. Rosen
O. Sanchez
W. Smith
S. Van Nuland
D. Wallace, Secretary
J. Wolf

Recording Secretary:

K. Spearing

Guests:

C. Loverock
L. Myers
M. Wilson

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2006

The minutes were approved as presented.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LEAH MYERS, PRESIDENT, DURHAM COLLEGE

Dr. Wallace, as Acting Chair, extended a welcome to President Myers on behalf of Academic Council.

3. OPERATING BUDGET, 2006-07

Vice-President McErlean provided an overview of the UOIT 2006-07 Operating Budget and introduced Assistant Vice-President Loverock who provided an in-depth analysis of the operating budget, including budget methodology and the management of shared services.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

a) Faculty of Science Proposal to redesignate the BSc (Honours) in Energy and the Environment as a BSc (Honours) in Physics (Energy and the Environment Specialization)

Dr. Wallace indicated that this recommendation proposed a change in nomenclature, allowing this program to be repackaged as a specialization within the Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. This change will make the program more attractive to students.

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council approve the offering of a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics (Energy and the Environment specialization) in place of the current Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Energy and the Environment (Physics specialization).

- b) Faculty of Science: BSc in Physics (Forensic Physics Specialization)**
Dr. Wallace indicated that this specialization will draw on existing courses from the Forensic Science program and one new course in Physics.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve a Forensic Physics specialization within the Bachelor of Science in Physics, as outlined in the Curriculum and Program Review Committee Report to Academic Council.*

- c) Faculty of Science: BSc in Computing Science (Specialization in Digital Media)**
Dr. Wallace indicated that this specialization will build on the current Bachelor of Science in Computing Science and extends it to cover the use of sound, images, graphics and video in interactive computer applications.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve a Digital Media specialization within the Bachelor of Science in Computing Science, as outlined in the Curriculum and Program Review Committee Report to Academic Council.*

- d) Faculty of Science: BSc in Computing Science (Specialization in Digital Forensics)**
Dr. Wallace indicated that this specialization will address the need for specialized skills that are required to analyze computers and related digital technology in order to detect criminal activity and gather evidence.

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve a Digital Forensics specialization within the current Bachelor of Science in Computing Science, as outlined in the Curriculum and Program Review Committee Report to Academic Council.*

5. DEGREE CONFERRAL MOTION

Vice-President Levin presented a motion to authorize the granting of Bachelor of Education degrees to eligible UOIT students.

MOTIONS CARRIED *That Academic Council authorize the granting of Bachelor of Education degrees to:*

- 1. those students who have fulfilled all degree program requirements at the end of the 2006 winter semester and who have been recommended for graduation by the Faculty of Education; and*
- 2. those students who, pending submission of incomplete grades or payment of outstanding financial obligations, will fulfill the degree program requirements and receive a recommendation for graduation from the Faculty between the date of this meeting of Academic Council and Convocation on June 2, 2006.*

6. FACULTY OF EDUCATION SESSIONAL DATES

Dean Hunter presented proposed changes in sessional dates for the Faculty of Education, indicating that this change would provide consistency throughout all programs at the university and allow for a mid-term break for Consecutive Education students.

Dr. Wallace indicated that this proposed change would cause Academic Council to reconsider a matter which had been previously approved in February 2006. The consideration is governed by the University's by-laws:

"No matter decided by the Academic Council or by a committee of the Academic Council or of the Board or referred to the Board and confirmed by it under the provisions of section 8.17 may be considered again by the Board, the Academic Council or the committee within twelve months of the meeting at which the matter was decided or of the Board meeting at which the action was confirmed, unless a motion for reconsideration is carried by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Board, the Academic Council or the committee, as the case may be."

**MOTIONS
CARRIED**

That Academic Council:

1. *reconsider its February 2006 resolution approving sessional dates for the BEd Consecutive Program in the Faculty of Education for 2006-07 (two-thirds majority required); and*
2. *approve the revised sessional dates for the BEd Consecutive Program in the Faculty of Education for 2006-07 as circulated.*

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Karen Spearing, Assistant Secretary