

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting of June 20, 2006

Present:

B. Campbell
B. Goodman
B. Hunter
R. Levin
R. Marceau, Vice-Chair
B. MacIsaac
G. Naterer
G. Polonsky, Chair
M. Rosen
O. Sanchez
W. Smith
S. Van Nuland

D. Wallace, Secretary
R. Wright

Recording Secretary:

K. Spearing

Guests:

L. Becskei
J. Belgrave
A. Grami
T. Waker
M. Wilson

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. Polonsky acknowledged the tremendous accomplishments of all staff during his tenure as founding President of UOIT and wished everyone success for the future.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 16, 2006

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. PROVOST'S REMARKS

3.1 STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Marceau presented a status report on the UOIT 2005-2010 Strategic Plan, indicating that the action items planned for 2005-06 were over 70% complete. This development reflects positive growth and accomplishment on the part of all staff.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Muirhead introduced the report of the Committee, which proposed three recommendations for approval.

Dr. Wallace commented that the rules for the allocation of graduate expansion monies had just been received from the Province, and that there may be less funding for graduate spaces than initially anticipated. The assumptions set out in the business plans attached to the program proposals may need to be revisited.

- a) **Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Proposed Graduate Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering**
Dean Rosen presented the proposed Graduate Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering for approval. He indicated that this program will address the demand for electrical and computer engineering graduate studies in Ontario.

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council approve the proposed Graduate Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering as outlined in the Curriculum and Program Review Committee Report to Academic Council.

- b) **Faculty of Engineering Proposed Graduate Program in Automotive Engineering**
Dean Rosen presented the proposed Graduate Program in Automotive Engineering for approval. He indicated that the training of graduate students in Automotive Engineering is critical to provide a competitive advantage for Ontario's automakers.

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council approve the proposed Graduate Program in Automotive Engineering as outlined in the Curriculum and Program Review Committee Report to Academic Council.

- c) **Faculty of Social Science Proposed Graduate Program in Criminology**
Dean Campbell presented the proposed Graduate Program in Criminology for approval. He indicated that this proposal will address the demand for graduate programs to complement the increasing number of criminology-related undergraduate programs in Ontario.

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council approve the proposed Graduate Program in Criminology as outlined in the Curriculum and Program Review Committee to Academic Council.

4.2 **ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Vice-President Levin presented the Admissions and Scholarship Committee Report to Academic Council for the period April 2005 to March 2006.

5. **REGISTRAR'S ITEMS**

5.1 **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION**

Vice-President Levin presented a report on scholarship selection for the year 2006-07. He indicated that three major award winners have accepted UOIT's scholarship offers.

5.2 **REVISED EXAMINATION POLICY**

Vice-President Levin presented a revised Final Examinations Policy for approval. He described the comprehensive consultative process with academic and administrative staff to develop this revised policy that was designed to adopt best practices for the institution.

MOTION CARRIED *That Section 5.1 of the policy be amended as follows:
Removal of "... in the presence of the course instructor" from the end of the second sentence; and the addition of "The supervision of the viewing of the examination script is the responsibility of the Faculty" as a third sentence.*

MOTION WITHDRAWN *That Section 5.1 of the policy be further amended as follows:
The addition of "An answer key, where appropriate, will be made available by the Faculty" as a fourth sentence.*

MOTION DEFEATED *That Section 5.1 of the policy be further amended as follows:
The addition of "The deadline for the viewing of the examination script is normally two weeks after the beginning of the subsequent term" as the final sentence in the paragraph.*

MOTION CARRIED *That the revised Final Examination Policy, with additional amendments as approved by previous motion, be approved.*

5.3 APPEALS PROCEDURE FOR UOIT STUDENTS IN TRENT COURSES

Vice-President Levin presented a procedure for Academic and Grade Appeals for UOIT Students in Trent Courses for approval. He indicated that this procedure, if approved, will take effect for the 2006-07 academic year.

MOTION CARRIED *That the procedure for Academic and Grade Appeals for UOIT Students in Trent Courses be approved.*

6. GRADUATE STUDIES POLICIES

Dean Campbell provided further comment on the recent announcement of funding allocation for graduate places, indicating that UOIT has been allocated 60 Master's spaces for the 2007-08 academic year. He stated that strategies will need to be developed in light of this announcement to secure funding support for planned graduate initiatives.

Dean Campbell presented the Graduate Studies Policies for approval, indicating that the policies are based on best practices and address the university's short-term needs. Further amendments may be required as graduate programs evolve. A comprehensive review of the policies will be conducted in 2010.

MOTION CARRIED *That the Graduate Studies Policies be approved.*

7. UOIT COMPLEMENTARY TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Muirhead presented proposed criteria for a complementary teaching award for approval. He indicated that the purpose of the proposal is to recognize all staff who engage in teaching activities at UOIT.

MOTION CARRIED *That the UOIT Teaching Award Policy be amended to include a second Teaching Award for Complementary Faculty to recognize excellence in teaching.*

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Karen Spearing, Assistant Secretary