



ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting of June 19, 2007

Present:

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| R. Marceau, Acting Chair | C. Pearsall |
| W. Bartfay | J. Perz |
| C. Byrne | M. Rosen |
| B. Campbell | S. Van Nuland |
| P. Drayson | A Waker |
| J. Friedlan | D. Wallace, Secretary |
| B. Goodman | |
| M. Green | Guests: |
| M. Greenley | J. Belgrave |
| R. Levin | M. Milovick |
| G. Naterer | |

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

There were none.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 15, 2007

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 A summary of Actions of the Board of Governors at its May 2007 meeting was received for information.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Dr. Marceau noted that the UOIT convocation ceremonies held on June 1st were a tremendous success and attended by a large number of students and their families. He also noted that students from the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science recently participated in the International Society of Automotive Engineers Motorsport Competition and received the "Rookie of the Year" award.

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

Two documents from the Council of Ontario Universities were received for information: "A Report on the Role of the COU Academic Colleagues;" and "Academic Honesty: A Survey of Policies and Procedures at Ontario Universities."

Dr. Campbell reported that the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies is undergoing a review of its structure and processes, which may result in new efficiencies and improved access to materials. In his role as Alternate Academic Colleague, Dr. Green reported on the recent bi-annual COU meeting which he attended. He noted in particular discussions that took place around academic honesty in which a number of concerns emerged with respect to the way the matter has been dealt with across the province, including the ways in which academic misconduct is recorded on university transcripts, how issues of academic honesty are discussed in the press, and how academic integrity is demonstrated by instructors when they use other sources in lectures and presentations.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Wallace presented the report of the Executive Committee which contained three items for action:

1. Academic Council and Standing Committee Nominations

MOTION
CARRIED

That the following individuals be appointed as members of Academic Council and its standing committees for three-year terms, July 1, 2007-June 30, 2010:

a) **Academic Council**

Ibrahim Dincer, Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Fedor Naumkin, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science

Shirley Van Nuland, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education

b) **Academic Council Executive Committee**

Shirley Van Nuland, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education

Anthony Waker, Professor, School of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science

c) **Admissions and Scholarship Committee**

Sean Bohun, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science

Clemens Martin, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

d) **Curriculum and Program Review Committee**

Ebrahim Esmailzadeh, Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Barbara Perry, Professor, Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies

Wendy Stanyon, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences

2. Academic Appeals Committee of Academic Council Nominations

That the membership of the Academic Appeals Committee be expanded to include a fourth faculty member and a third student member to better deal with the expanding workload of this committee. Accordingly, it recommends that the following individuals be appointed to the Academic Appeals Committee for three-year terms, July 1, 2007-June 30, 2010:

MOTION
CARRIED

Holly Jones-Taggart, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences/Faculty of Science

Jennifer Percival, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

John Perz, Professor, Faculty of Science as chair (Professor Perz is already a member of the Committee)

3. University Committee Nominations

That the following individuals be confirmed as members of University Committees for three-year terms, July 1, 2007-June 30, 2010:

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CARRIED

a) Tenure Review Committee

James Greenlaw, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Education

b) Tenure Appeals Committee

William Smith, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Science, as chair (Dean Smith is already a member of the Committee)

Raymond Cox, Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

c) Promotions Committee

Nawal Ammar, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies

d) Complaints Review Board

John Friedlan, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

Ann LeSage, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education

7.2 CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Wallace presented the report of the committee that included one item for action and one item for information.

1. Proposed Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Program in Legal Studies in the Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies

Dr. Campbell noted that the proposed program complements the existing program in Criminology, and offers students interested in this area a wider range of options.

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Bachelor of Arts (Honours) program in Legal Studies, Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies, as set out in Appendix A of the Committee's report.

2. Changes to Courses and Program Requirements

Changes to courses and program requirements in the Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies, and the Faculty of Business and Information Technology were noted for information.

7.3 ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Levin presented the Committee's report for information on the major scholarship recipients and the Governor General academic medal winners.

8. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE-STANDING UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD

Dr. Perz presented the report of the Associate Provost, Research, which contained two items for action:

1. Amendments to UOIT's Research Ethics Policy and Research Guidelines

Dr. Perz noted that the proposed amendments bring the process of ethics review in line with those in place at other universities in Canada, aligns with the Tri-Council requirements, and was modeled with permission on the policy and guidelines at the University of Alberta. Dr. Goodman observed that the proposed changes will require additional support to ensure timely review of proposals and

reporting. Dr. Byrne further acknowledged the additional responsibilities that will need to be assumed by the Faculty Research Ethics Boards to deal with routine approvals as set out in the new guidelines. In response to a query by Dr. Bartfay, it was noted that the additional ethics review requirements that may not be required in the current Research Ethics Policy, such as public domain databases, should be addressed to the Research Ethics Board.

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed amendments to UOIT's Research Ethics Policy and Research Guidelines, as set out in Appendix A of the accompanying report.

2. Establishment of Faculty Research Ethics Board Requirements

MOTION
CARRIED

That Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Requirements of Faculty Research Ethics Boards, as set out in Appendix B of the accompanying report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

Donald Wallace, Secretary