



Executive Committee

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of September 16, 2008

For Action

1. Academic Council Nominations

The Executive Committee recommends:

That the following individual be appointed to serve as members of standing committees of Academic Council:

a) Graduate Studies Committee

Patrick Hung, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business and Informational Technology

b) Curriculum and Program Review Committee

Khalil El-Khatib, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Informational Technology
Lorayne Dunlop-Robertson, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education

c) Research Board

Michael Bennett, Associate Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
Pamela Ritchie, Dean, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
Brian Cutler, Professor, Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies,

2. Standing Committee Membership

The Executive Committee recommends:

That the general terms of reference for standing committees of Academic Council include the following provision:

Officers who serve as ex-officio members of standing committees may appoint a designate to serve in his/her place. The Executive Committee will review such appointments and bring them to Academic Council for information.

Many Standing Committees of Academic Council have ex-officio members who serve on the Committee by virtue of the position they hold at the University, as they bring specialized knowledge to inform the work of the committee, and can assist in implementing the resolutions where appropriate. As the scope of responsibilities grows among university officers, alongside the general growth at UOIT, it may be advantageous to designate another university officer to serve in his/her place on

some committees to ensure their continued presence on that body. The above provision would allow for such flexibility where it is appropriate to do so.

3. Creation of a Committee on Non-Degree Credentials

The Executive Committee recommends:

That Academic Council create a Committee on Non-Degree Credentials to develop a credential taxonomy as outlined in Appendix A.

As the university looks to expand its offerings at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, it is certain to expand into non-degree offerings, including certificates, diplomas and graduate diplomas. To guide the development of such programs, this committee will be charged with developing a credential taxonomy that will consider issues relating to their implementation and management, including academic requirements, admission and progression requirements and a variety of other academic and administrative issues. It is recommended that the Committee report back to Academic Council as soon as is feasible.

For Information

4. Undergraduate Program Reviews – Provost’s Summary Report for 2007-08

The Executive Committee has referred for Academic Council's information the report from Dr. Richard Marceau on the Undergraduate Program Reviews that were conducted in 2007-08 attached as Appendix B.

5. Designates of the Graduate Studies Committee

Pending approval above of the Executive Committee's motion to allow the appointment of designates of ex-officio members to serve standing committees of Academic Council, the following officers are to be appointed as designates for the Graduate Studies Committee:

Jennifer Freeman, as designate for the Associate Provost, Research

Leslie Becskei, as designate for the Vice-President, Strategic Enrolment Management and Registrar

6. Faculty Councils Membership for 2008-09

The Executive Committee approved the membership lists of Faculty Councils for 2008-09.

7. Summer Authority

The terms of reference of the Executive Committee state that: "During the summer months, the Executive Committee will act on behalf of Academic Council and the Executive Committee will report to the Academic Council, at its first regular meeting in September, what action has been taken under this authority."

During the summer of 2008, the Executive Committee approved the following items:

a) Temporary Appointment to the Tenure Appeal Committee

The following individual was appointed to serve as a temporary member of the University's Tenure Appeal Committee:

Manon Lemonde, Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences.

b) Revisions to the Master of Information Technology Security (MITS), Faculty of Business and Information Technology

The Executive Committee approved revisions to the Master of Information Technology Security program as outlined in Appendix C. The revisions have been made to ensure that graduates continue to acquire the theoretical background, hands-on exposure to hardware and software, and the environment of intensity and challenge that will be encountered in the industry. The revisions incorporate the ten domains required for certification by the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and will enable the program to adjust to the ongoing evolution of standards in this rapidly changing field. Initially designed to be a four term, 36-credit program spread over two years, the revised program has been trimmed to 30 credits with the elimination of an elective and the fusion of two courses, and can now be offered over three terms in a 12 month package for full-time students. Though it is anticipated that current students will welcome the revisions, the Committee notes that the program will nevertheless honour the regulations that were in place at the time of registration if a student indicates his/her preference for that option.