



ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Minutes

Meeting of April 20, 2010

Present:

M. Owen (Acting Chair)
N. Ammar
T. Bailey-Taylor
E. Bartfay
M. Bluechardt
J. Bradbury
B. Campbell
V. Choy
M. DiGiuseppe
P. Drayson
M. Eklund

J. Friedlan
M. Green
R. Hinch
H. Jones-Taggart
S. Lauricella
R. Milman
F. Naumkin
S. Nokleby
P. Ritchie
H. Scott
J. Sivapalan

K. Smimou
S. Van Nuland
A. Waker
O. Petrie (Secretary)

Guests:

J. Easton
B. Maclsaac
L. Robertson

1. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. Michael Owen conveyed regrets from President Bordessa and Provost Marceau as they were both out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2010

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

4. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Olivia Petrie noted that Academic Council received two inquiries that were subsequently discussed by the Executive Committee of Academic Council. One inquiry concerned the standing rules that govern the proceedings of Academic Council, and its associated standing committee and Faculty Councils, and the Committee has struck a sub-committee to review the matter and recommend an appropriate course of action. The second inquiry concerned the name of Academic Council, and the Committee has referred the matter to the governance committee of the Board of Governors.

5. PROVOST'S REMARKS

There were none.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A report of the Committee was received for information containing a summary report from the Provost on the six undergraduate program reviews conducted in the 2008-09 academic year and one review

conducted in 2009-10, including Commerce, Health Physics and Radiation Science, Nuclear Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Nursing, and Chemistry.

John Easton, on behalf of the Dean of Science, signaled the Faculty's interest in discussing ways in which the science-related curriculum in the nuclear engineering program may be further strengthened.

6.2 GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Campbell presented the report of the Committee that contained one item for action.

1. Revision to Regulations on Graduate Studies

MOTION CARRIED *That Academic Council approve the amendments to Graduate Studies Regulations as follows:*

4.4.3 Transfer credits

Credits from other universities within and outside Canada are evaluated on an individual basis. Credit is subject to the university's residency requirement (see section 4.5.10) and to faculty specific regulations.

All course credit transfers into graduate programs require the approval of the graduate program director of the faculty delivering the equivalent course. Graduate courses are not considered for transfer credit if they were completed more than eight years prior to admission or if the grade received in the course is below B- (70 per cent). Transfer credits are indicated by a 'T' on the student's transcript and are not included in the calculation of the GPA at UOIT.

Students may request to have the outcome of an application for transfer credits re-evaluated on the basis of new information or additional clarification. The request should be directed to the Dean of Graduate Studies who will refer the case back to the appropriate admissions committee for a final decision. The request must be lodged in the academic term in which the application for transfer credit is made.

4.5.5 Selecting courses

Requirements for programs of study are listed in the faculty sections of this calendar. Students should become familiar with the degree requirements and plan their programs accordingly. Not all courses are offered in any one term or academic year. Elective offerings may vary from semester to semester. Students are advised to consult with their graduate program director, faculty advisor or research supervisor as part of the planning process. All courses in the student's program must be approved by the graduate program director.

Students cannot take courses for credit in addition to the course requirements for their graduate program.

7. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Victoria Choy put forward the following motion for action.

1. Graduation notwithstanding a Deficiency

MOTION CARRIED *That the following student be approved for graduation notwithstanding a deficiency in his/her academic history:*

Program: Bachelor of Commerce, Faculty of Business and Information Technology

Reason: Student's cumulative GPA of 1.99, following the completion of all degree requirements, is not an accurate reflection of the candidate's academic

achievement that warrants a recommendation for graduation.

Ms. Choy observed that this recommendation represented an exception to the normal academic requirements for graduation, and it has been presented in the form that is specified in the UOIT academic regulation 5.19.

8. COU ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE

Brian Campbell provided an overview of the role of the Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities. He noted that his term as the UOIT Colleague, and Dr. Mark Green's term as the Alternate, will both be ending on June 30, 2010, and a call will be circulated shortly to members to fill these positions for the next two academic years.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Members suggested that a note of congratulations be sent to Dr. Rupinder Brar, a physics instructor in the Faculty of Science, on his receipt of the title of the 2010 Ontario's Best Lecturer in the recent Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition, which received 692 nominations from 37 post-secondary institutions. This is the second time a UOIT instructor has achieved this distinction – the 2008 title was received by Dr. Chris DiCarlo – and is a clear reflection of the teaching excellence of our faculty,

Olivia Petrie, Secretary