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THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 23 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 28, 2017

To the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council, University of Toronto Scarborough,

Your Committee reports that it met on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

Present:

Professor Elaine Khoo, Chair
Mr. Andrew C. Leung, Vice-Chair
Professor Bruce Kidd, Vice-
President and Principal, UTSC
Professor Syed W. Ahmed
Mr. Conor Anderson
Ms Hira Ashraf
Professor William Bowen*
Professor Shelley Brunt
Mr. Dean Carcone
Dr. Curtis Cole
Professor Tarun Dewan
Mr. George Fadel*
Ms Gautami Gupta
Dr. Alen Hadzovic
Professor John A. Hannigan
Professor Alexander Irving
Ms Katie Konstantopoulos
Professor Patricia Landolt
Professor Hugh Laurence
Ms Brenda Librecz
Professor Andrew C. Mason
Dr. Jennifer McKelvie
Dr. Matthias Niemeier
Ms Victoria Owen
Dr. Tayyab Rashid
Dr. Mahinda Samarakoon
Professor Larry Sawchuck

Professor Mark A. Schmuckler
Professor Mary T. Silcox

Non-Voting Assessors:

Ms Annette Knott
Dr. Janelle C. LeBoutillier
Mr. Desmond Pouyat

Secretariat:

Ms Kathy Fellowes
Ms Rena Prashad

Regrets:

Professor George B. Arhonditsis
Professor Sandra Bamford
Professor Christine Bolus-Reichert
Professor Li Chen
Ms Agatha Cheng
Ms Monica Cheng
Professor Chris Cochrane
Professor George Cree
Ms Jacqueline Deane
Professor Neal Dolan
Professor David J. Fleet
Professor William Gough
Professor Clare Hasenkampf
Professor Benj Hellie
Professor Mark Hunter

Ms Whitney Kemble
Professor Heinz-Bernhard Kraatz

Ms Gobika Sithampanathan
Professor Grace Skogstad
Professor Andre Sorensen

Professor Philip Kremer
Dr. Karen McCrindle
Professor Pascal Riendeau
Dr. Zohreh Shahbazi
Dr. Jayeeta Sharma

* Telephone Participants

In attendance:

Professor Corinne Beauquis, Centre for French Linguistics
Professor Andrea Charise, Department of Anthropology
Professor Sotirios Damouras, Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences (CMS)
Professor Marney Isaac, Department of Physical and Environmental Science (DPES)
Professor James MacLellan, DPES
Professor Richard Pancer, CMS
Ms Michelle Verbrugghe, Director, Student Housing & Residence Life
Professor Holly Wardlow, Associate Chair of Health Studies, Department of Anthropology

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and introduced the members participating in the meeting by teleconference.

She offered a special welcome to Ms Kathy Fellowes, who was serving as Acting Director of Governance for Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw who was seconded to the role of Senior Advisor, Equity and Diversity, UTSC in an interim basis.

2. Major Modification- New Freestanding Minor in Health Humanities (Arts)

Professor Mark Schmuckler, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate, reported that the Health Studies faculty were introducing a Minor in Health Humanities, which was designed to offer students an interdisciplinary approach to human health and illness through the study of arts and humanities methods. In conjunction with newly hired faculty with expertise in humanistic health, the Minor was one step toward broadening the offerings in the Health Studies program. He also noted that the Minor responded to recommendations from the program's External Review, which was completed in 2016.

In response to a questions from a member, Professor Andrea Charise, Department of Anthropology, commented that students with an interest in applying arts and humanities approaches into health settings would be drawn to the program.

In response to a question regarding the delivery method of the introductory course, Professor Charise explained that case studies would be used to examine different scenarios.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the new freestanding Minor in Health Humanities (Arts), as described in the proposal dated January 11, 2017 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2017 for the academic year 2017-18.

3. Major Modification- Specialist and Specialist Co-op programs in International Development Studies (BSc)

Professor Schmuckler reported that the Centre for Critical Development Studies (CCDS) was proposing a major modification to the Specialist and Special Co-op Programs in International Development Studies (IDS), BSc. The modifications were being proposed to address high attrition rates among students in their second and third year. A faculty led review revealed that the underlying cause of the attrition was related to an unclear focus in the program's environmental science requirements¹. Students disclosed that they were unclear about what courses to take and in what sequence. The CCDS was proposing that the program focus specifically on environmental biology and clarify progression through the program by reorganizing the course requirements.

A member commented on the specific focus in environmental biology, and Professor Marney Isaac, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, explained that the program had a historical legacy in environmental biology and that there were clear career pathways for students pursuing this focus.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the major modifications to the Specialist and Specialist (Co-operative) programs in International Development Studies (BSc), as described in the proposal dated January 31, 2017 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2017 for the academic year 2017-18.

¹ The program has two primary disciplinary requirements—international development studies and environmental science.

4. Major Modification—The addition of a stream in Journalism Studies to the Major in Media Studies (BA)

Professor Schmuckler reported that the Department of Arts, Culture and Media (ACM) was proposing to add a stream in Journalism Studies to the existing Major program in Media Studies. The program would change from an undifferentiated program into a program with two streams. He explained that the Media Studies stream, of the revised program, was designed to teach students media literacy by applying and examining methodological approaches, and that the new stream in Journalism Studies focused on the role of journalism in a democratic society. He added that the Journalism Studies stream would offer students an academic approach to the field, which was the first of its kind in Canada.

A member commented on the difference between the Specialist (Joint) Program in Journalism with Centennial College and the new stream in Journalism Studies in the Major program in Media Studies. Professor Schmuckler explained that the Program with Centennial College was a practical program, and that the Journalism Studies Stream of the Major in Media Studies would complement the Specialist program by offering a theoretical approach to the study of journalism.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the major modifications to the Major in Media Studies (BA), as described in the proposal dated January 17, 2017 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2017 for the academic year 2017-18.

5. Minor Undergraduate Curricular Changes

Professor Schmuckler reported that seven academic units had submitted minor undergraduate curricular changes for approval. The modifications included changes to curriculum that did not significantly impact the program or course learning outcomes. In addition, he explained that the vast majority of changes were the addition of new courses, which were financially sustainable by the unit or through funding from the Dean's Office.

A member asked why the Health Studies program proposed fourteen new courses. Professor Schmuckler acknowledged the significant number of proposed new courses, but reported that the Program had recently hired new faculty who would be teaching the additional courses. He also explained that the Program had experienced growth and did not currently have sufficient courses to offer students at the C and D level.

A member commented specifically on the number of new Special Topics courses proposed by the Health Studies program. Professor Holly Wardlow, Associate Chair of Health Studies, explained that the Special Topics courses were also associated with new faculty hires.

A member cautioned the Health Studies program to carefully monitor the amount of choice available for course selection, and emphasized that differentiated streams would be beneficial if the Program reached a point where there were too many course offerings. Another member remarked that differentiating streams was specific to programs and should be considered on a case by case basis.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the minor modifications to undergraduate programs, submitted by UTSC undergraduate academic units, as described in Undergraduate Minor Curriculum Modifications for Approval, Report 3, dated February 9, 2017, and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2017 for the academic year 2017-18.

6. Assessors' Reports

The Chair invited Professor Schmuckler to present an Assessor Report on behalf of Professor William Gough, Vice-Principal Academic and Dean. The report included the following highlights:

- Two new graduate programs from the Department of Management were being developed (i.e. Master's in Accounting & Finance and Master's in Behavioural Management Research);
- Two graduate collaborative specializations were being developed with the Culinary Research Centre (in Food Studies) and CCDS (in Development, Policy, and Power);
- Three new undergraduate certificate programs were being developed; and
- The Indigenous Working Group had been meeting to identify how Aboriginal content could be embedded into curriculum. There were approximately thirty courses offered at UTSC, which already included Aboriginal content.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that the item requiring approval (item 8) be approved.

7. Minor Undergraduate Curricular Changes

8. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 22- Wednesday, January 25, 2017

9. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

10. Date of the Next Meeting— Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 4:10 p.m.

11. Other Business

No other business was raised.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Secretary

Chair