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THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 12 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

June 16, 2015

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

Your Committee reports that it met on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

Present:

Ms Kathy Fellowes (Chair)
Professor Bruce Kidd, Vice-
President and Principal
Mr. Syed W. Ahmed
Ms Maryam Ali
Dr. Johann Bayer
Dr. Corinne Beauquis
Professor Nick Cheng
Dr. Curtis Cole
Professor George S. Cree
Professor Suzanne Erb
Professor David J. Fleet
Professor William A. Gough
Ms Whitney Kemble
Dr. Elaine Khoo
Professor Michael J. Lambek
Professor Patricia Landolt
Mr. Andrew Leung
Professor Nathan R. Lovejoy
Professor Andrew C. Mason
Ms Victoria Owen
Professor Mark Schmuckler
Ms Lynn Tucker
Mr. Selim Younes

Non-Voting Assessors:

Ms Jennifer Bramer (Ankrett)
Ms Annette Knott

Secretariat:

Mr. Louis Charpentier
Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw
Ms Rena Parsan

Regrets:

Professor Christine Bolus-Reichert
Professor William R. Bowen
Professor Neal Dolan
Professor Rick Halpern
Professor John A. Hannigan
Professor Clare Hasenkampf
Professor Benj Hellie
Professor Matthew J. Hoffmann
Mr. Jerry Yu Jien
Mr. John Kapageridis
Professor Madhavi Kale
Ms Noor Khan
Dr. Sarah D. King
Professor Heinz-Bernhard Kraatz
Professor Philip Kremer
Ms Nancy Lee
Dr. Karen Lyda McCrindle
Professor John Robert Miron
Mr. Moataz S. Mohamed
Ms Susan Murray
Professor Matthias Niemeier
Dr. Christopher Ollson
Mr. Desmond Pouyat
Mr. George Quan Fun
Ms Charmaine Louise C. Ramirez
Dr. Jayeeta Sharma
Professor Mary T. Silcox

Professor Grace Skogstad
Professor Andre Sorensen
Ms Tisha Tan

Mr. Lukas Zibaitis
Professor David Zweig

In attendance:

Dr. Aarthi Ashok, Senior Lecturer, Department of Biological Sciences
Professor Nicole Klenk, Assistant Professor, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences
Ms Debbie Bilinski, Director, Office of the Vice-Principal, Research

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the final meeting of the governance year.

2. Assessors' Reports

The Chair introduced and invited the Acting Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor William Gough to present his report.

Professor Gough's report described key accomplishments for 2014-15 and future plans for the 2015-16 academic year. The presentation¹ included the following major points:

Accomplishments

- New Course Offerings- the approval of the Freestanding Minor in Urban Public Policy & Governance , Culture, Creativity & Cities, and Migration and Ethnic Diversity; and a Minor in City Studies;
- Closures- closure of the Design-Your-Own stream of the Specialist and Specialist Co-op programs in Mathematics;
- Policy Changes- Elimination of the propaedeutic rule, and the granting of a degree based on the nature of a Major or Specialist program;
- Course Changes- 60 new courses were approved, 9 courses underwent level changes, and 72 courses underwent title changes.
- Joint Programs- In 2013-14, the UTSC Joint programs with Centennial College were externally reviewed and follow-up reports were presented to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P).
- Combined Degree Programs- A new CDP with the Specialist/Specialist Co-op in Mental Health Studies (UTSC, Psychology) and the Master's of Social Work program (Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work) was established
- Graduate Programs- minor adjustments were made to the Master's and PhD in Clinical Psychology, and new courses were added to the Master's in Environmental Science.

¹ Assessors' Report- Year in Review from the Perspective of the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic) Office

Future Plans for the 2015-16 Academic Year

- Academic Plan- the Academic Plan was expected to be considered by the UTSC governance bodies in Fall 2015;
- Masters Programs- plans to bring forward for approval the Master's of Organizational Behaviour & Research Management and Master's of Accounting.
- Combined Degree Programs (CDP)- plans to combine French, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and Environmental Sciences with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) Master's of Teaching, which were initiatives to respond to the phasing out of the CTEP Program and OISE's new approach to offering a teaching curriculum. In addition, there was a planned CDP with the Major in Health Studies – Population Health (BSc) and the Master's in Rehabilitation Science in the Faculty of Medicine.

A member asked whether the Social Sciences subject areas could be considered for the combined Masters of Teaching with OISE, and Professor Gough replied that it was a future possibility.

A member asked which subjects students from the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences (DPES) would be eligible to teach considering that Environmental Science was not an elementary/high school course teachable, and Professor Gough explained that students in the Specialist in Environmental Chemistry would qualify to teach Chemistry and students in the Specialist in Environmental Physics would qualify to teach Physics.

3. New Courses & Minor Curricular Modifications, Undergraduate Academic Units

The Chair invited Professor Gough to introduce the item.

At the request of Professor Gough, Professor Schmuckler reported that program changes in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences (DPES) and new courses in the Departments of Political Science, Biological Sciences, and Anthropology (Health Studies) were being brought forward for approval. He highlighted the changes made to the Major in Environmental Studies (B.A), which was a shared program with the Departments of Physical and Environmental Science and Political Science. He added that BIOD35H3 (Sports Science) would be the only course of its kind at the University of Toronto, and would be taught at the Toronto Pan-Am Sports Centre. To conclude, he remarked that HLTD23H3 (Special Topics in Health) would focus on the study of historical and contemporary issues and challenges related to persons with physical disabilities, and will be taught by The Honourable David Onley, Senior Lecturer & Distinguished Visitor at UTSC.

A member expressed concern regarding the current number of Special Topics courses in Health Studies already listed in the undergraduate Calendar with similar titles, descriptions,

and pre-requisites. The member asked how an instructor, who could be from outside of the department, would be able to meet the curriculum standards of a D-Level course. The Chair called upon Professor John Scherk, Associate Chair Health Studies, to respond to the questions. Professor Scherk explained that the higher number of Special Topics courses in Health Studies were necessary at the D-Level for two primary reasons: (1) it allowed the Health Studies group to cycle the courses appropriately, and (2) the field of Health Studies changed rapidly and the Health Studies group needed to be able to explore new areas of study. Professor Scherk noted that as the Health Studies group matured there would be a reduced need for Special Topics courses. Professor Schmuckler reported that there was a rigorous review process for approving Special Topics courses to ensure that the academic standards and quality were upheld whether the course was taught by an external instructor or by faculty within the department.

A member asked why Physics was only listed as recommended preparation for BIOD35H3 (Sports Science). Professor Andrew Mason, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, explained that the study of Physics would be applied in a practical context in the course. He added that the Physics content of the course was at the discretion of the instructor, which was why in this case Physics was only listed as recommended preparation.

At the request of a member and with the approval of the Committee, the original motion was split into two parts and each was voted on separately.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT new courses and minor modifications to programs submitted by UTSC academic units, with the exception of HLTD23H3 (Special Topics in Health), as described in the documentation dated May 26, 2015 and recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, be approved, effective immediately for the academic year 2015-16.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the new course HLTD23H3 (Special Topics in Health), submitted by the Department of Anthropology, as described in the documentation dated May 26, 2015 and recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, be approved, effective immediately for the academic year 2015-16.

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 5) be approved.

- 4. Editorial & Minor Curricular Modifications, Undergraduate & Graduate Academic Units**
- 5. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 11 – Monday, April 27, 2015**
- 6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**
- 7. Date of the Next Meeting –Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

8. Other Business

The Chair thanked members for their service on the Committee and commented on its successes over the past year, which were reflected in the presentation made by Professor Gough. She also thanked the members of the Decanal Portfolio, particularly Ms Annette Knott, the Vice-Chair, the Chair of the UTSC Campus Council, the members of the Secretariat, and her home department for their continued support in her role as Chair of the Committee.

She concluded by encouraging members to complete the online Committee evaluation survey, which they would receive from the Secretariat requesting their feedback on the Committee's work and activities over the past year, and their role on the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Secretary

Chair