

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 8 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

November 10, 2014

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

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

Present:

Ms Kathy Fellowes (Chair)
Dr. Christopher Ollson (Vice Chair)
Professor Bruce Kidd, Interim Vice-
President and Principal
Professor Mark Schmuckler, Acting Vice-
Principal and Dean (Academic)
Professor Malcolm Campbell, Vice
Principal Research
Ms Maryam Ali
Dr. Johann Bayer
Dr. Corinne Beauquis
Professor William R. Bowen
Professor Nick Cheng
Dr. Curtis Cole
Professor George S. Cree
Professor David J. Fleet
Professor William A. Gough
Professor John A. Hannigan
Professor Matthew J. Hoffmann
Mr. Jerry Yu Jien
Professor Madhavi Kale
Ms Whitney Kemble
Dr. Sarah D. King
Professor Heinz-Bernhard Kraatz
Ms Nancy Lee
Mr. Andrew Leung
Professor Nathan R. Lovejoy
Professor Andrew C. Mason
Professor John Robert Miron
Ms Susan Murray
Ms Victoria Owen

Mr. George Quan Fun
Dr. Jayeeta Sharma
Ms Lynn Tucker
Mr. Selim Younes
Professor David Zweig

Non-Voting Assessors:

Ms Annette Knott
Mr. Desmond Pouyat

Secretariat:

Mr. Lee Hamilton
Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw
Ms Rena Parsan

Regrets:

Mr. Syed W. Ahmed
Professor Christine Bolus-Reichert
Professor Neal Dolan
Professor Suzanne Erb
Professor Rick Halpern
Professor Clare Hasenkampf
Professor Benj Hellie
Mr. John Kapageridis
Ms Noor Khan
Dr. Elaine Khoo
Professor Philip Kremer
Professor Michael J. Lambek
Professor Patricia Landolt
Dr. Karen Lyda McCrindle
Mr. Moataz S. Mohamed
Professor Matthias Niemeier

Ms Charmaine Louise C. Ramirez
Professor Mary T. Silcox
Professor Grace Skogstad

Professor Andre Sorensen
Ms Tisha Tan
Mr. Lukas Zibaitis

In attendance:

Professor Ryan Isakson, Assistant Professor, Centre for Critical Development Studies
Ms Fiorella Shields, Director, Student Services, Registrar's Office

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and reported that it was the last meeting before the holiday break. She welcomed Professor Matthew Hoffmann and Ms Susan Murray who participated in the meeting by teleconference.

2. Assessors' Reports

The Chair reported that Professor William A. Gough, Vice-Dean, Graduate Education and Program Development and Professor Mark Schmukler, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate were representing the Dean's Office in the absence of Professor Rick Halpern, Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic) who was traveling on university business.

3. Strategic Topic: The Status of Graduate Studies at UTSC

The Chair introduced and invited Professor Gough to present the strategic topic.

The presentation addressed¹ the following main points:

- Locally managed graduate studies had been on the campus since 2006 with the launch of the Masters of Environmental Sciences, which had originally been under the 'graduate umbrella' of the then Centre for Environment on the St. George campus. In 2010, a PhD in Environmental Sciences was established locally; at this time the graduate department of Physical and Environmental Sciences formed and both programs were now administered locally.
- In 2013, the Masters and PhD in Clinical and Counselling Psychology was launched at UTSC in conjunction with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE);
- Several new proposals were moving through consultations and the governance process. These included the Research Master's program in Behavioural Science and Management Research, and the Graduate Diploma/Masters in Accounting;
- Professor Gough provided an overview of Combined Programs as a pathway into professional faculties, and the benefits to recruitment and the overall student experience; Combined Program have been approved linking UTSC's Environmental

¹ Strategic Topic Presentation: The Status of Graduate Studies at UTSC

Science programs and the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering's Master of Engineering, and UTSC's Mental Health Specialist and the Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work's Masters of Social Work. Initiatives were being pursued in the following areas: UTSC Health Studies and Masters in Rehabilitation Science, UTSC programs in French, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics and Masters of Teaching.

A member commented on the fact that Combined Programs were being linked to professional Faculties and asked whether a Combined Program could be established with the Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS). Professor Gough reported he was not aware of any such initiatives.

A member commented on the level of interest in Combined Programs, and Professor Gough reported that there was strong interest in Combined Programs from University leadership.

4. 2014-15 Out-of-Cycle Curriculum Changes-New Courses: Graduate Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences & Department of Anthropology (Health Studies)

The Chair invited Professor Gough and Professor Schmuckler to present the curriculum changes in the Graduate Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences (DPES) and the Department of Anthropology (Health Studies).

Professor Gough reported that a new course in Environmental Change and Human Health was being proposed in the DPES out-of-cycle to be taught in the Winter 2015 semester. He commented that there was no other similar course in DPES or at the University of Toronto, and that the course filled a specific academic gap in the curriculum.

Professor Schmucker reported that a new course in Special Topics in Health in the Department of Anthropology (Health Studies) was being proposed out-of-cycle to be taught in the Winter 2015 semester. He commented that the course would be an advanced seminar to provide students with an opportunity to examine selected topics in-depth, and that the proposed topic for the winter semester was Health and Homelessness taught by Dr. Naheed Dosani, Palliative Medicine Fellow in the Department of Family and Community Health, Division of Palliative Care on the St. George campus.

No questions were raised.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the new course in the Graduate Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, as described in the package dated October 17, 2014 and recommended by the Acting Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Mark Schmuckler, be approved effective immediately for the academic year 2014-15; and

THAT the new course in the Department of Anthropology (Health Studies), as described in the package dated October 17, 2014 and recommended by the Acting Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Mark Schmuckler, be approved effective immediately for the academic year 2014-15.

CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 7 – Tuesday, September 9, 2014

6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

7. Date of the Next Meeting –Thursday, January 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and the item requiring approval (item 5) be approved.

The Chair reminded members that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee was on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

8. Other Business

There were no other items of business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Secretary

Chair



UTSC Graduate Education: An Update

William A. Gough
Vice-Dean Graduate Education
November 10, 2014

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Where we have come from

- 1964
 - Scarborough College created
 - Part of FAS as a constituent college (like New College)
 - UTM created in 1965
- 1964 – 1993
 - UTSC and UTM research faculty in some disciplines (largely the laboratory Sciences) set up labs at UTSC and UTM
 - Graduate student presence on campus in these labs, often served as TAs – graduate programs all based at STG



More History

- 1993
 - Environmental Science group formed from faculty in Physical Geography and Geology and two new hires (Fulthorpe, Gough)
 - New group created new undergraduate programs in Environmental Science
 - Proposed Master of Environmental Science
 - First graduate program proposed not based/administered from an academic unit on the STG campus



And more ...

- Notion not well received
- UTSC Environmental Scientists wander for 13 years in the administrative/governance wilderness searching for the Promised Land
- 2006
 - Master of Environmental Science is launched with 16 students in the first class
 - Program part of the Centre for Environment based on the STG campus



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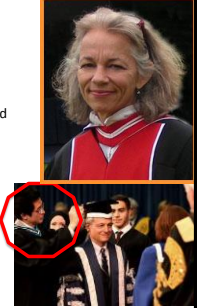
Environmental Science

- 2006 Master of Environmental Science
 - 16 students in first class
 - Program in Centre for Environment (STG)
 - All courses offered at UTSC
- 2010 PhD in Environment Science
 - 2 year development period
 - Substantial resistance overcome
 - 6 students enrolled in Sept 2010
- DPES becomes a graduate unit in 2010
 - Master's program patriated to UTSC

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Current State

- 90 students per year in Master's program
 - Three fields of study
 - Biophysical Interactions in Terrestrial and Aquatic Systems
 - Conservation and Biodiversity
 - Climate Change Impact Assessment
- 45 doctoral students
 - 5 cohorts
 - 1st graduate in 2013
 - Another before end of December
 - 3+ in 2015




Clinical Psychology

- In late 2000s, UTSC Department of Psychology propose a PhD in Clinical Psychology
 - Direct competition encountered with OISE's Counseling Psychology and FAS Department of Psychology
 - 3+ years of negotiating ensued




Clinical Psychology

- 2013
 - New field in Master and PhD Programs in Clinical and Counseling Psychology called "Clinical Psychology" launched at UTSC
 - OISE and UTSC fields, although part of the same program, are fiscally independent
 - Program is "owned" by both OISE and UTSC
 - Why?
 - Duplication not permitted
 - CPA and CPO issues



Clinical Psychology

- 2013
 - 5 students admitted in Master's program (two years)
- 2014
 - 5 more students added for 10 Master's students
- 2015
 - 5 students will be admitted in PhD (likely flow through)
- Exceptional students with high rate of external funding (8 of 10)



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New proposals

- Management
 - Research Master's program
 - Master of Behavioural Science and Management Research
 - Professional Graduate Program
 - Master and/or Graduate Diploma in Accounting
- Proposals well developed and moving through consultation/governance process



Nascent Ideas

- Social Science
 - Human Geography
 - Critical Development Studies
 - Others may emerge from planning process
- Biological Sciences
 - Participates in Environmental Science programs
 - New ideas in embryonic form
- Advanced Care Paramedic
 - Currently – Joint Program with Centennial for Primary Care Paramedics
 - Need for Advanced Care Paramedic
 - Proposal for this to be a graduate diploma offered through UTSC – some hurdles to overcome
- Others?

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What is a Combined Program

- Combined Degree Program
 - Existed as grad/grad or 2nd entry/grad combinations for some time
- Undergrad / grad
 - New concept at U of T
 - First proposed by UTSC
 - Linking Environmental Science Specialist and Master of Engineering
 - Initially rebuffed (“no appetite at U of T”)
 - Vice-Provost Cheryl Regehr (now Provost) liked the idea



Combined Programs

- Why?
- Four local graduate programs
 - Always in niche areas
- U of T has 18 faculties
 - 3 Arts and Science faculties (FAS, UTM, UTSC)
 - 15 “professional” faculties
- Combined Programs provide pathways to these professional offerings
 - Enhanced experience for our best students
 - Attractive for recruitment purposes

UTSC Combined Programs

- Environmental Science and Engineering
 - 3rd year students apply to enter combined program
 - Conditional offer to grad program made in 3rd year
 - 4th year – 2 undergrad engineering courses and 2 graduate courses – grad courses count toward both degrees
 - 5th year – reduced load Master's year
- Approved in 2013
 - 3 students in program this year



UTSC Combined Programs

- UTSC Mental Health Specialist and Master of Social Work
 - Students apply in 3rd year, conditional offer
 - 4th year, research course, co-supervised by faculty member for FIFSW and UTSC Psychology faculty member
 - 4th year course – Social Determinants of Mental Health offered by FIFSW through interdivisional teaching for CP students (Williams)



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New Initiatives

- UTSC Health Studies and Master in Rehabilitation Science
 - Working on funding details (MRehabSci is a research program)
- UTSC programs in French, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics and Master of Teaching
 - Replacement for CTEP program
- Others?



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YEARS

Questions?

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