

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 6 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 28, 2014

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

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

**Present:**

Ms Kathy Fellowes (Chair)  
Professor Suzanne Erb (Vice-Chair)  
Professor Rick Halpern, Dean and  
Vice-Principal (Academic)  
Professor Julie McCarthy, Acting  
Vice-Principal, Research  
Mr. Syed W. Ahmed  
Dr. Johann Bayer  
Professor William R. Bowen  
Professor Nick Cheng  
Professor George S. Cree  
Mr. Adrian De Leon  
Ms Ariane Ganji  
Professor John Hannigan  
Professor Paula Hastings  
Professor Sherri Helwig  
Mr. Jerry Jien  
Mr. John Kapageridis  
Dr. Sarah D. King  
Professor Michael J. Lambek  
Professor Patricia Landolt  
Mr. Andrew Leung  
Professor Andrew C. Mason  
Professor Alice Maurice  
Professor Karen Lyda McCrindle  
Professor John Robert Miron  
Dr. Christopher Ollson  
Ms Victoria Owen

Professor Stephen Rockel  
Ms Paulina Rousseau  
Professor Larry A. Sawchuk  
Professor Mark A. Schmuckler  
Dr. Sisi Tran  
Professor David Zweig

**Non-Voting Assessor:**

Ms Annette Knott

**Secretariat:**

Mr. Anwar Kazimi  
Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw  
Ms Rena Parsan

**Regrets:**

Professor Daniel Bender  
Dr. Curtis Cole  
Mr. Luki Danukarjanto  
Ms Hanan Domloge  
Professor Kelin Emmett  
Professor David J. Fleet  
Dr. Brian Harrington  
Professor Rena Helms-Park  
Professor Matthew Hoffmann  
Dr. Nancy Johnston

Professor Heinz-Bernhard Kraatz  
Professor Garry Martin Leonard  
Professor Nathan R. Lovejoy  
Ms Charmaine Ramirez  
Ms Lindsay Raoufi  
Professor Bill Seager  
Professor Grace Skogstad  
Professor Andre Sorensen  
Ms Tisha Tan

**In attendance:**

Ms Debbie Bilinski, Director, Office of the Vice-Principal, Research  
Professor Roberta Fulthorpe, Professor and Graduate Chair, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences  
Professor Nicholas Mandrak, Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

**1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the final meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee for the current governance year, and welcomed Dr. Christopher Ollson who participated in the meeting by teleconference. The Chair advised Committee members that they would receive an e-mail inviting them to complete an on-line evaluation survey. She encouraged everyone to complete the survey, noting that the feedback was valuable to the Secretariat to gain an understanding of members' experiences on the Committee this year. She also commented that the information would be used to assist in future planning.

**2. Assessor Reports**

The Chair invited Professor Julie McCarthy, Acting Vice-Principal, Research, to provide the Committee with a brief report. Professor McCarthy reported on highlights from the Office of the Vice-Principal, Research during 2013-2014:

- Recognition of research through the Principal's Research Award, Graduate Student Research Awards, Research Recognition Award, and the New Frontiers Seminar Series;
- Increased student engagement in the research enterprise;
- Sponsorship of research-related events such as the New Frontiers Seminar Series, the Keynote lecture for launch of the Centre for Planetary Sciences, and the Giant Panda scientific presentation in partnership with the Toronto Zoo;
- Investment in faculty research through the Research Impact Fund (RIF) and the Research Competitiveness Fund (RCF).
  - The RIF supported the presentation or publication of research results in high quality venues and enhanced the profile of UTSC in the academic community.

- The RCF enhanced the competitiveness of external grant applications submitted by UTSC faculty with an emphasis on Tri-Council applications.
- UTSC crossed the \$9 million threshold in total external research in the 2011-2012 grant year. UTSC's total research funding increased by another 5% in 2012-2013 to \$9.76 million.
- The two largest research funding sources at UTSC are from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) at 34 percent and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) at 14 percent.

A member of the Committee asked why the SSHRC rates were lower than the NSERC rates, and Professor McCarthy replied by explaining that NSERC funded more grants, but researchers were less likely to receive the total amount of funding they requested. She added that SSHR funded fewer grants, but researchers were more likely to receive the funding they requested.

The Chair thanked Professor McCarthy for her report.

### **3. Graduate Program Revisions**

#### **a) Major Modification Type B to add two new fields to the existing Master of Environmental Science (MEnvSc)**

The Chair invited Professor Rick Halpern, Vice-Principal and Dean (Academic), to introduce the item. Professor Halpern commented that the program was continually developing and that the addition of the two new fields would be beneficial. He invited Professor William Gough, Vice-Dean, Graduate, to present the item. Professor Gough explained that the two new fields in the Master of Environmental Science (MEnvSc) were Climate Change Impact Assessment and Conservation and Biodiversity. He explained that adding the two new fields required the addition of eight new courses, and that because the program was growing, more focused options were necessary for students.

In response to a comment from a member, Professor Mandrak explained that there were currently no courses in conservation policy with a focus on the impact on human populations. He reported that as the field develops, the opportunity to include additional courses will evolve.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

**YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,**

THAT proposed fields in Conservation and Biodiversity, and Climate Change Impact Assessment be added to the existing Master of Environmental Science (MEnvSc), as described in the proposal dated April 22, 2014 and recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, be approved effective immediately for the academic year 2014-15; and

THAT eight new courses – EES1134H, EES3000H, EES3001H, EES3002H, EES3003H, EES3111H, EES3113H and EES3114H – aforementioned in the

proposal dated April 22, 2014, be approved effective immediately for the academic year 2014-15.

**b) Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Graduate Department of Psychological Clinical Science**

The Chair invited Professor Rick Halpern to introduce the item. Professor Gough and Professor George Cree, Interim Chair, Graduate Department of Psychological Clinical Science, provided details on the item. Professor Cree indicated that the minor modification to the Graduate Department of Psychological Clinical Science was to move CPS 1103 (Advanced Statistical Models) from the MA to the PhD program in Clinical Psychology. He reported that moving the course would give students the opportunity to acquire advanced training in Statistics during a time when they will be more likely to require the knowledge (i.e. preparing data for their dissertation)

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Graduate Department of Psychological Clinical Science, as described in the proposal dated April 8, 2014, and recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, be approved effective immediately for the academic year 2014-15.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. Undergraduate Program Revisions** *(for approval)*

a) Out-of-cycle minor modifications to curriculum submitted by six academic units

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Anthropology, Centre for Critical Development Studies, Department of English, Department of Historical and Cultural Studies, Department of Human Geography and Department of Sociology, as described in the package dated April 9, 2014 and recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, be approved effective immediately for the academic year 2014-15.

**5. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 5 – Tuesday, March 25, 2014** *(for approval)*

**6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**

**7. Date of the Next Meeting –Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 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 (items 4 and 5) be approved.

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**8. Other Business**

The Chair thanked the members for their service on the Committee over the past year. She also thanked the Vice-Chair, Assessors, Campus Council Secretariat, and her home department, (Academic Advising and Career Services), for support in her role as Chair of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair