

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 4 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 11, 2014

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

Your Committee reports that it met on Tuesday, February 11, 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, Interim
Vice- Principal, Research
Dr. Johann Bayer
Professor William R. Bowen
Professor Nick Cheng
Dr. Curtis Cole
Mr. Adrian De Leon
Professor Kelin Emmett
Ms Ariane Ganji
Professor John Hannigan
Professor Rena Helms-Park
Professor Sherri Helwig
Mr. John Kapageridis
Professor Heinz-Bernhard Kraatz
Professor Michael J. Lambek
Professor Patricia Landolt
Mr. Andrew Leung
Professor Nathan R. Lovejoy
Professor Andrew C. Mason
Professor Karen Lyda McCrindle
Ms Victoria Owen

Professor Stephen Rockel
Ms Paulina Rousseau
Professor Larry A. Sawchuk
Professor Mark A. Schmuckler
Professor Grace Skogstad
Professor Andre Sorensen
Ms Tisha Tan
Dr. Sisi Tran
Professor David Zweig

Non-Voting Assessor:

Ms Annette Knott
Ms Lesley Lewis

Secretariat:

Mr. Jim Delaney
Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw
Ms Rena Parsan

Regrets:

Mr. Syed W. Ahmed
Professor Daniel Bender
Professor George S. Cree
Mr. Luki Danukarjanto
Ms Hanan Domloge
Professor David J. Fleet
Dr. Brian Harrington
Professor Paula Hastings
Professor Matthew Hoffmann
Mr. Jerry Jien

Dr. Nancy Johnston
Dr. Sarah D. King
Professor Garry Martin Leonard
Professor Alice Maurice
Professor John Robert Miron
Dr. Christopher Ollson
Ms Charmaine Ramirez
Ms Lindsay Raoufi
Professor Bill Seager
Ms Georgette Zinaty

In attendance:

Dr. Shelly Brunt, Lecturer, Department of Biological Sciences
Professor Leslie Chan, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Critical Development Studies
Professor Connie Guberman, Senior Lecturer, Department of Historical and Cultural Studies
Dr. Mandy Meriano, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, and welcomed Professor Kelin Emmett and Mr. John Kapageridis who participated in the meeting via teleconference. She congratulated Professor Rick Halpern on his reappointment as Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic) of UTSC for the next five years.

2. Assessor Reports

There were no reports from the Assessors.

3. Undergraduate Program Revisions

The Chair reported that there were twelve proposed revisions for approval, and noted that the detailed proposal for each change were provided with the meeting documentation.

a. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Department of Anthropology

Professor Halpern introduced the item and congratulated the Department of Anthropology on an exceptional review they received from the external reviewers who were most interested in their work on program renewal. Professor Schmuckler highlighted that the Department of Anthropology proposed minor modifications to the requirements of four programs and seven new courses. He reported that consultation had taken place within the department and that the proposal was reviewed by the Dean's Office.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Anthropology, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

b. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Department of Arts, Culture and Media

Professor Halpern introduced the item and expressed how pleased he was with the work done by the Department. Professor Schmuckler reported that the Department proposed minor modifications to the requirements of three programs, adding eight new courses, and changing the level of one existing course. He advised Committee members that consultation had taken place within the department and that the proposal had been reviewed by the Dean's Office. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Arts, Culture and Media, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

c. Introducing two streams to the currently undifferentiated Specialist program in Arts Management (B.A.)

Professor Halpern applauded colleagues in the Specialist program in Arts Management who embraced experiential learning, for which the campus takes pride. Professor Schmuckler explained that the Department was proposing two streams to the Arts Management program. One was designed to give students an understanding of Arts Management through academic courses and the other was designed to enhance the student's understanding through substantial exposure to its practice through work term placements. He also indicated that a minor modification to the program was necessary with the addition of four new courses. He indicated that consultation had taken place within the department and that the proposal was reviewed by the Dean's Office. On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT "Standard" and "Field Placement" streams being introduced to the existing undifferentiated Specialist program in Arts Management (B.A.), recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 15, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15;and

THAT four associated new courses: VPAB17H3, ACMC01H3, ACMD01H3 and ACMD02H3, aforementioned in the proposal dated January 15, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

d. Introducing a new Major in Molecular Biology, Immunology, and Disease (B.Sc.) where there is an existing Specialist program (Molecular Biology and Biotechnology- formerly called the Specialist in Cell and Molecular Biology)

Following Professor Halpern's brief introduction, explained that the proposal was consistent with the department's academic planning and priorities, and would involve current faculty within the department. He highlighted that no new courses were associated with the new Major program, that consultation had taken place within the department, and that the proposal was reviewed by the Dean's Office.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the proposed Major in Molecular Biology, Immunology, and Disease (B.Sc.), as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated October 22, 2013, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

e. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Centre for Critical Development Studies

Professor Halpern introduced the item and congratulated the Centre for Critical Development on a positive review they received from the external reviewers who were pleased with the Centre's progress. Professor Schmuckler indicated that the Centre proposed minor modifications to three programs, that consultation had taken place within the department, and that the proposal was reviewed by the Dean's Office.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Centre for Critical Development Studies, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

f. Introducing a new freestanding Minor in English/Chinese Translation (B.A.)

Professor Halpern introduced the item and commented that there was a strong belief that the program had great potential, being the only program of its kind at the University of Toronto. He also reported that instructors from a partner university, North West University in Xian province, China, would be assisting with teaching some of the courses. Professor Schmuckler explained that the program required students to complete 4.0 credits in Translation theory and practice,

Linguistics, and Chinese Language and that the proposal included three new associated courses with the program, and that any new financial obligations would be met by the Centre for French Linguistics and the Office of the Dean. A member raised a question regarding admissions to the program and whether the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score was sufficient to screen non-English speakers. Professor Rena Helms-Park , Associate Professor, from the Centre for French and Linguistics, replied by explaining that an interview with prospective students would also take place to confirm eligibility for admissions into the program.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the proposed Minor in English/Chinese Translation (B.A.), as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 16, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15; and;

THAT three associated new courses: ECTB61H3, ECTD68H3 and ECTD69H3, aforementioned in the proposal dated January 16, 2014, be approved to be effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

g. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Department of Human Geography

Professor Halpern introduced the item and congratulated the Department on the positive review they received from the external reviewers. Professor Schmuckler indicated that the Department of Geography proposed minor modifications to the requirements of three programs and proposed three new courses. He reported that consultation had taken place within the department and with the Office of the Dean.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Human Geography, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

h. Introducing a new freestanding Minor in Geographic Information Science (GIS) (B.A.)

Professor Halpern introduced the item and commented that the external reviewers were particularly impressed with the introduction of the minor program in Geographic Information Science (GIS). He also added that a new GIS lab was being added to the library to enhance the learning experience. Professor Schmuckler added that the program was likely to be of interest to Human Geography and City Studies students. He reported that there were four new associated

courses proposed for the program, and that any new financial obligations would be met by the Department of Geography and the Office of the Dean. In response to a question, Professor Andre Sorensen, Chair of the Department of Geography, clarified that Geographic Information Science was the study of geographic information while Geographic Information Systems was the technology used to interpret the geographic findings.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the proposed Minor in Geographic Information Science (GIS) (B.A.), as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated December 10, 2013, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15; and

THAT four associated new courses: GGRB32H3, GGRC30H3, GGRC34H3 and GGRD30H3, aforementioned in the proposal dated December 10, 2013, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

i. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences¹

Professor Halpern briefly introduced the matter and requested that the Chair recognize Professor Mark Schmuckler, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate to present the item. Professor Schmuckler indicated that the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences was proposing minor modifications to the requirements for four programs, adding three new courses and changing the level of two courses. He reported that consultation had taken place within the department and that the proposal was reviewed by the Dean's Office.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

¹ Secretary's Note: Upon request, and with the approval of the Chair, this item was considered at the beginning of Item 3.

j. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Department of Political Science

After Professor Halpern's introduction of the item, Professor Schmuckler, explained that the Department proposed minor modifications to the requirements of four programs, the addition of three new courses, and the level of one existing course. He reported that consultation had taken place within the Department and with the Office of the Dean.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Political Science, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

k. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Department of Sociology

Professor Halpern introduced the item and congratulated the Department on the exceptional review they received Professor Schmuckler indicated that the Department proposed minor modifications to the requirements of two programs and four new courses. He reported that consultation had taken place within the department and with the Office of the Dean

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Sociology, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

4. Graduate Program Revisions *(for approval)*

a. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Graduate Department of Psychological Clinical Science

Professor Halpern introduced the item and requested that the Chair recognize Professor William Gough, Vice-Dean, Graduate, to present the proposal. Professor Gough indicated that the minor modifications proposed for the Graduate Department of Psychological Clinical Science were to meet the requirements of the Canadian Psychological Association, and to better align with the partners at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE). He indicated that the proposed modifications included new courses, changes to field requirements, and changes in course level. Professor Gough reported that the changes were already reviewed by the School of Graduate Studies and the Decanal Graduate Curriculum Committee.

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 recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposals dated December 19, 2013, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and the items requiring approval be approved.

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

a. Minor modifications to curriculum submitted by the Department of Historical and Cultural Studies

On motion duly, made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT all minor modifications to curriculum in the Department of Historical and Cultural Studies, as recommended by the Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic), Professor Rick Halpern, in the proposal dated January 23, 2014, be approved effective April 1, 2014 for the academic year 2014-15.

6. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 3 – January 8, 2014* (*for approval*)

7. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

8. Date of the Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Chair reminded members that the next scheduled meeting of the committee was on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

9. Other Business

There were no other items of business

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Secretary

Chair