

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON**  
**ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

**January 17, 2007**

To the Academic Board,  
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following present:

Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak (Chair)  
Professor Douglas McDougall  
(Vice-Chair)  
Professor Edith Hillan, Vice-Provost,  
Academic  
Professor David Farrar, Deputy Provost  
and Vice-Provost, Students  
Professor Ragnar Buchweitz  
Mr. Ryan Mathew Campbell  
Mr. Tim Corson  
Ms Linda B. Gardner  
Mr. Billeh Hamud  
Dr. Lesley Ann Lavack  
Professor Louise Lemieux-Charles  
Professor Sioban Nelson  
Professor Janet Paterson  
Miss Maureen Somerville

Non-Voting Assessors:

Professor John R. G. Challis, Vice-  
President, Research and Associate  
Provost  
Professor Susan Pfeiffer, Vice-Provost,  
Graduate Education and Dean, School of  
Graduate Studies  
Ms Karel Swift, University Registrar

Secretariat:

Mr. Neil Dobbs  
Ms Mae-Yu Tan

Regrets:

Professor Derek Allen  
Professor Gage Averill  
Professor Luc De Nil  
Professor Dickson Eyoh  
Ms Bonnie Goldberg  
Dr. Wajahat Khan

Dr. Chris Koenig-Woodyard  
Mr. Matto Mildenerger  
Professor Cheryl Regehr  
Professor J. J. Berry Smith  
Professor John Wedge  
Ms Johanna L. Weststar

**In Attendance:**

Professor Charles Jones, Acting Dean, University of Toronto at Mississauga  
Professor Charlie Keil, Director, Cinema Studies Program  
Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President  
and Provost  
Professor Michael Lettieri, Chair, Department of French, German and Italian,  
University of Toronto at Mississauga  
Professor Pekka Sinervo, Vice-Provost, First Entry Programs and Dean, Faculty of  
Arts and Science  
Professor Suzanne Stevenson, Acting Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Education and  
Teaching, Faculty of Arts and Science

**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS - January 17, 2007**

ITEM 5 CONTAINS A RECOMMENDATION TO THE ACADEMIC BOARD. ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION.

**1. Report of the Previous Meeting**

Report 126 (December 6, 2006) was approved.

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

**Item 4, Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost: Annual Report, 2005-06**

The Chair recalled that Professor Challis had reported that 36% of the University's Canada Research Chairs had been recruited from outside of Canada. A member had asked how many of those were Canadians returning to this country. Professor Challis reported that just under half of the 90 Chairs from outside of Canada were repatriated Canadians. He recalled that a significant motivation for the program had been just such repatriation of outstanding Canadian scientists and scholars who had left Canada to take up positions abroad.

**3. University of Toronto at Mississauga: Calendar Changes, 2007-08**

Professor Hillan said that the University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) proposed new Specialist Programs in Biological Physics and in Crime, Law and Deviance. Both programs were in line with UTM's academic plan and were in areas of faculty strength. UTM also proposed a new major Program in Health Sciences Communication. Finally, UTM proposed to discontinue three programs because of low enrolment: the Specialist Program in English and History and the Major and Minor Programs in German Cultural Studies. UTM did not anticipate that demand for any of those programs would grow. The proposed changes had been reviewed by UTM's Academic Affairs Committee and by the Tri-Campus Decanal Committee and had been approved by the Erindale College Council.

Invited to respond to questions, Professor Lettieri said that the enrolment in all years in German Cultural Studies was ten students in the Major Program and thirteen students in the Minor Program. Total enrolment in German courses was 185 full-course equivalents. UTM would continue to offer courses in German where there was sufficient demand. Provision would be made to enable students currently enrolled in the Programs in German Cultural Studies to complete their degrees. The Department of French, German and Italian would be holding a retreat on February 3, 2007 to consider plans for the future of German and other languages at UTM.

**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS - January 17, 2007**

**3. University of Toronto at Mississauga: Calendar Changes, 2007-08 (Cont'd)**

On motion duly made and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The new specialist and major programs, and program deletions, as described in the submission from the University of Toronto at Mississauga dated December 12, 2006, effective for the academic year 2007-08.

**4. University of Toronto at Scarborough: Calendar Changes, 2007-08**

Professor Hillan said that the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC) proposed four new Specialist Programs: French, Linguistics, International Development Studies (as a purely academic program, in addition to the currently offered co-operative work-study program) and a Co-operative Program in Management and Language. In addition, UTSC proposed a change in the academic regulations to require a grade point average of 2.5 to maintain good standing in all Co-operative Programs. The objective was to achieve uniformity among the Co-operative Programs. The proposals had received appropriate review and approval by the UTSC Academic Committee and by the Tri-Campus Decanal Committee.

Dean Buchweitz provided additional detail on each proposal.

- **The Specialist Program in French** was intended to supplement the new Concurrent Teacher Education Program in French, which itself would succeed the Specialist Program in the Education of Teachers in French (a part of the Early Teacher Project). In the absence of the Concurrent Teacher Education Program in French, UTSC had lacked a sufficient faculty complement to deliver a Specialist Program in French.
- **The Specialist Program in Linguistics** had been discontinued about ten years previously. It was now possible to restore the Program.
- **The Specialist Program in International Development Studies.** The Co-operative or work-study version of the Specialist Program in International Development Studies was very well known. However, while the enrolment in the Major Program – a regular academic program – was very strong, the enrolment in the Specialist Co-operative Program was not as strong as UTSC would wish and was declining. UTSC anticipated strong demand for the proposed academic Specialist Program. In response to a question, Dean Buchweitz said that he was

**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS - January 17, 2007**

**4. University of Toronto at Scarborough: Calendar Changes, 2007-08 (Cont'd)**

not concerned that the proposed Specialist Program would siphon enrolment from the Co-operative Program, which required a year's work in a third-world country. On the contrary, the additional enrolment expected in the proposed purely academic program would be essential in order to make the expensive Co-operative version of the Program viable. A member commented that the UTSC International Development programs were exceptionally good and commendable ones.

- **The Co-operative Specialist Program in Management and Languages** would supplement the current purely academic Specialist Program in Management and Language (French). There was a very large demand for bilingual managers, which should make the proposed Program an attractive and valuable one.

In response to a question, Dean Buchweitz described the process for approval of the proposals for calendar changes at UTSC. The proposals from the Departments were initially reviewed by the UTSC Council's Subcommittee on Programs and Curriculum. They were then reviewed by the Dean with respect to resource implications. They were then forwarded to the Academic Committee for approval. The Academic Committee was a Committee on the UTSC Council, which had authority to approve curriculum proposals, subject to approval as required by the Governing Council Committee on Academic Policy and Programs. Proposals were also reviewed by the Tri-Campus Decanal Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The new specialist programs and the revised requirement for standing in Co-operative Programs, as described in the submission from the University of Toronto at Scarborough dated December 12, 2006, effective for the 2007 Summer Session.

**5. School of Graduate Studies / Faculty of Arts and Science: Cinema Studies Master of Arts Program**

Professor Hillan said that Cinema Studies was a very important component of the undergraduate curriculum in the Faculty of Arts and Science, where a program had been offered for thirty years. There had been major growth in the discipline of Cinema Studies over that time. Successive external reviews had attested to the success of the undergraduate program at the University of Toronto and had recommended the establishment of a graduate program. The proposal was for a one-year, course-based

**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS - January 17, 2007****5. School of Graduate Studies / Faculty of Arts and Science: Cinema Studies Master of Arts Program (Cont'd)**

program. It would be based in the proposed new Cinema Studies Institute, subject to Governing Council approval of the establishment of the Institute within the Faculty of Arts and Science as an EDU:B (a unit with its own budget and authority to offer academic programs, enroll students and administer research grants). The establishment of the Institute had been recommended by the Planning and Budget Committee and the Academic Board; the proposal, as well as the Policy on Interdisciplinary Education and Research Planning (which would establish the new classification of extra-departmental units) were working their way through the remainder of the governance process. The proposal had been reviewed and endorsed by the Three Campus Graduate Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Science and by the Graduate Education Council.

Invited to comment, Professor Keil said that the establishment of a graduate program in Cinema Studies had been a long time in coming. He was confident that the core of faculty members in the field and the structure of required and optional courses would provide the basis for an excellent program. In response to questions about the internship course (either a major research-paper course or an internship course was required for the degree), Professor Keil said that the internship would not be a paid one. Its objective would be more academic than practical – to assist students in arriving at an understanding of the role of cinema in the cultural sector. An example might be assisting with research in programming for a cinematheque. Because enrolment would initially be limited to ten - twelve students, Professor Keil was confident that all students who wished to do so would be able to find internship positions. The program would then increase its enrolment by only one or two students per year over the next five years.

On motion duly made and seconded,

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

THAT the proposed Master of Arts (M.A.) Program in Cinema Studies, as described in Appendix "A" hereto, be established within the Faculty of Arts and Science, commencing September 2007.

**6. School of Graduate Studies / Faculty of Forestry: Master's Degree Program in International Trade and Forest Products – Discontinuation**

Professor Hillan said because of changes in the direction of the Faculty of Forestry, the Faculty had not in fact admitted students to the Master's Program in International Trade and Forest Products, which had been approved by the Governing Council in May, 2003. It was now proposed to discontinue the program formally. The discontinuation had been reported to the Graduate Education Council.

**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS - January 17, 2007****6. School of Graduate Studies / Faculty of Forestry: Master's Degree Program in International Trade and Forest Products – Discontinuation (Cont'd)**

A member noted that it was surprising that the University would not offer a program in the area of international trade in forest products. Professor Pfeiffer replied that Faculty of Forestry was a small one that delivered a number of other graduate programs. It was essential that it focus its attention on the existing programs. In addition, the Faculty had advertised the program widely and had not located a substantial pool of potential students. Another member observed that it was unfortunate that a great deal of work had been done to develop the proposal and obtain all the relevant approvals for a program that had not been initiated. Professor Pfeiffer noted that hitherto, program approvals by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies had not included a time limit for implementation. A new By-Law makes approvals effective only for initiation of the programs within two years.

On motion duly made and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The discontinuation of the Master's Program in International Trade and Forest Products (M.I.T.F.P.), effective immediately.

**7. Faculty of Arts and Science, St. George Campus: Calendar Changes, 2007-08**

The Chair drew members' attention to a slightly revised version of this proposal, copies of which had distributed by electronic mail earlier in the week and had been placed on the table. There was only one difference from the version that was in the original agenda package: the Faculty of Arts and Science had submitted improved explanatory information for the first program – the Cell Biology Specialist.

Professor Hillan said that the Faculty of Arts and Science proposed a substantial number of new specialist, major and minor programs. It also proposed the deletion of the Specialist Program in Human Behavioural Biology, which would effectively be replaced by the proposed new Specialist Program in Neuroscience. The Faculty had supplied extensive documentation. The calendar changes had been reviewed and approved by the relevant Curriculum Committees of the Faculty of Arts and Science and by the Faculty Council. There had also been extensive consultation with appropriate partners and cognate departments and review by the Tri-Campus Decanal Committee.

Professor Stevenson, Professor Buchweitz, Professor Farrar and Ms Swift responded to questions in two areas.

**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS - January 17, 2007**

**7. Faculty of Arts and Science, St. George Campus: Calendar Changes, 2007-08**  
(Cont'd)

**(a) Discontinued Programs.** The approval of the deletion of the program in Human Behavioural Biology would mean that no new students would be admitted to it. Students currently enrolled in discontinued programs were permitted to complete their requirements. Many of the individual courses required for discontinued programs continued to be offered. Where they were not, the Associate Chair responsible for undergraduate studies or another Departmental authority would be able to permit substitutions.

**(b) Approval of new courses.** While the approval of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs was required for new Programs, the Councils of the individual academic divisions had the authority to approve the individual courses that were offered within programs. The Committee's requirements with respect to the amount of information to be included in annual calendar-change submissions had varied over the years, with the level of detail required being less at the present time than in some earlier years.

On motion duly made and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The new specialist, major and minor programs, and the program deletion, as described in the submission from the Faculty of Arts and Science, St. George Campus, dated December 16, 2006, effective for the academic year 2007-08.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair announced that, in consultation with the Vice-Chair and the Committee's assessors, she had determined that there was insufficient business to merit a meeting at the next scheduled date. Therefore, the meeting of Wednesday, January 31, 2007 had been cancelled.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for **Wednesday, March 7, 2007**. The agenda would include recommendations for the revision of research policies and the annual report of the Vice-Provost, Students on Student Financial Support.

**REPORT NUMBER 127 OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS - January 17, 2007**

**9. Other Business**

**Tri-Campus Consultation**

A member made reference to the work of the Tri-Campus Decanal Committee and to other tri-campus consultation as reported in connection with the various proposals for calendar changes. She commented that the establishment of regular tri-campus consultation and co-operation was highly commendable.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

February 1, 2007

38399