

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

**REPORT NUMBER 163 OF THE COMMITTEE ON
ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

September 17, 2013

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following present:

Professor Douglas McDougall (Chair)
Professor Elizabeth Peter (Vice-Chair)
Professor Sioban Nelson, Vice-Provost,
Academic Programs
Professor Brian Corman, Vice-Provost,
Graduate Education and Dean,
School of Graduate Studies
Professor Jan Barnsley
Professor Zhong-Ping Feng
Mr. Andrew Girgis
Mr. Yingxiang Li
Ms Michelle Mitrovich
Dr. Gary P. Mooney
Ms Jessica Ng
Dr. Graeme Norval
Professor Russell Pysklywec

Ms Daisy Qin
Ms Jennifer Raso
Ms Catherine Riddell
Professor Michael Ratcliffe
Professor Elizabeth M. Smyth
Professor Markus Stock
Professor Scott Thomas
Professor Steven J. Thorpe
Professor Vincent Tropepe
Professor Cameron Walter
Professor Sandy Welsh

Secretariat:
Mr. David Walders

Regrets:

Ms Sara Dolcetti
Professor Paul Kingston
Ms Aditi Ratho
Professor R. Paul Young

In Attendance:

Professor Terry Donaldson, Director, Toronto School of Theology
Ms. Justine Garrett, Coordinator, Academic Programs and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost
Dr. Jane E. Harrison, Director, Academic Programs and Policy, Office of the Vice-President and Provost
Professor Alan Hayes, Toronto School of Theology
Professor Jaroslav Skira, Director of Advanced Degree Programs, Toronto School of Theology.

ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION.

1. Welcome and Orientation

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of the Committee for the 2013-2014 governance year. The Chair offered a special welcome to Professor Sioban Nelson, the new Senior Assessor to the Committee. Following the introduction of Committee members and staff, the Chair provided an overview of the Committee's role within University governance and outlined the responsibilities of members. (Appendix A).

2. Calendar of Business

The Chair provided a brief overview of the Calendar of Business and noted that it would be updated on-line every Friday.

3. Summer Executive Authority

The Chair noted that there were no items of business conducted under Summer Executive Authority.

4. Annual Report on AP&P Approvals, 2012-13

The Chair provided some examples of business that was conducted during the 2012-13 governance year. These included items for approval, items that were recommenced to the Academic Board, items presented for information as well as presentation that were given.

5. New Conjoint PhD Program (U of T-TST) - Ph.D. Program.

Professor Sioban Nelson provided some background on the relationship between the University and the Toronto School of Theology as well as on conjoint programs more generally. She noted that, if the proposed Ph.D. in Theological Studies is approved, the TST intends to close the existing Ph.D. program in Theology.

A member inquired as to how the students in the program would be supported. Professor Alan Hayes replied that students would be registered with a college at the University which would provide some funding to students. In response to a members question about expected completion time for students enrolled in the Program, Professor Jaroslav Skira noted that efforts were being made to improve upon the current average completion time, which was around 5.7 years.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

THAT the proposed new Ph.D. in Theological Studies, as described in the proposal from the Toronto School of Theology dated August 22, 2013 be approved, effective the academic year 2015-16.

6. Ontario Co-operative Education Tax Credit: Approved List of Programs, 2013-14

Professor Sioban Nelson provided a brief overview of the Tax Credit arrangement. She noted that the University had an extensive list of Co-operative opportunities open to students and that the programs which qualified for a Provincial tax credit represented only a fraction of these programs.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the List of University of Toronto programs eligible for the Ontario Co-operative Education Tax Credit, 2013-14, be approved.

7. Report: Review Committee, Toronto School of Theology and University of Toronto Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Professor Sioban Nelson provided a brief overview of the MOA as well as the Review Committee process. She noted that the current MOA expired in 2014 and that the Review Committee was tasked with the responsibility to report compliance, review the terms of the MOA and make recommendations for changes to the terms. She summarized for members the more substantial changes being recommended.

8. Report on the Reviews of Graduate Collaborative Programs: 2012-13

Professor Sioban Nelson explained by way of context that the periodic review of Collaborative programs falls under the UTQAP. This Report was the second such Report to come forward to AP&P. The reviews are coordinated by the School of Graduate Studies and she invited the Vice-Provost, Graduate Brian Corman to provide some background. Dean Corman explained that, under the UTQAP, reviews of graduate collaborative programs were conducted by an internal committee, largely because of their status as non-degree-conferring programs.

In response to a member's question regarding oversight of the review committee, Dean Corman explained that the Committee took recommendations to the Director of the Program, who then decided which course of action to take. A formal report would then be sent to the School of Graduate Studies.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and items approved.

9. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 162 – May 14, 2013

Report Number 162 of the meeting of May 14, 2013 was approved.

10. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the Report of the previous meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 29th, 2013 at 4:10 p.m.

12. Reports of the Administrative Assessors

There were no reports from the Administrative Assessors.

13. Other Business

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

September 22, 2013