

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 20 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

MARCH 23, 2017

To the Campus Council,
University of Toronto Mississauga

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on March 23, 2017 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, William G. Davis Building, at which the following were present:

Professor Judith Poë, Chair
Dr. Laura Taylor, Vice-Chair
Professor Ulli Krull, Interim Vice-President
& Principal
Professor Amrita Daniere, Vice-Principal
Academic and Dean
Professor Bryan Stewart, Vice-Principal,
Research
Professor Gordon Anderson
Ms Celina Baines
Professor Tracey Bowen
Ms Diane Crocker, Registrar
Ms Elaine Goettler
Professor Claudiu Gradinaru
Professor Sanja Hinic-Frlog
Ms Shelley Hawrychuk
Professor Rosa Hong
Professor Nathan Innocente
Professor Kajri Jain
Professor Stuart Kamenetsky
Professor Stephen Kudla
Ms Renu Kanga Fonseca
Professor Michael Lettieri
Professor Heather Miller
Professor Kent Moore
Professor Emmanuel Nikiema
Mr. Jay Nirula
Professor Andrea Olive
Dr. Christoph Richter
Professor Alison Syme
Professor David Smith
Professor Mihkel Tombak

Mr. Glenn Thompson
Professor Anthony Wensley
Mr. Jose Wilson
Professor Kathi Wilson
Professor Liye Xie
Dr. Daniel Zingaro

Non-Voting Assessors:

Mr. Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs
Ms Yen Du, Program and Curriculum
Officer

Regrets:

Professor James Allen
Mr. Anshul Bhatnagar
Professor Liza Blake
Professor Aurel Braun
Professor Ron Buliung
Mr. Zakk Dodge
Ms Salma Fakhry
Professor Norm Farb
Professor Anna Korteweg
Ms Jennifer Park
Professor Diana Raffman
Professor Manfred Schneider
Ms Caitlyn Seale
Professor Joan Simalchik
Professor Rebecca Wittman
Professor Xiaodong Zhu

In Attendance:

Ms Menna Elnaka, Medium

Secretariat:

Ms Cindy Ferencz Hammond, Director of Governance, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council

Ms Mariam Ali, Governance Coordinator, UTM

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and provided an update on the 2017 Elections. She noted that winners for the teaching and administrative staff estates had been declared on February 24, and that the list was posted on the Office of the Campus Council website. The Chair congratulated Professors Brett Beston and Laura Brown on their election, as well as Professors Liza Blake, Sanja Hinic-Frlog and Daniel Zingaro on their re-elections in the teaching staff constituency of the Academic Affairs Committee. Student constituency results would be announced on April 6, 2017. The Chair also welcomed Dr. Laura Taylor to her role as Vice-Chair for the academic year 2016-17.

The Chair reminded members that they had received communication regarding the upcoming retirement of Ms Diane Crocker, Registrar and thanked her for her many contributions to the Academic Affairs Committee in particular.

2. Update on the Strategic Planning Task Force

The Chair invited Professor Amrita Daniere, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean to provide an Update on the Strategic Planning Task Force. Professor Daniere informed the Committee of the Strategic Planning Task Force membership, and advised that it was being managed by Ms Karyn Dumble, President and Principal Consultant at the Monarch Park Group. She provided a timeline of activities that the Task Force had taken on since January, and noted that the drop-in consultation sessions for the UTM community had recently concluded. Professor Daniere stated that the Task Force had requested brief documents from the academic departments, the Library and the Office of the Registrar which provided highlights on how each unit planned to evolve over the next 5 years. Those plans were to be submitted by the end of March and would be considered on a retreat that would take place on April 2. Draft plans would be developed in May and June, and shared with the campus for feedback. The final draft would then be submitted into the first cycle of governance, in fall of 2017.

3. Minor Modification: Master of Biotechnology Program (Mbiotech) Course Name Changes

The Chair informed members that the Committee was responsible for major and minor modifications to existing programs. She then invited Professor Leigh Revers, Interim Director of the MBiotech program to present this item. Professor Revers advised the Committee that the proposed name changes would more accurately reflect the emphasis and nature of the courses which required students to address problems of industry, and required extensive collaborations

with external partners. He noted that these changes had been reviewed and approved by the IMI Curriculum Committee in February, 2017.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the proposed New Minor in Business, Science, and Entrepreneurship, proposed by the Department of Management, offered by the Institute for Management and Innovation (IMI), recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean, Professor Amrita Daniere, and as described in the proposal dated November 22, 2016, be approved, effective September 1, 2017.

4. Minor Modification: Institute for Management and Innovation (IMI) New Course

The Chair invited Professor Amrita Daniere to present this item. Professor Daniere advised members that the IMI program sought to enhance its course offerings with the addition of a new seminar course for graduate students. This course would allow for the exploration of theories, research techniques and policy options relevant to the understanding and solution of issues related to management and innovation. The course would provide a means through which newly hired and visiting faculty would be able to offer new course content on a trial or temporary basis. Professor Daniere added that these changes had been reviewed and approved by the IMI Curriculum Committee in January, 2017.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the new course, Special Topics in Management and Innovation (IMI2001H) proposed by Institute for Management and Innovation (IMI), recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean, Professor Amrita Daniere, and described in the proposal dated January 9, 2017, be approved, effective on September 1, 2017.

5. Other Business

a) UTM Bridging Pathway (UTMBP) Program Update

Ms Crocker, Registrar & Director of Enrolment Management, provided an overview of the UTMBP program, noting that this was a small program but that it had made a significant impact on these student's lives. The program offered entry level studies to mature students who had been away from formal education for a significant period of time. She noted that those students who had been successful were able to maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA. The maximum intake the program could potentially take was approximately 30 students, and currently the cohort included 19 students.

In response to a member's question, there were no indigenous students in the program however efforts had been made to visit indigenous communities and raise awareness. Ms Crocker noted this was most likely due to transportation accessibility. A member asked about the financial concerns faced by these students and what resources were available. Ms Crocker noted that there had been efforts made recently that improved financial support for UTMBP students and made this pathway even more accessible to a wider audience going forward, and included a bursary that was established with assistance from the Office of Advancement. She noted that 50% of students were using these bursaries, and that registrarial staff would then advise on financial matters when students transitioned into full time studies. In response to a member's question regarding high school prerequisites for math and science programs, Ms Crocker noted that students would need to attend an Ontario Adult Learning Centre to obtain these prerequisites.

There were no items of other business.

6. Assessors' Report

Professor Daniere provided an overview of items that would come up for approval at the April meeting, which included a new field in the MBiotech program and a course change in the MMPA program. She also noted to members that a change to the credit/no credit policy was being considered and that it would be discussed at the next Departmental Chair's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that Item 9 - Report of the Previous Meeting, be approved.

7. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 19 – January 9, 2017

8. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

9. Date of the Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 4:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Secretary
March 31, 2017

Chair