

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 188 OF THE COMMITTEE ON
ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS
January 11, 2018

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto

Your Committee reports that it met on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following present:

Present:

Ernest Lam (Chair)
Markus Stock (Vice- Chair)
Sioban Nelson, Vice-Provost,
 Academic Programs and Interim Vice-
 Provost, Faculty and Academic Life
Catherine Amara
Aarthi Ashok
Joshua Barker
Jasmine Carter
James Davis
Raisa B. Deber
Arina Dmitrenko
Tara Goldstein

Connie Guberman
Amanda Harvey-Sanchez
Cara Krmpotich
Reinhart Reithmeier
Anne Harriet Simmonds
David R. Smith

Non-voting Assessor

Vivek Goel
Richard Levin

Secretariat:

David Walders

Regrets:

Glen Bandiera
Heather S. Boon
Rahul Gupta
William Ju
Allan S. Kaplan
Jeannie Kim
Ben Liu
Nikita Roy
Narhari Timilshina

In Attendance:

Susan McCahan, Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education

David Cameron, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science

Peter Donnelly, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education

Wendy Duff, Dean, Faculty of Information

Helen Lasthiotakis, Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation

Kelly Lyons, Faculty of Information

Grethen Kerr, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education

Daniella Mallinick, Director, Academic Program, Planning and Quality Assurance, Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs

Francois Pitt, Department of Computer Science

Mary Pugh, Acting Vice-Dean Undergraduate and International, FAS

Nathan Taback, Department of Statistical Science

Jamie Stafford, Department of Statistical Science

Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

1. Revisions to the *Copyright Policy*

The Chair reminded members that it was part of the mandate of the Committee to consider policies pertaining to such matters as intellectual property, publication of research results, inventions and innovations. He also noted that revisions to the *Copyright Policy* were last considered by the Committee in 2007.

Professor Vivek Goel, Vice-President Research and Innovation, outlined the proposed changes to the *Policy*, which included updating the definitions of administrative staff, teaching staff and post-doctoral fellows to reflect current definitions. In addition, the distribution of revenues was now aligned with those in the *Inventions Policy*, including commercialization undertaken by authors themselves and situations where the University commercializes the authors' works.

In reply to a members' question, Professor Goel confirmed that the revisions did not specify revenue expectations or how revenues may be shared among authors. Rather, the intent of the *Policy* remained to protect others from profiting from an author's work.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

It was Recommended

THAT the proposed *Copyright Policy*, which replaces the *Copyright Policy* approved by the Governing Council on May 30, 2007, be approved.

2. New Guideline on Recognition of Postdoctoral Fellows as part of the Inventions Policy

Professor Goel noted that the *Guideline on Recognition of Postdoctoral Fellows* clarified the inventor status of postdoctoral fellows from trainees to unionized administrative staff as reflected in the Memorandum of Agreement signed on May 18, 2017. This *Guideline* would now become part of the *Inventions Policy*.

There were no questions from members and the *Guideline* was received for information.

3. Proposal to create a Bachelor of Information, Faculty of Information

Professor Nelson noted that the Bachelor of Information, a new second-entry degree program, was a professional program that offered a very specific curriculum. Applicants would complete a specified number of courses in a first-entry degree program, typically within a BA or BSc, in order to be eligible to apply. The anticipated start date for the Bachelor of Information would be September, 2019 and would consist of 11 Full-Course Equivalents taken over 5 sessions, including studio and lecture-based courses and a practicum.

In reply to questions concerning the practicum component of the program, Dean Duff confirmed that the practicum would be unpaid and would, in some cases, be focussed on research.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

It was Recommended

THAT the proposed Bachelor of Information, which will confer the degree B.I., as described in the proposal from the Faculty of Information dated October 24, 2017, be approved effective September 1, 2019.

4. Proposal to create a Specialist in Data Science, BSc, Faculty of Arts and Science

Professor Nelson advised that the proposed Specialist in Data Science would partially fulfil the requirements of the existing Bachelor of Science degree. Students would be able to apply for admission at the end of the first year of the BSc and enrolment would be limited to about 40 students per year. The curriculum would combine existing Computer Science and Statistical Sciences courses plus 3 unique Data Science integrative courses to be taken in Years 2, 3 and 4. Students in the Specialist would complete either 13.0 or 13.5 full-course equivalents, depending on their course selection.

In reply to a members' question regarding the portion of the curriculum that pertained to research ethics, Professor Nathan Taback noted that the ethics portion of the curriculum would be taught as part of the integrative courses in years 2, 3 and 4.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

It was Resolved

THAT the proposed Specialist in Data Science, which will confer the existing degree B.Sc., as described in the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Science dated November 9, 2017, be approved effective September 1, 2018.

5. Proposal to close the Specialist in Developmental Biology Specialist, BSc, Faculty of Arts and Science

Professor Nelson reminded the Committee that the closure of programs was part of a normal and positive part of program evolution and quality. The plan to close the Specialist in Developmental Biology had been discussed in the self-study as part of the review of the program undertaken in 2015-16. At that time, the reviewers supported the decision to close the program. Students would have continued access to courses in the area of developmental biology in the recently created Stem Cells and Developmental Biology focus within the Specialist and Major in Cell and Molecular Biology programs.

In reply to a members' question, Professor Mary Pugh confirmed that all students currently enrolled in the program would be given the opportunity to graduate from the current program.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

It was Resolved

THAT the proposed closure of the Specialist in Developmental Biology undergraduate program, to which admissions have already been suspended, as described in the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Science dated November 1, 2017, be approved with an anticipated program closure date of June 30, 2022.

6. Proposal to close the Major in Health Care Ethics, BSc, Faculty of Arts and Science

Professor Nelson noted that the plan to close the program was discussed in the 2012-13 program review and was committed to in the Dean's Administrative response and Implementation Plan for Human Biology.

In reply to a members' question, Professor Mary Pugh confirmed that, at present, one student currently enrolled in the program had satisfied all program requirements.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

It was Resolved

THAT the proposed closure of the Major in Health Care Ethics undergraduate program, to which admissions have already been suspended, as described in the proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Science dated October 27, 2017, be approved with an anticipated program closure date of June 30, 2018.

7. Revised Divisional Teaching Evaluation Guidelines

Professor Nelson explained that Divisions are in the process of revising the divisional guidelines on the evaluation of teaching to bring them into line with recent changes to policy as a result of the Special Joint Advisory Committee [SJAC] process between the University and UTFSA, including changes to the Policy and Procedures on Academic Appointments [PPAA] and the approval of the new Policy and Procedures Governing Promotion in the Teaching Stream [PPPTS]. She noted that the revision process in each Faculty/Division, was highly consultative.

a) Faculty of Information

Dean Duff confirmed that the process had been highly consultative and noted that the revised Guidelines would be especially helpful for new teaching Stream colleagues.

In reply to a query from a member concerning the whether the list of items that might be included in the teaching dossier prepared by candidates could be shorter and more prescriptive, it was explained by both Dean Duff and Professor Nelson that the guidelines were meant to offer guidance as to what might be valuable for evaluators to consider, not to provide a checklist of what must be included.

In motion duly made, seconded and carried

It was Resolved

THAT the revised “Faculty of Information Guidelines for Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness, Tenure Stream” and “Faculty of Information Guidelines for Assessment of Teaching Effectiveness, Teaching Stream” brought forward from the Faculty of Information as attached, be approved effective immediately.

b) Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education

Dean Ira Jacobs confirmed that the development and approval of the guidelines within the Faculty had been highly productive and consultative.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

It was Resolved

THAT the revised “Guidelines for the Assessment of Effectiveness of Teaching in Tenure, Continuing Status and Promotion Decisions” brought forward from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education as attached, be approved effective immediately.

8. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 187 – November 2, 2017

The report of the previous meeting, Report 187, was approved.

9. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

10. Date of Next Meeting – February 27, 2018 at 4:10 p.m.

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on February 27, 2018 at 4:10 p.m.

11. Reports of the Administrative Assessors

Professor Nelson reported that two new program proposals that AP&P reviewed in May 2017, the Master of Accounting and Finance and the Master of Health Science in Medical Genomics, were approved by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development in December 2017. She noted that these programs represented the University’s continuing engagement in big data research and, more broadly, an area where other Ontario universities were approving new programs.

12. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

January 12, 2018