

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 28 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 9, 2018

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

Your Committee reports that it met on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

Present:

Elaine Khoo, Chair
Conor Anderson, Vice-Chair
Bruce Kidd, Vice-President and
Principal, UTSC
Marc Cadotte, Acting Vice-
Principal, Research
Nada Barrie
Dean Carcone
Curtis Cole
George S. Cree
Colleen Gillon*
Vassos Hadzilacos
Clare Hasenkampf
Whitney Kemble*
Margaret Kohn*
Marilyn Kwan
Lydia V.E. Lampers-Wallner
Jennifer McKelvie
Mari Motrich
William M. Nelson
Sonja Nikkila
Rania Salem*
Mahinda Samarakoon
Mark A. Schmuckler
Zohreh Shahbazi
Mary T. Silcox
Jennifer Xue
David Zweig

Non-Voting Assessors:

Annette Knott
Varsha Patel

Secretariat:

Amorell Saunders N'Daw
Rena Prashad

Absent:

Syed W. Ahmed
George B. Arhonditsis
Corinne Beauquis
Shelley A. Brunt
Li Chen
Jacqueline M. Deane
Tarun Dewan
Neal Dolan
George Fadel
William Gough
Alen Hadzovic
Benj Hellie
Mark Hunter
Alexander Irving
Mariam Issa
Thembela Kepe
Michael J. Lambek
Katherine R. Larson
Andrew C. Mason
Karen Lyda McCrindle
Larry A. Sawchuk

Sonia Sedivy
Ahmad Shanqiti
Daniel Silver

Michael Souza
Lynn Tucker
Jessica Wilson

* Telephone Participants

In Attendance:

Lisa Harvey, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, Department of Management
Ken MacDonald, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography
Sotirios Damouras, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, Department of Computer and
Mathematical Sciences
Jason Wei, Professor, Department of Management

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the first Committee meeting of the new year.

She welcomed Amorell Saunders N'Daw, Director of Governance, back to her role after a year-long secondment and thanked Rena Prashad, Governance Coordinator, for her extra guidance and support during the year.

2. Undergraduate Major Modification, New Double Degree Programs

Mark Schmuckler, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate, reported that the Departments of Computer and Mathematical Sciences and Management were proposing co-op and non co-op double degrees between existing degree programs (i.e. Specialist Program in Management and Finance, Bachelor of Business Administration and Specialist Program in Statistics (Quantitative Finance stream), Honours Bachelor of Science). He explained that the five year program consisted of 25.0 credits with an enrollment target of twenty students annually. Finally, he emphasized that the programs would be the first of their kind in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and that the proposed programs created an accelerated pathway for students who would otherwise be required to complete two separate Specialist programs to obtain the degree accreditations.

In response to a comment regarding co-op placements for students in the co-op double degree program, David Zweig, Chair, Department of Management, explained that students would pursue work terms in financial roles and that the Department of Management had the necessary resources to assist students in finding co-op opportunities.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the major modification to introduce 2 new Double Degree Programs: (1) Double Degree: UTSC, Bachelor of Business Administration, Specialist (Co-operative) Program in Management and Finance/UTSC, Honours Bachelor of Science, Specialist (Co-operative) Program in Statistics, Quantitative Finance stream; and (2) Double Degree: UTSC, Bachelor of Business Administration, Specialist Program in Management and Finance/UTSC, Honours Bachelor of Science, Specialist Program in Statistics, Quantitative Finance stream), as described in the proposal dated December 5, 2017 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2018 for the academic year 2018-19.

3. Graduate Major Modification, Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies

Mary Silcox, Vice-Dean, Graduate, reported that the Culinary Research Centre (Extra Departmental Unit-B) was proposing a graduate Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies. The framework for the Collaborative Specialization focused on promoting the interdisciplinary study of food, culture, and society between scholars in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities at UTSC and to increase the graduate student presence on campus. Professor Silcox remarked that graduate students completing the Collaborative Specialization would benefit from transcript notations to enhance their competitiveness in the academic job market and food-based careers.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the new graduate Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies, as described in the proposal dated December 5, 2017 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2018 for the academic year 2018-19.

4. Graduate Minor Modifications, New Courses (MAccFin and Food Studies)

Professor Silcox reported that nineteen new courses associated with the Masters of Accounting and Finance (MAccFin) and two courses associated with the Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies were being proposed for approval to be taught in the 2018-19 academic year. She explained that the nineteen new courses being presented by the Graduate Department of Management were the suite of courses to be offered to students enrolled in the recently established MAccFin program.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

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THAT the new courses submitted by the Graduate Department of Management, as described in the New Courses Report: Masters of Accounting and Finance Program (MAccFin), dated December 5, 2017, and New Courses Report: Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies, dated December 5, 2017 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, Professor William Gough, be approved effective April 1, 2018 for the academic year 2018-19.

5. 2018-19 Sessional Dates

Cutis Cole, Registrar & Assistant Dean (Enrolment Management), reported that the 2018-19 Sessional Dates were approved by the Dean's Office after consultation with academic Chairs and Directors. He highlighted that the Fall 2018 term would begin after Labour Day (Tuesday, September 4th) and that there would be no Sunday exams.

In response to a comment regarding the 'to be confirmed' dates listed on the 2018-19 Sessional Dates, Dr. Cole explained that the 'to be confirmed' dates were related to the Credit/No Credit mode of assessment (on ACORN), which were not finalized.

A member commented on the impact of UTSC sessional dates within the context of the tri-campus community. Dr. Cole acknowledged that the UTSC sessional dates impacted both faculty and students who taught or took courses in the Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS) where separate sessional dates had been established. However, he explained that UTSC had a larger proportion of courses with final exams in December than FAS, and that adjusting the UTSC Fall start date to align with the later FAS start date would result in a high proportion of exam conflicts.

A member commented on the academic calendar regulation prohibiting students from writing three exams within twenty-four hours. Dr. Cole explained that the Registrar's Office utilized scheduling software to minimize such an occurrence. In addition, the software was also capable of staggering exams for courses taken in a particular sequence for program requirements.

6. Reports of the Presidential Assessors

There were no Presidential Assessors reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that the item requiring approval (item 7) be approved.

7. **Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 27-** Thursday, September 14, 2017
 8. **Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**
 9. **Date of the Next Meeting– Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 4:10 p.m.**
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10. Other Business

No other business was raised.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

January 26, 2018