

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 194 OF THE COMMITTEE ON
ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS
January 14, 2019

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following present:

Present:

Ernest Lam (Chair)
Markus Stock (Vice- Chair)
Donald Ainslie
Catherine Amara
Aarthi Ashok
Emily Chu
James Davis
Jason Glover
Connie Guberman
Mallory Jackman
William Ju
Jeannie Kim
Richard Levin
Shawn Medeiros
Jan Mahrt-Smith
Paul Malozewski
Nicholas Moroz
Sandhya Mylabathula
Emmanuel Nikiema
Said Sidani
Rachel Zand

Secretariat:

David Walders

Regrets:

Zhong-Ping Feng
Susan McCahan
Mohan Matthen
Richard Sommer

In Attendance:

Glen Jones, Dean, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
Gretchen Kerr, Vice-Dean, Programs and Innovation, SGS
Daniella Mallinick, Director, Academic Programs, Planning and Quality Assurance, Office
of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs
Andrew Petersen, Acting Vice-Dean, Teaching and Learning, UTM

**1. Modification to Existing University of Toronto Mississauga Academic Regulation:
Repeating Passed Courses Policy**

Mr. Richard Levin provided an overview of proposed changes, noting that they would allow students to designate up to 1.0 repeated passed credits to count towards their GPA. Professor Petersen noted that the proposal offered students the opportunity to recover from challenges in first year that kept them from entering programs that requires a particular mark in a given course and/or a minimum CGPA.

In reply to a member's comment, Professor Petersen explained that the proposed modification was consistent with that of other U15 universities and was quite restrictive since it was limited to 1.0 course credits.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the proposed University of Toronto Mississauga Repeating Passed Courses policy, as recommended by the Acting Vice-Principal Academic & Dean, Professor Angela Lange, and described in the proposal dated October 22, 2018, be approved, effective May 1, 2019.

**2. Review of the Dr. Eric Jackman Institute of Child Study (JICS) (EDU:B) at
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education**

Professor Gretchen Kerr provided an overview of the Review, noting that the review was modeled on but outside of the scope of the UTQAP review process, as no academic programs were included. Professor Kerr noted that the Dean of OISE commissioned the review of the JICS, which was one of very few EDU:Bs at the University that did not offer academic programs. The Dean had prepared a summary report on the review and its implementation plan. The overall assessment of the quality of the unit was very high.

Professor Glen Jones noted that the review was extremely helpful.

The Committee received the review for information.

3. Presentation: *Transcript Innovation Initiative*

Mr. Levin offered a presentation on the *Transcript Innovation Initiative* which provided a background on the Initiative and highlighted the following:

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- The initiative was guided by a steering committee co-chaired by the Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education, and Vice-Provost, Academic Programs. There was also a working group with representatives from several divisions, and University-wide consultation including students, staff and faculty was planned.
- Phase 1 of the initiative would include the availability of PDF transcripts, which would be available to students in under an hour and a link to the transcript could also be sent directly to recipients
- Phase 2 of the initiative would expand the information provided as part of the transcript to allow the student's academic and co-curricular capabilities and experiences to be captured. Also included in Phase 2 would be increased security measures resistant to tampering.
- There would be an initial report of the working group by the end of 2019.

In the discussion that followed, members commented on the benefits of presenting a more complete picture of students' academic careers in the transcript. A member also raised a concern regarding overreliance on student's GPA by potential employers and suggested that the transcript initiative may encourage more employers to request a link to student transcripts. Finally, members urged for extensive student consultation on the initiative as well as consultation with the Faculty Association.

The chair thanked Mr. Levin for his presentation.

4. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 193 – November 1, 2018

A member proposed a minor amendment to the Report of the Previous Meeting and the Report was approved as amended.

5. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting – February 26, 2019 at 4:10 p.m.

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting would be February 26th, 2019 at 4:10 p.m.

7. Reports of the Administrative Assessors

There were no reports of the Administrative Assessors.

8. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

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