

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 160 OF THE COMMITTEE ON
ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS

February 26, 2013

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following present:

Professor Douglas McDougall (Chair)	Mr. Richard Levin
Professor Elizabeth Peter (Vice-Chair)	Ms Michelle Mitrovich
Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs	Professor Emmanuel Nikiema
Professor Brian Corman, Vice-Provost, Graduate Education and Dean, School of Graduate Studies	Dr. Graeme Norval
Professor Zhong-Ping Feng	Ms Ioana Sendroiu
Mr. Aidan Fishman	Ms Maureen Somerville
Professor Rick Halpern	Professor Suzanne Stevenson
Mr. David Kleinman	Professor Steven Thorpe
	Professor Sandy Welsh

Acting Secretary:

Mr. David Walders

Regrets:

Professor Karen D. Davis
Professor Joseph Desloges
Mr. Michael Dick
Mr. Omar Gamel
Professor Paul Kingston
Professor Peter Lewis
Professor Janet Paterson
Ms Judith C. Poë
Professor Russell Pysklywec
Professor Suzanne Stevenson
Ms. Karel Swift
Ms Tisha Tan
Dr. Sarita Verma
Professor Paul Young

In Attendance:

Dr. Benjamin Alman, Vice-Chair Research, Department of Surgery
Ms. Cloe Bilodeau, Executive, Peace and Conflict Studies Student Society
Ms Anne-Marie Brousseau, Associate Dean, Undergraduate, Faculty of Arts and Science
Dr. Jane E. Harrison, Director, Academic Programs and Policy, Office of the
Vice-Provost, Academic Programs
Dr. Avrum Gottlieb, Vice Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Innovation
Professor John Sherk, Vice Dean, Undergraduate, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC)
Ms Donna Wall, Enrollment Services

ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED TO THE ACADEMIC BOARD FOR INFORMATION

1. New Collaborative Program in Musculoskeletal Sciences

Professor Regehr noted that the University of Toronto had continued to be a world leader in musculoskeletal research and that this new collaborative program would provide the opportunity for further research and innovation in this area. The program's goal would be to create leaders in the field of musculoskeletal science.

The Chair invited Dr. Benjamin Alman, Vice-Chair Research, Department of Surgery to make further comments. Dr. Alman noted that the University of Toronto possessed one of the largest musculoskeletal research communities in the world, and that the program would encourage collaboration among students from a wide range of specific disciplines. This collaboration would be enhanced by monthly seminars in the program, which would educate students on how their work relates to the larger community of musculoskeletal research.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approves the proposed graduate Collaborative Program in Musculoskeletal Sciences, as described in the attached proposal from the Faculty of Medicine dated October 15, 2012, be approved effective for the academic year September 2013.

2. Student Awards – Annual Report on those Established, Amended and Withdrawn

The Chair explained that the *Policy on Student Awards* specified that all new, amended and withdrawn awards be reported to the Committee for information by the University Registrar. He noted that in 2011-2012, there were 146 new awards established in the University, with a total endowment value of \$14.9 million. In 2010-2011, the number of new awards established in the University was 154, with a total endowment value of about \$11.6 million.

3. Student Financial Support: Report of the Vice-Provost Students

The Chair explained that the *Policy on Student Financial Support* called for an annual report to be submitted for information to the Committee. The Report provided information on need-based aid by academic divisions, OSAP debt-load for students graduating from undergraduate direct-entry programs, and funding for graduate students in doctoral stream programs.

The Chair then invited questions for Mr. Richard Levin, Director of Enrollment Services and University Registrar.

A member asked if the Work Study Program would continue to be funded by the University. Mr. Levin responded that it would.

4. Program Closures: UTSC

The Chair then invited Professor Cheryl Regehr to introduce items 4 and 5 that dealt with program closures. Professor Regehr noted that the UTQAP delineated the process for the establishment of new programs, the modification of existing programs, and the closure of programs. She explained that program closures were part of a renewal process whereby programs that might not be meeting the needs of students would be replaced with programs that did. She highlighted the transparency of the process for closing programs which involved extensive analysis and consultation.

The Chair introduced Professor Rick Halpern, Vice Principal (Academic) and Dean, UTSC, to discuss UTSC program closures. Professor Halpern stated that, as part of a larger process of curriculum renewal, program closures must be viewed together with the establishment of new programs and the modification of existing programs. Such curriculum renewal would allow the University to adapt to meet the evolving needs and interests of students, as well as focusing faculty resources. In most cases where renewal resulted in program closures, the closures related to programs that were no longer viable, were tied to retired faculty, and/or were experiencing

Program Closures: UTSC (cont'd)

enrollments near zero. In all cases, extensive consultation was undertaken and the closures were supported by faculty and student groups.

4.1. Closure of B.A. Hons Major and B.A. Hons Major Co-op in Intersections, Exchanges, Encounters in the Humanities

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the proposed closure of the B.A. Hons Major and B.A. Hons Major Co-op in Intersections, Exchanges, Encounters in the Humanities, UTSC, as described in the attached proposal from The University of Toronto Scarborough dated 14 December, 2012, be approved for immediate closure of admissions and an anticipated program closure date of June 2013.

4.2. Closure of Series of Undergraduate Programs to which Admissions has been Suspended

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried.

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the proposed closure of the following undergraduate programs, to which admissions has already been suspended as described in the attached proposal from the University of Toronto Scarborough dated January 15, 2013, be approved with an anticipated program closure date of June 2015:

Department of Anthropology:

- Specialist Co-operative in Anthropology (BA/BSc)
- Specialist in Medical Anthropology (BA/BSc)

Department of Biological Sciences:

- Specialist in Conservation Biology (BSc)
- Specialist Co-operative in Conservation Biology (BSc)

Centre for Critical Development Studies:

- Interfaculty Combination Program in International Development and Environmental Studies

Program Closures: UTSC (cont'd)

Centre for French and Linguistics:

- Minor in French as a Second Language (BA)

Department of Historical and Cultural Studies:

- Major in Religion (BA)

Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences:

- Specialist in Natural Sciences (BSc)
- Major in Environmental Science – General Environmental stream (BSc)
- Major in Environmental Science – Environmental Biology stream (BSc)
- Major in Environmental Science – Water Science stream (BSc)

Department of Political Science:

- Major Co-operative in International Studies (BA)

Department of Psychology:

- Specialist in Cognitive Science (BSc)
- Major in Cognitive Science (BSc)

Department of Social Sciences:

- Major program in Society and Environment (BA)

Department of Sociology:

- Specialist Co-operative in Sociology (BA)

5. Program Closures: Faculty of Arts and Science

The Chair introduced Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Dean, Graduate Education & Program Reviews, Faculty of Arts and Science, to discuss closures in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Professor Welsh explained that along with the establishment of new programs and major and minor modifications to existing programs, closures were a necessary component of program renewal in the Faculty of Arts and Science. In some cases, extremely low enrollment, significant overlap with other programs and complicated structures had made it prudent to implement program closures. With over 300 programs, the Faculty of Arts and Science would continue its commitment to offering both a wide range of program

Program Closures: Faculty of Arts and Science (cont'd)

options, as well as clear and concise program requirements to assist students in navigating their degree.

Upon request from a Member, the Chair recognized a guest, Ms. Cloe Bilodeau, Executive, Peace and Conflict Studies Student Society, and invited her to speak on one of the proposed closures, the Joint Specialist in International Relations/Peace and Conflict Studies. Ms. Bilodeau explained the strengths of the program and highlighted the interdisciplinary structure of it. She also commented on the lack of consultation with the Peace and Conflict Studies Student Society and advocated for more consultation before the motion was tabled.

At the invitation of the Chair, Ms Anne-Marie Brousseau, Associate Dean, Undergraduate, Faculty of Arts and Science, addressed the Committee. She noted that if students pursued a double major in IR/PCJ, they would have a very similar experience to the previous Joint Specialist, would have a more clearly defined scope, and would offer 400-level courses. She noted that the Joint Specialist had no clear sponsor and that many students found the degree requirements difficult to navigate. She indicated that it was her understanding that students were consulted and did not oppose the closure.

Professor Welsh stated that it was also her understanding that students were consulted and that decisions such as this would always involve student consultation. To ensure there was full opportunity for consultation, Professor Welsh suggested to the Chair that the closure of the Joint Specialist Program be removed from the Agenda.

At the suggestion of Professor Welsh, and on motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the item concerning the closure of the International Relations/Peace and Conflict Studies (IR/PCJ) Joint Specialist, Munk School of Global Affairs and Trinity College to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program June 2015, be removed from the Agenda.

Program Closures: Faculty of Arts and Science (cont'd)

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the proposed closure of the following undergraduate program s, as described in the attached proposal from the Faculty of Arts and Science dated January 22, 2013, be approved as follows:

- Closure of the Specialist in Math and its Application (Computer Science), Department of Mathematics to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program June 2016.
- Closure of the Specialist Math and its Application (Design Your Own), Department of Mathematics to new admissions June 2013 and full closure of the program September 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly made, seconded and carried,

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and the items approved.

6. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 159 – January 15, 2013

Report Number 159, of the meeting held on January 15, was approved

7. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

8. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 4:10 p.m.

9. Report of the Senior Assessors

10. Other Business

No items of other business were raised.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

March 11, 2013