

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

**REPORT NUMBER 38 OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**May 29, 2019**

To the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council, University of Toronto Scarborough,  
Your Committee reports that it met on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council  
Chamber, Arts and Administration Building, with the following members present:

**Present:**

Elaine Khoo, Chair  
Sonja Nikkila, Vice-Chair  
Wisdom Tettey, Vice-President and  
Principal, UTSC  
William Gough, Vice-Principal,  
Academic and Dean  
Syed Ahmed  
Sandra Bamford  
Shelley Brunt  
Radhapriya Chawla  
Curtis Cole  
Suzanne Erb\*  
Colleen Gillon\*  
Angela Hamilton  
Mariam Issa  
Michael Lambek  
Lydia Lampers-Wallner  
Katherine Larson  
Tayyab Rashid  
Annie Sahagian\*  
Rania Salem  
Mahinda Samarakoon  
Mark Schmuckler  
Michael Souza

**Non-Voting Assessors:**

Annette Knott  
Varsha Patel  
Shelby Verboven

**Secretariat:**

Rena Prashad, Secretary  
Emma Thacker

**Absent:**

Fareed Amin  
Conor Anderson  
Corinne Beauquis  
Dakota Bundy  
Li Chen  
James Donaldson  
Barry Freeman  
Sarah Guay  
Alen Hadzovic  
Mark Hunter  
Alexander Irving  
Shiri Iskander  
Nancy Johnston  
Themabela Kepe  
Margaret Kohn  
Jacob Koudys  
Heinz-Bernhard Kraatz  
Patricia Landolt  
Brenda Librecz  
Andrew Mason  
Karen McCrindle  
Fatema Motiwala  
Michael Molloy  
Larry Sawchuk  
William Seager  
Mary Silcox  
Grace Skogstad  
Lynn Tucker  
Jessica Wilson  
David Zweig

\*Telephone Participants

**In attendance:**

Paul Kingston, Director, Centre for Critical Development Studies

Sarah Chaudhry, Programs & Curriculum Coordinator, Office of the Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean

**1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the final meeting of the Committee for the governance year.

The Chair offered reflections on the work of the Committee and noted the significant level of activity. In addition to the annual items, presented for information, the Committee approved a number of minor and major modifications to courses and programs at UTSC. The Committee also approved a Category 2 Certificate in Biological Sciences Research Excellence and received details on the External Reviews from the Departments of: Arts, Culture and Media; Historical and Cultural Studies; Physical and Environmental Sciences; and Psychology. Finally, robust Assessor Reports were shared with the Committee on a number of Decanal matters, and the Committee also received information on pathway agreements and the changes to OSAP in the form of strategic topics. In closing, the Chair congratulated the Committee on the work they accomplished together, and remarked that she looked forward to continuing to Chair the Committee again during the 2019-20 governance year.

**2. Category 2 Certificate: Certificate in Global Development, Environment and Health (U of T Global Scholar)**

Mark Schmuckler, Vice-Dean, Undergraduate, reported that the Centre for Critical Development Studies (CCDS) was proposing a Category 2 certificate in Global Development, Environment, and Health. Professor Schmuckler commented that the proposal was in alignment with the University's Global U Initiative, a tri-campus initiative, which focused on developing globally minded students across disciplines to encourage a global perspective and competence. He articulated that the certificate was opened to all UTSC students in degree programs and consisted of 2.0 credits. Of the 2.0 credits, 1.5 would be earned from existing UTSC course offerings and 0.5 earned through the completion of a new course (Global Development in Comparative Perspective). Professor Schmuckler commented that the certificate was for-credit and offered in conjunction with an undergraduate program. Upon completion of the certificate, a notation would be included on students' transcripts. Finally, Professor Schmuckler thanked the Director of the Centre for Critical Development Studies, Paul Kingston, and the Chairs of the Departments of Political Science and Sociology Grace Skogstad and Patricia Landolt, for their commitment in developing the certificate.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the proposal to introduce a new (Category 2) Certificate in Global Development, Environment and Health (U of T Global Scholar), as described in the proposal dated May 13, 2019 and recommended by the Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, William Gough, be approved effective as of Fall 2019 for the 2019-20 academic year.

### **3. External Review, Centre for French and Linguistics (CFL)**

William Gough, Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean, reported that the external review for the Centre for French and Linguistics was completed in May 2018 and was reviewed, for information, by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) and Academic Board in April 2019. Professor Gough reported that the review was the first review for the Centre as an independent unit since the Department of Humanities first began departmentalization in 2010. Overall, he reported that the review was positive. The reviewers commented on the strong enrolment for programs in French, Linguistics, Psycholinguistics, and English/Chinese Translation. However, the reviewers noted that there were specific enrolment challenges for the Specialist in French as a result of the closure of the Concurrent Teacher Education Program (CTEP) and its replacement with the Combined Degree Programs, which required students to earn a higher cumulative grade point average (CGPA). The reviewers highlighted the work of the Linguistics Students Association (LSA) who were actively involved with local Scarborough high schools bringing awareness to the field of French and Linguistics. Professor Gough remarked that the reviewers were impressed with the work of research faculty in the Centre whose students were consistently winning research awards. Finally, he commented that the Centre was exploring the possibility of offering graduate programming and a Bachelor of Science in Psycholinguistics. The Centre would be augmenting its staff compliment to meet the academic demands. Professor Gough thanked the Interim Director of the Centre, Sandra Bamford, for leading and guiding the Centre so diligently.

A member asked what the differences were between linguists and psycholinguistics. Professor Bamford briefly explained that linguistics, in general, was the study of language, including morphology, syntax, phonetics, and semantics. Psycholinguistics was the study of mental aspects of language and speech.

A member commented on the closure of CTEP for French specialist programs and the impact on faculty teaching loads. Professor Gough remarked that the closure of CETEP impacted French faculty because fewer sections of courses were offered, which was also reflected in a reduction of sessional lecturers.

### **4. Reports of the Presidential Assessors**

Professor Gough reported, for information, that two Facilitated Transfer Agreements were being finalized with Centennial College and Loyalist College to provide new pathways for College students to enter University. In summary, upon the completion of two years of study in college, and coupled with a defined cumulative grade point average (CGPA), applicants would be admitted to a UTSC degree program. He remarked that the Agreements with Centennial College

and Loyalist College would be signed shortly. In addition, facilitated transfer pathways were being developed for programs in Biotechnology at Centennial College and Loyalist College.

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**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 6) be approved.

5. **Minor Undergraduate Modifications, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences**
6. **Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 37-** Thursday, May 2, 2019
7. **Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**
8. **Date of the Next Meeting-** September 2019

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**9. Other Business**

The Chair advised members that they would be receiving an online Committee evaluation survey to complete, and she encouraged members to share their feedback. She thanked all members for their participation and engagement serving on the Committee over the past governance year and extended well wishes to non-continuing members: Danielle Bannis, Tayyab Rashid, Mark Hunter, Lynn Tucker, Dakota Bundy, Mariam Issa, Fatema Motiwala, Colleen Gillon, Conor Anderson, and Shiri Iskander. Finally, she thanked the Vice-Chair, Assessors, and Secretariat for their commitment to the work of the Committee and their support for the University's governance processes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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Secretary

June 5, 2019

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Chair