

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 88 OF THE COMMITTEE ON
ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS

April 11, 2001

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2001 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, at which the following were present:

Professor Ruth Gallop (In the Chair)
Professor Derek Allen (Vice-Chair)
Professor Paul Gooch, Vice-Provost
Professor François Casas
Professor Raisa Deber
Mr. Rob Foote
Mr. Arvin Hariri
Professor Lynne C. Howarth
Mr. David Kaplan
Professor Angela Lange
Professor Michael R. Marrus
Professor Ian McDonald
Ms Vera Melnyk
Ms Catherine Seymour

Professor J.J. Berry Smith
Professor Linda Wilson-Pauwels

Non-Voting Assessors

Professor Ian Orchard, Vice-Provost,
Students
Ms Karel Swift, University Registrar

Secretariat:

Ms Susan Girard
Ms Cristina Oke, Secretary

Regrets:

Professor James Donaldson
Ms Joy Fitzgibbon
Professor Alexander R. Jones
Professor V. Kumar Murty
Professor Keren Rice

Professor Emmet Robbins
Ms Adelene Tan
Professor Carolyn Tuohy
Professor Donna Wells

In Attendance:

Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council
Professor Bernard Dickens, Faculty of Law and Joint Centre for Bioethics
Professor William Harvey, Joint Centre for Bioethics
Professor Wayne Hindmarsh, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy
Professor Bernard Katz, Associate Dean Division I, School of Graduate Studies
Professor Harvey Kolodny, Rotman School of Management
Dr. David Neelands, Director, Toronto School of Theology
Professor Peter Singer, Director, Joint Centre for Bioethics
Professor Catharine Whiteside, Associate Dean, Interfaculty and Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine

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ITEM 4 IS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION.

Time of Adjournment

On motion duly moved and seconded,

It was agreed

THAT the meeting adjourn no later than 6:00 p.m.

1. Reports of the Previous Meeting

The Chair noted that during discussion of item 5, the Proposal for Alternative Delivery Option for International Students in the M.H.Sc. Program in Bioethics, the motion had been moved before debate and the subsequent motion to adjourn debate. The Report would be amended to add the motion.

Report Number 87 of the meeting of March 7, 2001, as amended, was approved.

2. Business Arising from the Report

Item 5: School of Graduate Studies: Proposal for Alternative Delivery Option for International Students in the M.H.Sc. Program in Bioethics

The Chair noted that debate on this matter was adjourned at the previous meeting. A number of questions were posed at that time. She welcomed Professor Peter Singer, Professor William Harvey and Professor Bernard Dickens from the Joint Centre for Bioethics and Professor Catharine Whiteside from the Faculty of Medicine. The following motion was on the floor:

It was duly moved and seconded,

THAT the proposal for an alternative delivery mode for international students in the Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.) program in Bioethics in the Institute of Medical Science effective July 1, 2001, as described in the submission from the School of Graduate Studies dated January 31, 2001, be approved.

Professor Harvey responded to the questions that were raised at the previous meeting. With respect to the concern about mixing years of study in the program, he said that in his discipline, philosophy, they had some experience in mixing years and had done it successfully. He had no reason to believe that it would not be successful in this instance. He believed that students did not learn in an exclusively hierarchical manner. With respect to the concern about the shortened time, he suggested that it was a question of gains and losses. Two years might be better while one year might be more effective. On the plus side, international students would be trained here and would return to their countries to disseminate the knowledge that they had learned. One year was a reasonable time for them to be absent from their careers and away from their families. The program would enhance the reputation of the University; he noted that it had gained the advantage over several prestigious American universities in this area.

A member congratulated the Centre on this new program.

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2. Business Arising from the Report (cont'd)

Item 5: School of Graduate Studies: Proposal for Alternative Delivery Option for International Students in the M.H.Sc. Program in Bioethics (cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The proposal for an alternative delivery mode for international students in the Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.) program in Bioethics in the Institute of Medical Science effective July 1, 2001, as described in the submission from the School of Graduate Studies dated January 31, 2001.

3. Faculty of Pharmacy: Changes to Admission Requirements

The Chair welcomed Dean Hindmarsh as a guest for this item.

The Chair explained that at the meeting of September 6, 2000, the Committee had approved changes in the admission requirements to the B.Sc.Phm. program. The Faculty now wished to institute the transitional arrangements included in that motion on an on-going basis. In order for the Committee to reconsider a decision made within the past year, a motion for reconsideration must be considered and carried by two-thirds of the members present and voting.

It was duly moved and seconded,

THAT the following motion approved at the September 6, 2000 meeting of the Committee be reconsidered:

THAT the proposals for changes in the admission requirement to the B.Sc.Phm. program, as described in the submission from the Faculty of Pharmacy, dated August 29, 2000, be approved.

The motion was carried by the required 2/3 majority.

Professor Gooch explained that in order to consider the admission requirements proposed by the Faculty, the September motion must be rescinded.

Ms Swift explained that the original change concerning the Chemistry requirement had had the unfortunate effect of limiting the students who could enter with one year of University training to those at the University on the St. George campus and students from the University of Ottawa. These were the only students who could fit the required Chemistry course into their first year of study. With the proposed change, other students would now be able to enter the program after one year.

It was duly moved and seconded,

THAT the changes in the admission requirement to the B.Sc.Phm. program, as approved by the Committee on September 6, 2000 be rescinded.

The motion was carried.

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3. Faculty of Pharmacy: Changes to Admission Requirements (cont'd)

Professor Gooch indicated that the reasons for the change had been set out in the covering memorandum and he asked Dean Hindmarsh to explain. Dean Hindmarsh recalled that the change had been made in September as an intermediate step so that the requirements could be added to the admissions booklet. Only later did the Faculty discover that the only students who could enter after one year were those on the St. George campus and at the University of Ottawa. The bachelor's program would have changed to 2 plus 4 years, something the Faculty did not want. As a result of consultation with the Faculty of Arts and Science and the Department of Chemistry, a permanent solution has been achieved and students who had not taken the equivalent of Chemistry 138H could take it in the first term of the first year as an extra course and then they would be able to proceed with CHM 247H in the second term.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the following change to the first-year curriculum in the B.Sc.Phm. program, as described in the submission from the Faculty of Pharmacy dated March 20, 2001, be approved effective immediately:

CHM 138H Chemistry: Structure and Reactivity (Students who have not successfully completed the equivalent of CHM 138H, i.e. a half credit consisting of a minimum of 26 lecture hours supplemented with a minimum of 22 lab hours in Organic chemistry, prior to the start of the academic year, must register for CHM 138H during the fall term. CHM 138H must be successfully completed before the student can proceed with CHM 247H.)

4. Toronto School of Theology: Memorandum of Agreement - Amendments

The Chair welcomed Dr. Neelands as a guest for this item. Professor Katz joined the discussion in progress.

Professor Gooch noted that there had been a Memorandum of Agreement for over twenty-five years. The current version had been approved in 1994 for a ten-year period. There had been a provision for an interim review and it was from that review that some of the amendments arose. There was also a request to re-instate the Doctor of Ministry degree and to add a number of basic degrees.

Doctor of Ministry program

Professor Gooch recalled that the Doctor of Ministry, a professional doctorate program, had been awarded until a review in 1990. At that time, the School of Graduate Studies (S.G.S.) had concluded that the program did not meet the requirements as set out for other professional doctoral degrees. The current program requirements have recently been reviewed by S.G.S. and its Council had approved the proposal for conjoint status of this degree, effective September, 2001. Invited to comment, Dr. Neelands said that the process had been a valuable one and that it had improved what was already the best program in North America.

In response to a member's question about conjoint degrees, Professor Gooch described them as a creative solution to the section in the *University of Toronto Act* which stated that "no religious tests shall be required of any member...". Under the articles of federation, the

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federated universities kept their theological degrees while responsibility for the Arts and Science degrees were passed to the University. University students could take courses from the theological faculty members through the Department for the Study of Religion. The theological degrees were awarded conjointly by the University and the member institutions of the T.S.T., all of whom had degree granting rights. The University asserted that University standards of quality have been met through participation on the academic councils of T.S.T. Dr. Neelands noted that there were no religious tests at the T.S.T.

A member asked if there was academic freedom for the students. Dr. Neelands noted that students were admitted to programs without discrimination on commitment or creed. If a thesis were to be rejected, the student would be informed of the academic grounds on which that judgement was made and would be offered help. Those grounds could include research methodology. Professor Katz said that the T.S.T. students had the same academic freedom as other graduate students. Dr. Neelands added that there were different doctrinal beliefs for each community of faith. The students must understand correctly the doctrinal formulation for the one they have chosen but they were not required to espouse them.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

THAT the proposal to restore to conjoint status with the University of Toronto the Doctor of Ministry degree in the Toronto School of Theology be approved.

New Basic Degrees

Professor Gooch explained that the Master of Divinity was a three-year degree. It was a post-baccalaureate degree similar to the Bachelor of Education. T.S.T. proposed to add three new basic degrees using the courses currently offered for the M.Div. program but packaged differently to form two-year professional degrees. These programs were for those who did not want to pursue ordination. Although these proposed degrees were not directly within the purview of the School of Graduate Studies, the School struck an ad hoc committee to review the degree requirements. This committee had recommended to the Committee of Deans that approval be recommended and this was transmitted to the Provost. Professor Katz commented that the School was the conduit through which theological degrees reached Governing Council and the ad hoc committee was deemed the best solution. The proposal was to broaden the format of the degrees which were already offered.

Dr. Neelands added that there was a broadening of the reality of those who wished to study theology without wanting to be ordained. As a public service, the T.S.T. wished to offer an array of programs for the lay population. He believed that the programs were excellent ones and would be very popular.

A member noted that these were not graduate degrees but there was a requirement that the student have a degree for admission. Professor Katz noted that regular master's programs presupposed that the students had undergraduate training in a particular area in which the students would develop their knowledge at the graduate level. Other programs required undergraduate training but not necessarily in the area of proposed graduate study. In this case, it was the latter; students were required to have undergraduate training but not in any

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4. Toronto School of Theology: Memorandum of Agreement - Amendments (cont'd)

particular discipline. A member noted they were similar to other second-entry programs such as education, law and medicine.

In response to a question, Dr. Neelands commented that the M.Div. was the “bread and butter” degree at T.S.T. It focused on four areas - biblical literature, the history of Christianity, theological studies and pastoral studies. The Master of Theological Studies would focus on the theoretical component. The Master of Pastoral Studies had a pastoral focus which could accommodate a non-Christian stream. The Master of Arts in Ministry and Spirituality was based on the Jesuit tradition rich in spirituality. The M.Div. program consisted of a number of compulsory and elective courses. The students in the new programs would select the courses from the M.Div. program based on the template of the program chosen. The M.Div. was a three-year degree which covered all the areas and was designed for those pursuing ordination. The three new degrees were two-year programs and designed for a different purpose.

A member noted that there were master's degrees in the community health area for which there were no undergraduate preparatory programs.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

THAT the proposal to grant the following degrees of member institutions of the Toronto School of Theology conjoint status with the University of Toronto be approved:

Master of Arts in Ministry and Spirituality (M.A.M.S.)
Master of Pastoral Studies (M.P.S.)
Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) and

THAT the degree of Master of Religious Education, awarded by any member institution of the Toronto School of Theology and not simply Emmanuel College or the University of St. Michael's College, have conjoint status with the University of Toronto.

Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement

Professor Gooch outlined the amendments to the Memorandum of Agreement. He said that the new basic programs would be added to Schedule B. It was proposed to amend clause 10 to clarify the jurisdiction and procedures for academic discipline. Students in T.S.T. were registered in conjoint programs under the jurisdiction of both T.S.T. and the University. There was no provision in the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters for T.S.T. students. T.S.T. and its member institutions have indicated that they would be satisfied to cede jurisdiction to the University of Toronto Tribunal. Schedule C, section A6, has been modified to recover costs from T.S.T. for any discipline cases.

In response to a question, Dr. Neelands confirmed that the proposal covered only academic discipline. Many of the member institutions had already adopted the University's non-academic discipline code.

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4. Toronto School of Theology: Memorandum of Agreement - Amendments (cont'd)

A member asked whether the School of Graduate Studies would be responsible for discipline cases in T.S.T. Professor Gooch replied no. Dr. Neelands explained that for both the lower levels for dealing with academic discipline, the cases would be handled by the local instructor at T.S.T. and then by the head of the member institution. The last step in the process would be dealt with by the Provost. The procedures would be clearly laid out in the T.S.T. calendars. Professor Gooch suggested that a statement for clarification should also be added to the S.G.S. calendar referring those students to T.S.T. calendars.

Professor Gooch explained that the second part of the amendments to Schedule C concerned sections C1 and C2. T.S.T. students would be given access to the Career Centre and would be assessed the fee for that service. Dr. Neelands expressed his admiration for the Career Centre and the service it provided. T.S.T. had conducted a study and found that a growing body of lay students would find career planning and placement services useful. The Career Centre was pleased to take the students and the students would, of course, be charged the fees.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED

A. THAT the penultimate sentence of Clause 10 (1994) be removed, and Clause 10 amended to read:

10. (i) All students admitted by or registered in T.S.T. and the Member Institutions in the programs listed in Schedule B annexed hereto in conformity with the admission regulations of TST and of the Member Institution concerned, as such regulations existed on 1 July 1994, or as they may from time to time hereafter be approved, after change, by the Member Institutions, TST, and U of T, shall be thereby conjointly registered at the University of Toronto for academic purposes. The Member Institutions shall retain full responsibility for all non-academic aspects of the life of their respective students. [1989:c.9].

(ii) It is understood that all students admitted by or registered in TST and the Member Institutions, whether in the conjoint programs listed in Schedule B annexed hereto or in any non-conjoint program of TST and the Member Institutions or any of them, shall be subject to the exclusive disciplinary jurisdiction of U of T in respect of academic matters. Each Member Institution will advise its students in writing of this jurisdiction and will procure them to adhere and submit thereto in writing. It is further understood that the U of T's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters, as amended from time to time (the "Code"), will govern the exercise of such jurisdiction and may be amended by U of T hereafter, after consultation with TST and the Member Institutions. In applying the Code, the roles, rights and duties of the dean and the department chair shall be assumed and exercised by the dean or principal, as the case may be, of the Member Institution in which the student is registered.

B. THAT Schedule C be amended as attached.

Documentation for this item is attached hereto as Appendix "A".

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5. School of Graduate Studies: Graduate Department Name Change – Department of Astronomy

Professor Gooch introduced the proposal to change the name of the Graduate Department and the names of the master's and doctoral programs. In response to a question, he noted that the undergraduate and graduate naming recommendations had taken different routes and had not been ready for consideration by this Committee at the same time.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the proposal for the change of the name of the Graduate Department of Astronomy to the Graduate Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, effective July 1, 2001, as described in the submission from the School of Graduate Studies dated March 29, 2001, be approved.

THAT the proposal for the change of the name of the graduate Master's and Doctoral program in Astronomy to the graduate Master's and Doctoral program in Astronomy and Astrophysics as described in the submission from the School of Graduate Studies dated March 29, 2001, be approved.

6. School of Graduate Studies: Changes to the Part Time MBA Program

The Chair welcomed Professor Harvey Kolodny, Rotman School of Management.

Professor Gooch introduced the proposal which would shorten the part-time program from three and a half years to three years. He invited Professor Kolodny to expand on the reasons for the change. Professor Kolodny recalled that the University had offered this program for 35 years. The student body was changing and there was a desire for a shorter program although the content of the program would not be changed. It was decided to add an extra Saturday of study in each term of the first year. The second point concerned the career paths of the part-time students. In the past, they had mostly been in careers as functional specialists but there was now a move to use the program to lead to new career paths. The program now focused on the general manager aspects and encouraged the students to look at their careers differently. The School had taken a number of courses from the electives and made them compulsory. This created a cohort in the student body which, in the past, was lost in the second year when the array of electives split the group. He reported that the students were enthusiastic about the changes.

A member noted that some students might object on religious grounds to working on Saturdays. Professor Kolodny noted that no one had as yet come forward with that problem but he said arrangements would be made to have that student tutored separately. The aim was to eliminate the Saturdays from the program next year.

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6. School of Graduate Studies: Changes to the Part Time MBA Program (cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the changes to the Part-Time M.B.A. program, as described in the submission from the School of Graduate Studies dated March 29, 2001, be approved, effective September, 2001.

7. School of Continuing Studies

A number of new certificate programs were presented to the Committee for information. There were no questions.

8. Reports of the Administrative Assessors

There were no reports from the assessors.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair noted that the next scheduled meeting would be held on May 23, 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

April 12, 2001