

Date: Friday, January 11, 2013

Time: 2:35pm-3:45pm

Room: 203 Anthony P. Toldo

PRESENT: Mr. Hussein Ahmed, Dr. Abdul-Fattah Asfour, Dr. Pierre Boulos, Dr. Tim Brunet, Dr. Kimberly, Calderwood, Dr. Rick Caron, Dr. Beth Daly, Dr. Carol Davison, Mr. Mustapha El-Ayoubi, Ms. Hagar Elsayed, Ms. Marilyn Farrough, Dr. Anne Forrest, Dr. Phil Graniero, Dr. Jill Grant, Dr. Leo Groarke, Mr. Hussein Hammoud, Dr. Maureen Irish, Mr. Tory James, Mr. Raed Kadri, Mr. Werner Keller, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Kathryn Lafreniere, Dr. Anna Lanoszka, Dr. Martha Lee, Ms. Elizabeth Long, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Dr. Elena Maev, Mr. Anthony Meloche, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Ms. Sharon Munro, Dr. Derek Northwood, Dr. Chike Okecheku, Dr. Leo Oriet, Ms. Kimberley Orr, Dr. Robert Orr, Dr. Jagdish Pathak, Dr. Chitra Rangan, Mr. Rajan Ray, Dr. Karen Roland, Rev. Thomas Rosica, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Jang Singh, Dr. K. W. Michael Siu, Dr. Clayton Smith, Ms. Jennifer Soutter, Dr. Shelagh Towson, Dr. Bruce Tucker, Prof. Lionel Walsh, Dr. Robert Weaver, Dr. Patricia Weir, Dr. Alan Wildeman, Prof. Larry Wilson, Dr. Jeremy Worth, Ms. Charlene Yates, Dr. Nader Zamani, Mr. Hussein Zarif, Mr. Omar Zghal, Dr. Shuzhen Zhao,

REGRETS: Dr. Camille Cameron, Ms. Gwen Ebbett, Dr. Christopher Greig, Dr. Dietmar Lage, Prof. Cyndra MacDowall, Dr. Linda Patrick, Mr. Stephan Pigeon, Dr. Dale Rajacich, Dr. Marijke Taks, Ms. Nadia Timperio, Dr. Christian Trudeau.

ABSENT: Dr. Allan Conway, Dr. Gordon Drake, Dr. Richard Frost, Dr. Norman King, Dr. Marlys Koschinsky, Dr. George Lan, Dr. Lydia Miljan, Dr. Kevin Milne, Dr. Mitra Mirhassani, Dr. Trevor Pitcher, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Alan Scoboria, Mr. Kannappan Thiagarajan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Jane Boyd, Dr. Myron Hlynka, Dr. Erika Kustra, Dr. Sudhir Paul, Ms. Renée Wintermute and Ms. Alison Zilli (University Secretariat).

1 Report of the Senate Steering Committee

1.1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. P. Boulos/Dr. C. Rangan
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2012

MOTION: That the minutes of meeting of December 14, 2012 be approved.

Dr. E. King/Dr. B. Tucker
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report from Student Caucus

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

Members were informed that a final farewell party was held last night to say good-bye to the long standing Thirsty Scholar Pub that is slated for closure. Members were also informed that "Frost

Week” is coming to a close with a concert tonight in the CAW commons featuring the Arkells with special guests The Walkervilles.

Senators were encouraged to take a break from electronics and turn off all devices that have a screen on Friday, January 18, 2013, which has been designated as a “Screen Free Day”. The goal is to help promote mental health awareness by becoming more “connected” using traditional modes of communication, rather than always being connected online which can lead to being disconnected on a more personal level.

Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

Senators were reminded that OPUS circulated a questionnaire to students in order to gather information that could be helpful in continuing to improve part-time student life and experience. An update on the results of this report will be provided in the future.

Graduate Students Society (GSS)

GSS continues to encourage donors to contribute to the GSS scholarship fund, which provides graduate students who are in financial need and in good academic standing with financial aid.

5.2 Report of the President

Members were informed that there has been increasing discussion pertaining to post-secondary institutions embracing and offering online, mix-mode, and hybrid program delivery to better meet the needs students. Members were also informed that these new progressive modes of teaching and learning might be a direction that the government will be pushing, depending on the political climate, as the integration of new technologies is making it easier for institutions to offer quality programming in an alternative engaging and interactive manner, *etc.*

It was noted that many employers are also promoting blended learning for their employees, so it would be advantageous for Universities to move in this same direction.

5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague

(See document Sa130111-5.3 for more details.)

It was noted that the main topic of discussion at the last meeting as on the Ministry’s discussion paper, *Strengthening Ontario’s Centres of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge*, and the Council of Ontario Universities’ response, *Transforming Ontario Universities*.

In response to a question raised about COU’s position on tuition fees, it was noted that the key is to ensure that there is a balance in order to deliver affordable high quality education, as tuition fees are a main source of revenue for universities.

5.4 Program Development Committee

5.4.1 Master of Actuarial Science

a) New Program Proposal

(See document Sa130111-5.4.1a for more details.)

MOTION: That the Master of Actuarial Science New Program Proposal be approved, as amended.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

Dr. B. Tucker/Dr. C. Macdonald

Senators were informed that the new full cost-recovery professional course-based Master of Actuarial Science program will be offered through the Department of Mathematics and Statistics following the standard appointment process. Revisions were made to the Master of Actuarial Science program, as distributed, to clarify the role of Centre for Executive and Professional Education (CEPE). It has been agreed that the program will not be a CEPE program, under letter VII of the Collective Agreement, but rather CEPE will only be tasked to deliver some client services to the Department in support of this program, including providing administrative support to help facilitate the admissions process, and providing

administrative support to help facilitate the student recruitment process. In light of this, all parties have agreed that the proposal does not require approval from the faculty association.

In response to a question raised regarding program accreditation, it was clarified that the actual program does not have to be accredited, but students who want to become accredited through the Association of the Society of Actuaries and become Fellows of the Society of Actuaries must pass challenging professional examinations. This program prepares them for these professional examinations.

In response to a question raised, it was noted that the English language requirements will match those for graduate study in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and students must satisfy such requirements before being accepted.

Some concern was raised regarding the issue that since the program will be offered on a cost-recovery basis and outside of regular teaching loads, many of the courses may end up being taught by sessional instructors. In response, it was noted that some courses will be taught by faculty and some by professional actuaries. It was further noted that the Dean of the Faculty is responsible for approving the teaching assignments in accordance with relevant regulations and restrictions.

CARRIED

b) New Course Proposal

(See document Sa130111-5.4.1b for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Master of Actuarial Science – New Course Proposals* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

Prof. L. Walsh/Dr. J. Worth

CARRIED

5.4.2 Program/Course Changes

***a) Communication, Media and Film**

(See document Sa130111-5.4.2a for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Communication, Media and Film Program/Course Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***b) Earth and Environmental Sciences**

(See document Sa130111-5.4.2b for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Earth and Environmental Sciences Program/Course Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***c) Languages, Literatures and Culture**

(See document Sa130111-5.4.2c for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Languages, Literatures and Culture Program/Course Changes* be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***d) Mathematics and Statistics**

(See document Sa130111-5.4.2d for more details.)

MOTION: That the Mathematics and Statistics Program/Course Changes be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

***e) Visual Arts**

(See document Sa130111-5.4.2e for more details.)

MOTION: That the Visual Arts Program/Course Changes be approved.*

**Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

***CARRIED**

5.5 Academic Policy Committee

5.5.1 New Beginning Policy - Revision

(See document Sa130111-5.5.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the New Beginning Policy be approved.

1. A student seeking re-admission to the University of Windsor for a first-entry undergraduate program may **be eligible to** apply to have all previous course attempts removed from consideration in the major and cumulative grade point averages. ~~provided that sS/he must have has completed a minimum of four courses was previously enrolled at the University of Windsor for a minimum of one semester, equivalent to a minimum of four completed courses, and was must not have been registered enrolled at the University of Windsor for at any time during the three or more consecutive years prior to the time of re-admission.~~ [...] **must have completed a minimum of four courses**

Dr. R. Caron/Dr. E. King

The proposed change to the new beginning policy provides greater clarification so that the phrase “was not enrolled at the University for three or more consecutive years” is not misinterpreted as being permissible only for students who were enrolled for less than three years, rather than pertaining to students who have been away from the University for more than three years.

In response to a question raised, it was noted that all eligible undergraduate students are made aware of this policy during the admissions process. A student may apply, one time only, for re-admission to the University of Windsor under this policy.

In response to a question raised as to whether students “starting from scratch” can select to count towards their average any previous courses in which they may have done well, it was noted that students seeking re-admission under this policy do not have this option. Previous grades are retained on the students’ transcript but are not counted towards their average.

Concern was raised regarding the issue that students who attended an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology and do not do well in their studies do not have to wait three years before applying to Windsor under the Mature Student Policy. The Senator wondered whether there was contradiction between the two policies. In response, it was clarified that the New Beginning Policy and the Mature Student Policy are aimed at two *very different* groups of students. This New Beginning Policy is geared to returning students who would be burdened by having a transcript with failed grades (from their first university attempt). The policy provides these students with the opportunity to have a fresh start and not be burdened by grades that will significantly lower their GPA.

CARRIED

5.6 Senate Student Committee

Nothing to report.

5.7 Bylaw Business

Nothing to report.

5.8 Report of the Provost

Members were informed that Dr. Karen Roland has accepted the position of Acting Dean in the Faculty of Education for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2013. Members were also informed that the Search for a new Dean of FASS is almost complete and that Dr. Christine Smith, the Director of Open Learning has resigned from her position at Windsor. The search for a replacement will begin shortly. It was further noted that there is a review underway for Career and Co-op services in order to provide recommendations on enhancements to meet the needs of our students and alumni.

In response to requests for clarification on the question of self-plagiarism and redundant publication, it was noted that a memo has been circulated to faculty members regarding this issue. In addition, the tri-council guidelines have defined this very clearly.

Master of Education (International Cohort) and Master of Medical Biotechnology

As with the Master of Actuarial Sciences, it has been agreed that the Master of Education (International Cohort) and Master of Medical Biotechnology, approved by Senate in Spring 2012, will not be CEPE programs, under letter VII of the Collective Agreement. Rather CEPE will be tasked to deliver some client services to the areas in support of their programs, including providing administrative support to help facilitate the admissions process, and providing administrative support to help facilitate the student recruitment process. In light of this, all parties have agreed that the Master of Education (International Cohort) and Master of Medical Biotechnology do not require approval from the faculty association.

5.9 Report of the Vice-President Research

The VPR has been working with others on campus to ensure that the University is compliant with the Tri-Council framework on the proper conduct of research, including research ethics practices and procedures.

The Fall 2012 saw a lot of activity related to research grant applications with, among others, 23 SSHRC applications, 48 NSERC discovery grant applications, 28 NSERC RTI applications, *etc.* Five new NSERC engaged projects, four new Seeds for Hope (with the Windsor-Essex County Cancer Centre Foundation) projects, and three new FedDev projects, have been funded. Five fellowships have been awarded to support Masters and PhD graduate students.

The Office of Research Services has been actively involved in outreach activities, most recently connecting with businesses in Chatham-Kent.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. J. Pathak/Dr. B. Tucker
CARRIED