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MINUTES

MEETING OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 31, 2012
 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Room 208

Present: L. Rose (Chair); P. Khan (Vice-Chair); T. Chan (Secretary); S. Nelson (Dean); J. Angus; M. Barry; J. Boneng; M. Dalmacio; K. Hardie; M. Lyne; J. Macdonald; M. McGillion; M. Saari; A. Simmonds; S. Song; H. Thomson; A. Tourangeau; E. Vandeven; F. Wynn

Item #	Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion	Action/Motion
1.0	Approval of Agenda	L. Rose	The agenda was approved.	Motion was duly moved and seconded
2.0	Approval of Minutes	L. Rose	The minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2012 were approved with revisions to items 5 and 6.	Motion was duly moved and seconded
3.0	Report of Committees			
i)	Awards Committee	M. Puts	M. Puts provided an update on new awards, numbers of internal awards given out in 2012-13, Dean's medal recipients, undergraduate bursary review process, PhD funding policy and the adjudication of Ontario Graduate Scholarships. Refer to Appendix A for full report. She noted that the adjudication of OGS would be handled locally. An internal evaluation process would be implemented.	

			<p>Council members also commented on the positive responses of the Dean's Medal and agreed that the Dean's Medal recipients should be highlighted in the Faculty website.</p>	
ii)	Admissions Committee	F. Wynn & T. Chan	<p>F. Wynn provided an update of the Admissions Committee meeting on October 25, 2012. There were lively discussions on the admissions review process.</p> <p>T. Chan provided a summary of the Graduate and Undergraduate report 2012-13. The reports outline the admission statistics and demographic trends of the 2012-13 cohort of each program. Refer to Appendices B and C for full details.</p> <p>S. Nelson also brought Council members' attention to the first-entry Undergraduate applicants/students survey conducted by the U of T Registrar's office. The survey highlighted the importance of the U of T website.</p>	
iii)	Committee on Standing	P. Khan	<p>P. Khan presented the annual report of the Committee on Standing. Refer to Appendix D for full report.</p> <p>She pointed out that the bylaws of the Committee on Standing would have to be revised due to recent changes of the University Grading Policy.</p> <p>Council members also discussed whether there was a process to track failures of undergraduate and graduate courses. P. Khan indicated that this could be an item that Committee on Standing could look into.</p>	

iv)	Curriculum	A. Tourangeau	No item to report	
4.0	Report from the Dean	S. Nelson	<p>S. Nelson reported on the strategic plan progress. The four pillars of the strategic plan (i. advance research and innovation, ii. lead and innovate in education, iii. lead and shape professional practice and iv. Infrastructure and technology) were reported to the Provost.</p> <p>Overviews of enrolment plans, student aid, complement plan, space, and operating budget, and advancement were provided.</p> <p>Refer to Appendix E for full report.</p> <p>S. Nelson also emphasized the important function of Faculty Council to engage in discussions on governance matters and quality assurance.</p>	
5.0	Report from Nursing Undergraduate Society	J. Boneng	<p>J. Boneng announced that the Year 1 elections took place in mid-September and Monika Dalmacio was elected as the VP.</p> <p>She noted that students did not always pay attention to blackboard announcements. NUS would launch a pilot to send an email biweekly with NUS events over a 2-week period. F. Wynn commented that there is a need to rethink the ways to engage students. Developing a survey to test the success of different communication channels could be considered.</p> <p>Regarding the plans for the future, J. Boneng highlighted that there would be more collaboration with GNSS. A mentorship program with graduate students as mentors for Year 2 BScN students could</p>	

			<p>be developed. F. Wynn added that mentors could be recognized in the co-curricular record.</p> <p>Refer to Appendix F for full report.</p>	
6.0	Report from Graduate Nursing Student Society	M. Saari	<p>M. Saari presented the goals of GNSS for 2012-13. She emphasized that it was important to get more feedback from graduate students to plan meaningful events. She identified the need to improve handover practices.</p> <p>She also presented on GNSS accomplishments, current and future events.</p> <p>Refer to Appendix G for full report.</p>	
7.0	New Business		No new business	
8.0	Next Meeting		The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.	