MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF ERINDALE COLLEGE COUNCIL, held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 3:10 p.m. in room 3214, William G. Davis Building

Present: G. Anderson (in the Chair), D. Saini, L. Bailey, N. Woolridge, G. Cassar, P. Donoghue, M. Zandawala

Regrets: D. DiCenso

The Executive Committee met to set the agenda for the March 8, 2012 meeting of Erindale College Council.

The report of the January 18, 2012 meeting of the Executive Committee was approved as circulated.

Professor Bailey noted that the last meeting of the RPPC was cancelled due to the lack of urgent business.

The Chair reminded members that the Executive Committee’s terms of reference, under item III-4.2 Function in the By-Laws, calls on the Executive Committee to confirm, on behalf of Council, resolutions approved by the Academic Affairs Committee. There were two proposals considered and approved by the Academic Affairs Committee that received final approval there and will be reported to Council for information. He called on Professor Woolridge to discuss these proposals and the other business from the February 28 meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Professor Woolridge reported there were two proposals brought forward by the Office of the Registrar that received consideration and approval and there were also several reports for information to the AAC. Changes to the credit/no credit policy represented the first item for approval for the committee. He reported that the Registrar presented two modifications for approval to the Credit/No Credit Policy: the first change was extending the deadline for the credit/no credit option from the last day to enroll in the course to the last day of classes and the second change was to increase the option from 1.0 to 2.0 FCE, beginning in the summer of 2012. Professor Woolridge reported that there was considerable debate on the first proposal related to the credit/no credit policy, with the committee finally agreeing to an amendment to the proposal, resulting in a change to the deadline by which students elected to choose the credit/no credit option from the last day of classes to the last day to drop a course without academic penalty.

The Chair called for the Executive Committee to confirm the resolution of the Academic Affairs Committee regarding the Credit/No Credit policy, as outlined in the agenda documentation, attached hereto as Appendix A. (L. Bailey/G. Cassar)

The Chair opened the floor to discussion.
In response to a member’s question about whether or not changes could be made to the policy document by the Executive Committee, the Chair explained that this committee could elect to send the proposal back to the Academic Affairs Committee if it was in disagreement about the due process that the proposal had received. The member noted that he thought UTM should comply with the credit/no credit proposal put forth by both UTSc and St. George, which was in the original form of the one proposed by the Registrar, but he accepted the amended proposal. The motion was carried.

Professor Woolridge reported that the second proposal brought forth by the Registrar and approved by the AAC, involved limiting students to a course load of 6 courses per academic term in the fall/winter session and 2 courses per academic term in the summer session. On a resolution of the Executive Committee, the proposal to limit course loads, which was approved by the Academic Affairs Committee, was confirmed. (P. Donoghue/D. Saini) The proposal as outlined in the agenda documentation, is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Professor Woolridge further noted that the rest of the reports to the AAC were all for information and concerned the following: minor changes to the MBiotech program, a small change in the governance process for doctoral stream programs (eliminating 3CGC) and a pilot program promoting the University of Toronto fast track three-year degree, which is attached hereto as appendix C.

It was decided that the Vice-President and Principal would provide a summary of the Drummond report, as it related to universities. It was also agreed that the Dean and Vice-Dean Graduate would provide updates on academic planning and governance review to ECC. In addition, the President of UTMSU, would be given time at the end of the meeting to talk about the upcoming referendum for part-time students on the summer UPass.

The Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Chair                                           Secretary