Faculty of Information
Executive Committee

Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2013
9:00 a.m.

Present: Andrew Drummond (Chair), Areti Vourinaris (Secretary), Seamus Ross (Dean), Wendy Duff (by videoconference), Leslie Shade (Professor), Jessica Gallinger (MI student representative), Quinn Dupont (PhD student representative)

1. Appointment of a Hearing Officer for the Faculty

The Chair thanked the members present for attending the meeting to discuss a recommendation to appoint Professor Michael McCaffrey to the position of Hearing Officer for the Faculty as required under the Code of Student Conduct at the University of Toronto.

MOTION It was MOVED by Professor Ross and seconded by Professor Shade that Professor Michael McCaffrey be appointed to the position of Hearing Officer for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2015.

The Chair summarized the processes that would occur in situations to which the Code of Student Conduct would apply, noting in particular the roles of the Dean, the Investigating Officer, and the Hearing Officer. He further noted that all processes would be expected to follow the rules of natural justice, including that those charged under the Code could face their accusers, could seek assistance in defending themselves against the charges, and could appeal decisions of the Hearing Officer to a higher body.

There was some discussion, during which a member noted that Professor McCaffrey was not a tenure-track faculty member, an appointment status which might be more suitable for someone to hold the role. Other members disagreed.

The motion was put and CARRIED. One member voted in the negative.

2. Appointment of an Investigating Officer for the Faculty

The Chair left the room. Professor Shade assumed the chair.

It was MOVED by Professor Ross and seconded by Professor Shade that the Executive Committee endorse the appointment of Andrew Drummond to the position of Investigating Officer for the Faculty as required by the Code of Student Conduct.

The motion was put and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.