

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT 157 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

September 17, 2009

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the Forster Room, Room 229, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Louise Lemieux-Charles (Chair)
Professor Elizabeth Cowper
Ms Saswati Deb
Professor Cheryl Misak, Vice-President and Provost
Professor Doug Reeve
Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair, Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Professor Varouj Aivazian
Professor Avrum Gotlieb

In Attendance: Ms Sheree Drummond, Assistant Provost
Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost
Professor Wendy Rotenberg, Vice-Chair, Planning and Budget Committee

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the Committee for 2009-2010. She stated that the Agenda Committee was composed of nine members from various estates and that attendance by five voting members was needed for quorum. Members were asked to notify the Secretariat in advance if they would be unable to attend a meeting, to ensure that quorum would be met.

The Chair outlined the Committee's terms of reference, noting that meetings were normally held in closed session. She stated that many matters would be discussed in confidence and emphasized that such items should remain confidential, unless and until subsequently made public. The Chair described the main responsibilities of the Committee, which include setting the agenda for the Academic Board meetings, dealing with any notices of motion presented to the Board or its standing committees, establishing a Striking Committee and a Tribunal Selection Committee, and approving academic administrative appointments on behalf of the Board.

2. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 156 of the meeting held on June 1, 2009 was approved.

3. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the report of the previous meeting.

4. Report on Approvals Under Summer Executive Authority

The Chair reported that the following sixteen academic administrative appointments had been approved under the Agenda Committee's summer executive authority by means of electronic ballot.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Professor Anne-Marie Brousseau Associate Dean, Undergraduate Academic Programs
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

Professor Ito Peng Associate Dean, Interdisciplinary and International Affairs
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012

Professor Suzanne Stevenson Vice-Dean, Teaching and Learning
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014 (Re-appointment)

Department of Physics

Professor Richard Bailey Acting Chair and Acting Graduate Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Department of Sociology

Professor Jack Veugelers Acting Chair and Acting Graduate Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Professor Ricardo Sternberg Interim Chair and Interim Graduate Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

FACULTY OF INFORMATION

Professor Joan Cherry Associate Dean, Academic
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011

Professor Lynne Howarth Associate Dean, Research
July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2014

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Tri-campus Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Professor Locke Rowe Graduate Chair
June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011

Tri-campus Department of Geography

Professor Virginia Maclaren Graduate Chair
September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

4. Report on Approvals Under Summer Executive Authority (cont'd)

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Banting and Best Department of Medical Research

Professor Brenda Andrews Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014 (Re-appointment)

Professor Timothy Hughes Acting Chair
August 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009

Department of Physical Therapy

Professor Dina Brooks Acting Chair and Acting Graduate Chair
July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Professor Katherine Berg Chair and Graduate Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014 (Re-appointment)

ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

Professor Lana Stermac Acting Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AT SCARBOROUGH

Professor Malcolm Campbell Vice-Principal, Research
August 1, 2009 to June 30, 2015

5. Undergraduate Program Review Audit Committee: Audit Report

The Chair stated that the Audit Report of the Undergraduate Program Review Audit Committee (UPRAC) had been presented for information to the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) on September 15, 2009 and had been provided to members of the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee was responsible for determining whether there were any issues of general academic importance arising from Reviews of Academic Programs and Units that should be considered by the Academic Board. It was also appropriate for the Committee to serve a similar role with respect to the UPRAC Audit Report.

Invited by the Chair to comment, Professor Regehr stated that, at the AP&P meeting, she had summarized the changes that were occurring within the provincial review process. A new quality assurance body, the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance, had been established to ensure that a rigorous framework was maintained within the province. However, it was acknowledged that quality assurance and program improvement were the responsibility of universities themselves. While provincial oversight would continue, universities would serve as the commissioners of program reviews.

Professor Regehr stated that the University was mindful of areas highlighted within the Audit Report that would require its attention. Such matters would be addressed. But, at present, it was unclear what form a response to the Report would take, pending changes to the review process. It was anticipated that an upcoming report from the Quality Assurance Task Force would provide a framework for institutional plans, and it would be necessary for a University of Toronto review plan to be created in the near future. To that end, Professor Regehr had been

5. Undergraduate Program Review Audit Committee: Audit Report (cont'd)

meeting with divisional leaders and had been asking them to consider suitable review processes that might be implemented for their units. Professor Misak added that, as the University worked to improve the review process, it would also seek to simplify its procedures by aligning external accreditation processes with internal review processes as appropriate.

Members of the Agenda Committee decided that Professor Regehr should provide an update on the UPRAC Audit Report, outlining both recommendations contained in the Report and changes to the review process, to the Academic Board at the November 12th meeting.

6. Academic Board Item – School of Graduate Studies and Faculty of Medicine: Master of Public Health – Degree Name Change

The Chair stated that, at its recent meeting, AP&P had considered a proposal for a change of name for the degree earned by students in the Public Health Sciences (P.H.S.) program offered by the Dalla Lana School of Public Health from Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.) to Master of Public Health (M.P.H.). Under usual circumstances, such an item, having been recommended by AP&P, would be considered by the Academic Board. However, it was appropriate to seek approval for the proposal under Summer Executive Authority (SEA) as the September 30th Board meeting had been cancelled due to insufficient business. It was the desire of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health to have the proposed degree available in time for the November 2009 convocation

Professor Sass-Kortsak stated that no substantive discussion about the item had taken place at the AP&P meeting. She noted that, while students currently enrolled in the P.H.S. program would have the choice of receiving either the M.H.Sc. or the M.P.H. degree, the change in degree title would not be retroactive for students who had already graduated from the program. It had been the University's experience that such requests had posed too great a burden on administrative resources. Members of the Agenda Committee expressed unanimous support for the proposal and were in favour of its consideration under SEA.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Forster Room.

8. Other Business

A member asked for clarification with respect to the Committee's membership. The Chair explained that two teaching staff members and one student member of the Academic Board were recommended for appointment to the Committee by the Board's Striking Committee each spring for a one-year term. The remaining six individuals were ex officio voting members. In addition, key administrative staff attended the Committee's meetings in order to assist with its business.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

9. Striking Committee, 2009-10: Appointment

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The following membership of the Striking Committee of the Academic Board for 2009-10:

Professor Louise Lemieux-Charles (Chair)
Professor Varouj Aivazian
Professor Cheryl Misak
Ms Michelle Mitrovich, administrative staff
Mr. Daniel Taranovsky, alumnus
Mr. Matthew Purser, undergraduate student

10. Academic Administrative Appointments

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointments:

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Professor Bryan W. Karney Associate Dean, Cross-Disciplinary Programs
September 1, 2009 – December 31, 2012

JOSEPH L. ROTMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Professor Kenneth Corts Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education
September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

The Committee returned to open session.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Secretary
September 29, 2009

Chair