#### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

#### THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

#### REPORT NUMBER 185 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

# **September 27, 2012**

To the Academic Board, University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2012, at 3:05 p.m. in the Board Room, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Ellen Hodnett (Chair)

Ms Katharine Ball Dr. Avrum Gotlieb Professor Hugh Gunz Professor Alison Keith Professor Doug McDougall Professor Cheryl Misak

Ms Judith Poë

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Professor Cheryl Regehr

In Attendance: Dr. Jane Harrison, Director, Academic Programs and Policy, Office of the

Vice-President and Provost

Ms Archana Sridhar, Assistant Provost

## 1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the Committee for 2012-2013. She then provided an overview of the responsibilities and procedures of the Committee.

## 2. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 184 of the meeting of June 28, 2012 was approved.

# 3. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

The Chair noted that, at the previous meeting (under Item 5, Other Business – Information Session), a member had asked that Professor Misak give a short presentation to the Academic Board on the University's process for receiving donations. The topic had been suggested some time ago but it had not been possible for such a presentation to have been given last year. The Chair said that initially such a presentation had been planned for the October 11, 2012 Academic Board meeting. However, with members' agreement, the presentation would be moved to the November 22, 2012 Board meeting so that the President and the Vice-President, Advancement would be able to attend.

## 4. Report on Approvals Under Summer Executive Authority

The Chair reported that the following eight 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 Richard DiFrancesco Acting Chair, Graduate Department of Geography

July 9, 2012 to June 30, 2013 (while the Graduate Chair is on approved leave)

Professor Peter Martin Acting Director

Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics

September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 (while the Director is on approved leave)

#### FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

Professor Jim Y. Lai Interim Associate Dean, Clinical Sciences

September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

#### **FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Professor Justin Nodwell Chair and Graduate Chair, Department of Biochemistry

March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2018

Professor Reinhart Reithmeier Chair, Department of Biochemistry

January 1, 2013 to February 28, 2013 (extension)

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

#### ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

Professor Karen Mundy Associate Dean, Research

September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017

#### UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

Professor Patricia Landolt Chair, Department of Sociology

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017

Dr. Karen McCrindle Interim Director, Centre for French and

Linguistics

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

## 5. 2012-2013 Calendar of Business

The Committee reviewed the 2012-2013 Calendar of Business for the Agenda Committee.

## 6. Academic Board

# a) 2011-2012 Academic Board Evaluation Survey

The Chair provided a summary of members' feedback on the Academic Board Evaluation Survey that had been completed in June, 2012. During the Committee's discussion, members commented on the feedback and provided suggestions for improvements to the governance portal. The Chair also informed members of a successful orientation that had been held on September 25, 2012 for new Board members. Despite a comment to the contrary that had been provided on a survey response, a member of the Committee encouraged the Chair to continue the practice at Board meetings of asking if members had questions about any of the consent agenda items. The member said that at times Board members were only able to review meeting documentation immediately prior to a meeting and might miss the deadline to submit questions in advance to the Secretary.

#### b) 2012-2013 Academic Board Calendar of Business and Board Presentations

The Committee reviewed the 2012-2013 Academic Board Calendar of Business and discussed topics for education sessions that could be provided for the Board throughout the year.

## c) Review and Approval of Agenda – Thursday, October 11, 2012

Members reviewed and approved the draft agenda for the October 11, 2012 Academic Board meeting. They agreed that the orientation provided to the Board should be brief, since the orientation session for new members had been very well attended. Emphasis should be placed

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# **6. Academic Board** (cont'd)

# c) Review and Approval of Agenda – Thursday, October 11, 2012 (cont'd)

on Board members' role of oversight for all areas of responsibility, regardless of whether items were submitted for Board approval or for information. During the discussion of the proposal for a new Master of Engineering in Cities Engineering and Management degree, a member asked whether an entity, which she could not name at the time, had been consulted. It was agreed that the matter would be looked into. It was also agreed that the theme of consultation was an important one to address when such proposals were introduced to the Board, as was the ongoing practice of ensuring the presence at Board meetings of representatives who could respond to questions about the proposals.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, November 8, 2012, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Chair stated that the next Committee meeting would be held on Thursday, November 8, 2012, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### 8. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

The Committee moved in camera.

## 9. Appointments: 2012-2013 Striking Committee

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

#### YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the following members of the Academic Board be appointed to the 2012-2013 Striking Committee of the Academic Board for a term from September 28, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Mr. Peter Hurley, administrative staff member

Ms Maureen Somerville, alumna

Mr. David Kleinman, student

# 10. **Academic Administrative Appointments** On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED the following academic administrative appointments. INNIS COLLEGE Professor Janet Paterson Principal July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015 [Extension] **FACULTY OF LAW** Professor Anthony Duggan Acting Dean January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013 **FACULTY OF MEDICINE** Professor C. David Mazer Acting Chair, Department of Anaesthesia November 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA Professor Ulrich Krull Vice-Principal, Special Initiatives October 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Secretary
October 9, 2012

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Chair

The Committee returned to closed session.

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