

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 361 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 20, 2003

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Dr. Thomas Simpson (In the Chair)
Professor Robert J. Birgeneau, President
Dr. Robert Bennett
Mr. Brian Davis
Ms Susan Eng
Professor Ian McDonald
Mr. David Melville
Mr. Sean Mullin
Ms Rose Patten
Dr. Joseph Rotman*

Regrets:

Dr. Shari Graham Fell
Professor David Jenkins
Professor Brian Langille
Mrs. Susan M. Scace

Secretariat:

Ms Margaret McKone

Non-Voting Member:

Mr. Louis R. Charpentier

* Abstained from voting on Item 9 (a) Capital Project: Rotman Management Building Extension
– Project Planning Report

In Attendance:

Professor W. Raymond Cummins, Chair, Academic Board and Member of the Governing Council

Dr. John Nestor, Chair, University Affairs Board and Member of the Governing Council

Professor Shirley Neuman, Vice-President and Provost and Member of the Governing Council

Mr. Felix Chee, Vice-President, Business Affairs

Dr. Beata FitzPatrick, Assistant Vice-President and Director, Office of the President

On motion duly moved and seconded,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT, pursuant to Sections 28 (e) and (f) of *By-Law Number 2*, consideration of agenda items 1, 2 and 3 take place *in camera*, with the Board Chairs, Mr. Chee, Professor Neuman, and Dr. FitzPatrick admitted to the meeting to facilitate the work of the Committee.

1. External Appointment: Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre

The Chair noted that the Governing Council was called upon regularly to make a number of appointments external to itself. They included appointments to the boards of a number of hospitals, appointments to various University and closely related organizations and diverse other organizations. The Executive Committee acted for the Governing Council in making these appointments.

The President introduced the proposal, drawing members' attention to the supporting documentation provided.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

- (a) THAT Ms Virginia McLaughlin be appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre for a three (3) year term, from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006.
- (b) THAT the following be re-appointed as unaffiliated directors to the Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre Board of Directors:

Mr. Garfield Emerson, for a term of three years to June 30, 2006
Dr. Alexander Macpherson, for a term of 1 year, to June 30, 2004.
- (c) THAT Mrs. Elizabeth Tory's term of office as Director of the Board of Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre continue until such time as her successor has been named and nominated by the Sunnybrook (SHSC) Corporation.
- (d) THAT the following be appointed to the Board of Directors of Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre for three (3) year terms, effective July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2006

Ms Teri E. Brown
Mr. Robert W. Luba
Ms Georgia Hastings Sievwright.

2. Senior Appointment

On the recommendation of the President, the Committee considered a senior appointment.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

THAT the recommendation for a senior appointment, outlined in the memorandum from the President dated May 8, 2003 be approved.

2. Senior Appointment (cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT, pursuant to Section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the recommendation for a senior appointment be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

3. Board and Committee Assignments

The Chair noted that section 29 (d) of *By-Law Number 2* required that the Governing Council appoint members of the Council to the Boards and to the Standing Committees reporting to the Boards. Also, the Council was required to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of a Board from among the members of the Council on the Board. Chairs and Vice-Chairs of standing Committees were appointed by the body to which the Committee reported.

The Chair added that the *University of Toronto Act, 1971* required that the Governing Council appoint annually the members of the Executive Committee. A proposal for these appointments would be brought to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

After discussion,

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

THAT the Board and Committee assignments for 2003-2004, as described in the chart dated May 16, 2003, be approved.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT, pursuant to Section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the recommendation for Board and Committee assignments for 2003-04 be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

THE COMMITTEE MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION.

4. Reports of the Previous Meetings

Report Number 359 of the Executive Committee meeting held on April 21, 2003 and Report Number 360 of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 8, 2003 were approved.

5. Business Arising from the Reports of the Previous Meetings

There were no items of business arising from the previous meetings.

6. Minutes of the Governing Council Meetings held on May 1, 2003 and May 8, 2003.

The Committee received for information the minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 2003 and the special meeting held on May 8, 2003. The Chair noted that the two notices of motion made at the May 1, 2003 meeting would be considered under “Other Business”.

7. Report of the President

The President briefed the Committee on the following matters.

(a) International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)

The International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) was a project that had brought together several countries to develop a fusion energy reactor. The fusion project had attracted a fair bit of new attention lately. The six partners in the project – Japan, Russia, China, the European Union, the U.S. and Canada were to meet on June 19, 2003. There were four sites being considered for the project – Canada (Clarington), Japan, France and Spain, and the Federal government was being lobbied intensely to support the Canadian bid. The Honourable Herb Dhaliwal, Minister of Natural Resources, would be going to the federal cabinet shortly with a formal recommendation as to whether Canada should compete against the bids from France, Spain and Japan. Ms Barbara Miller, Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation, and Mr. George Anderson, Deputy Minister for Natural Resources Canada, had requested that the University of Toronto provide assistance to the Provincial and Federal governments in the decision process regarding the level of future participation and commitment to fusion and ITER. Ontario strongly supported the project but could not win it without major Federal investment. At the President’s request, Professor Javad Mostagimi, Vice-Dean of Research at the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, had brought together a group of international experts who had produced a report that made a compelling case for Canada to enter into the ITER project, especially if it were located in Ontario. The Report had also concluded that regardless of its location, Canada should develop a properly funded Coordinated National Fusion Program. The President indicated that the ITER project posed exciting scientific and engineering challenges that the University’s faculty would be well-placed to meet.

(b) Government Relations: Provincial

The Honourable Ernie Eves had unveiled his “The Road Ahead” platform the previous week. The key themes for post-secondary education reiterated what had been articulated by the Eves government to date: a place for every student, funding quality education, more student assistance, and the linkage of investments in colleges and universities to a greater demand for accountability. The University would continue its advocacy of increased funding for post-secondary education with the current and future provincial governments.

(c) University of Toronto Asset Management (UTAM) Corporation

The President recalled that the Board of Directors of the University of Toronto Asset Management (UTAM) Corporation had been reduced from fourteen to ten, including himself and Dr. Thomas Simpson, Chair of the Governing Council. Mr. Ira Gluskin had been appointed Chair of the Board and Dr. Joseph Rotman was serving as Vice-Chair. Mr. Felix Chee had been appointed as interim President and Chief Executive Officer of UTAM, spending three days a week working there. The new Board had met the previous week. Changes to the investment strategies concerning the Expendable Fund Investment Pool had already been approved and a recommendation concerning the strategies for investment of the Long-Term Capital Appreciation Pool (containing endowment funds) were expected within the next few months. The President was optimistic that under Mr. Chee’s leadership, UTAM was moving to be responsive to the needs of the University in a flexible way.

7. Report of the President (cont'd)**(d) Appointments to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences**

Five University of Toronto faculty members had joined the ranks of one of the most prestigious scholarly academies in the United States. The American Academy of Arts and Sciences had welcomed University Professors James Arthur, Richard Bond, Janet Rossant, Linda Hutcheon and Professor Geoffrey Hinton as new foreign honorary members in its class of 2003. The newest members brought the University's total current membership in the American Academy to fourteen.

The American Academy, whose past membership had included revolutionary thinkers such as Albert Einstein and Winston Churchill, counted more than 150 Nobel laureates and 50 Pulitzer Prize winners among its current members. Membership, which was determined through a highly selective process, recognized outstanding intellectual achievement, leadership and creativity in all fields.

This year's newly elected fellows had included three Nobel laureates, four university presidents, four Pulitzer Prize winners and such notable public figures as United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and celebrated American journalist Walter Cronkite.

Referring to the ITER discussion, a member commended the President for his leadership. She also congratulated the President for the recent successes being realized by the University and its faculty.

8. Items for Confirmation

(Arising from Report Number 119 of the Academic Board – May 8, 2003)

(a) University of Toronto at Mississauga: Constitution - Amendments

Professor Cummins reported that the University of Toronto at Mississauga (U.T.M.) had proposed a number of changes to its constitution. The main changes were dictated by a move to a departmental structure replacing the current three-division structure. Other changes concerned the election process and the addition of retired faculty as members of the College Council. These changes had followed wide consultation on the U.T.M. campus.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED
THE APPROVAL OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the Erindale College Council Constitution, as amended, dated April 11, 2003, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 119 of the Academic Board as Appendix "E", be approved.

9. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

(Arising from Report Number 119 of the Academic Board – May 8, 2003)

(a) Item 5 - Capital Project: Rotman Management Building Extension – Project Planning Report

Professor Cummins noted that it was proposed that a fourth and fifth floor be added to the Rotman Management Building at a cost of between \$3.999 million and \$4.4 million. The new space would be used for academic staff offices. The underground garage would be re-enforced to support the new floors. Some funding was already in hand; the rest would be raised from external donors. He clarified that the project would not proceed until all funding was received.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

1. THAT the project planning report for the Expansion to the Joseph L. Rotman Building, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 119 of the Academic Board as Appendix “A”, be approved in principle.
2. THAT the project scope of 488 nasm, approximately 880 gsm, of new space be approved at an estimated total project cost of \$3,999,000 to \$4,400,000, with funding as follows:
 - (i) Contribution of \$3 million received from a supporter of the Rotman School of Management and assigned to this project.
 - (ii) Contribution of \$341,000 from the Rotman Building Construction Project. This represents the balance of funds allocated to the original Joseph L. Rotman Building project.
 - (iii) Contribution of \$658,000 or as requested to be raised from external donors to meet the complete project cost. Project will only proceed to construction once all funds identified in (ii) and (iii) are received.

(b) Item 6 - Capital Project: Lash Miller Laboratories – Project Planning Report

Professor Cummins noted that the undergraduate laboratories in the Chemistry building needed to be renovated and upgraded to meet the demands and safety considerations as a result of expanded enrolment. The Academic Board had been assured that the labs met current safety requirements.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the Project Planning Report to Upgrade and Renovate the Undergraduate Chemistry Laboratories within the Lash Miller Building, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 119 of the Academic Board as Appendix “B”, be approved in principle;

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9. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)**(b) Item 6 - Capital Project: Lash Miller Laboratories – Project Planning Report (cont'd)**

THAT the project scope to upgrade and renovate the undergraduate chemistry laboratories within the Lash Miller Building be approved at an estimated total project cost of \$5,300,000 to \$5,600,000 with funding as follows:

- (i) contribution of \$4,000,000 from approved growth enrolment funds to be allocated by the University of Toronto towards this project;
- (ii) contribution of \$700,000 from the Department of Chemistry; and,
- (iii) contribution of \$900,000 from the Faculty of Arts and Science.

(c) Item 7 - University of Toronto at Mississauga: Establishment of Departmental Structure

Professor Cummins recalled the approval in principle the previous year of the *Framework for a New Structure of Academic Administration for the Three Campuses*. Step one for the University of Toronto at Mississauga had been a constitutional change that had separated it from the Faculty of Arts and Science; this had been accomplished earlier in the current academic year. The next step was to establish departments and that was the proposal currently before the Committee. He added that there had been extensive consultation in the division and approval by the College Council.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the Departmental Structure of the University of Toronto at Mississauga described in Professor McCammond's amended memorandum of March 28, 2003 a copy of which is attached to Report Number 119 of the Academic Board as Appendix "C", be approved, effective July 1, 2003.

(d) Item 8 - School of Graduate Studies: Master of Arts in Teaching – Discontinuation

Professor Cummins introduced the proposal, noting that it was proposed that the Master of Arts in Teaching program be discontinued. Enrolment was low and departmental priorities had changed. Current students would be allowed to complete the program. The Board had been assured that there would be no significant financial implications.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the proposal for discontinuation of the MA(T) degree in English, be approved, with no new students admitted to the program, effective immediately.

Documentation for this item is attached to Report Number 119 of the Academic Board as Appendix "D".

10. Governing Council/Executive Committee Meeting Dates, 2003-2004

The Chair noted that Section 11 of *By-Law Number 2* required that “at least five regular meetings of Governing Council be held during the academic year. The date and times of such meetings shall be determined annually in advance by the Executive Committee not later than June 30 preceding the period of such meetings. The Executive Committee may cancel at most one of the regular meetings of the Governing Council in each academic year, for lack of sufficient business.”

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The following meeting dates for the Executive Committee and the Governing Council:

Executive Committee, 2003-04

Friday, September 5, 2003
 Monday, October 20, 2003
Tuesday, December 2, 2003
 Monday, February 2, 2004
Friday, March 12, 2004
 Monday, April 19, 2004
 Monday, May 17, 2004
 Monday, June 14, 2004
Thursday, June 24, 2004

Governing Council, 2003-04

Wednesday, September 3, 2003 (Retreat)
 Thursday, September 18, 2003
 Thursday, October 30, 2003
Monday, December 15, 2003
Wednesday, February 11, 2004
 Thursday, April 1, 2004
 Thursday, April 29, 2004
Monday, May 31, 2004
 Thursday, June 24, 2004

The Chair added that the proposed meeting dates for 2004-05 would be brought to the Committee for consideration at a meeting in the fall.

11. Reports for Information:

The Committee received for information the following reports.

- (a) Report Number 119 of the Academic Board (May 8, 2003)
- (b) Report Number 126 of the Business Board (May 5, 2003)
- (c) Report Number 114 of the University Affairs Board (April 29, 2003)

12. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair reminded members that the Committee’s next meeting would be held on Monday, June 16, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

13. Other Business

(a) Notices of Motion Arising from the Governing Council Meeting held on May 1, 2003

The Chair recalled that at the May 1, 2003 meeting of the Governing Council, a member had provided notice of the following motion:

THAT the Governing Council direct the President urgently to explore the possibility to establish a world-class virology and microbiology institute at the University of Toronto.

Invited to comment, the President noted that, following the meeting of the Council, the member who had provided the notice had been invited to and agreed to meet with senior University officials to discuss further the intent of the motion.

The President noted that there was presently a call for proposals for new Centres of Excellence. The member had been invited to serve on the University's working group to explore the possibility a Centre that would focus on virology and microbiology.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT no further action be taken on the above notice of motion.

The Chair continued that also at the May 1, 2003 meeting of the Governing Council, the following notice of motion had been provided:

THAT all Governing Council of the University of Toronto meetings, including meetings of the Council, its Boards, Committees and related events are to be held in accessible locations.

Invited to comment, Mr. Charpentier confirmed that meetings of the Governing Council and its board and committees were normally held in the Council Chamber or the Board Room of Simcoe Hall. Simcoe Hall contained an lift that provided access to all levels. Staff within the Office of the Governing Council were available to assist members of the Council and the University community where necessary. This service was most expedient when advance notice was provided to the Office. Mr. Charpentier continued that when a meeting was held off-site (e.g. the Croft Chapter House in University College and the Michael E. Charles Council Chamber in the Galbraith Building) accessible locations were chosen.

Several members indicated their support that the accessibility of meetings be communicated more broadly.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT no further action be taken on the above notice of motion.

14. Other Business (cont'd)

(a) Request from a Non Member to Address the Governing Council

The Chair noted that a member had brought forward a request for a non-member to be invited to address the Council at its next meeting concerning public-health issues within the University community.

Following discussion, the Chair determined that the non-member would be invited to address the Council for up to three minutes under “Other Business”.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

May 21, 2003