

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thursday, April 28, 2005

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL meeting held on Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall

Present:

Ms Rose M. Patten (In the Chair)
Mr. John F. (Jack) Petch, Vice-Chair
The Honourable Frank Iacobucci, Interim
President
Ms Holly Andrews-Taylor
Professor Mary Beattie
Dr. Robert M. Bennett
Professor Pamela Catton
Dr. John R. G. Challis
Mr. Shaun Chen
Mr. P. C. Choo
Professor Brian Corman
Professor W. Raymond Cummins
The Honourable William G. Davis
Dr. Claude S. Davis
Dr. Alice Dong
Ms Susan Eng
Dr. Shari Graham Fell
Professor Vivek Goel
Dr. Gerald Halbert
Ms Shaila R. Kibria

Ms Françoise Dulcinea Ko
Mr. Ari David Kopolovic
Mr. Stefan A. Neata
Dr. John P. Nestor
Mr. Richard Nunn
Ms Jacqueline C. Orange
The Honourable David R. Peterson
Mr. Andrew Pinto
Ms Marvi H. Ricker
Professor Aruthur S. Ripstein
Miss Maureen J. Somerville
Ms Oriel Varga
Professor John Wedge

Mr. Louis R. Charpentier, Secretary of the
Governing Council

Secretariat:

Mr. Neil Dobbs
Ms Cristina Oke

Absent:

Professor Philip H. Byer
Mr. Brian Davis
Dr. Paul V. Godfrey
Dr. Joel A. Kirsh
Mr. Joseph Mapa
Professor Michael R. Marrus
Professor Ian R. McDonald

Mr. George E. Myhal
The Honourable Vivienne Poy
Mr. Timothy Reid
Professor Barbara Sherwood Lollar
Mr. Stephen C. Smith
Mr. Robert S. Weiss
Mr. W. David Wilson

In Attendance:

Mr. Navine Aggarwal, member-elect of the Governing Council
Mr. Mahadeo Sukhai, member-elect of the Governing Council and President, Graduate
Students' Union
Ms Elizabeth Vosburgh, member-elect of the Governing Council
Professor Angela Hildyard, Vice-President, Human Resources and Equity
Ms Catherine Riggall, Vice-President, Business Affairs
Professor Carolyn Tuohy, Vice-President, Government and Institutional Relations
Professor Rona Abramovitch, Director, Transitional Year Program, and Provost's
Advisor on Outreach and Access
Professor Ronald J. Daniels, Dean, Faculty of Law
Mr. Andrew Drummond, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council
Ms Sheree Drummond, Assistant Provost

In Attendance (cont'd):

Professor David Farrar, Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost, Students
Ms Liz Finney, Director of Government Liaison, Offices of the Vice-President, Government and Institutional Relations, and the Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost
Dr. Beata Fitzpatrick, Assistant Vice-President and Director, Office of the President
Ms Bryn MacPherson-White, Director of University Events and Presidential Liaison (Advancement)
Ms Margaret McKone, Administrative Manager, Office of the Governing Council
Mr. Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs, University of Toronto at Mississauga
Ms Elizabeth Sisam, Director of Campus and Facilities Planning
Mr. Howard Tam, Vice-President, University Affairs, Students' Administrative Council
Professor Ronald Venter, Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning
Professor Safwat Zaky, Vice-Provost, Planning and Budget

THE MEETING BEGAN *IN CAMERA*.

1. Senior Appointment

Assistant Vice-President, Space and Facilities Planning

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was RESOLVED

THAT Ms Elizabeth Sisam be appointed to the position of Assistant Vice-President, Space and Facilities Planning, effective July 1, 2005, subject to the approval by the Senior Salary Committee of the terms and conditions of the appointment.

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MOVED INTO OPEN SESSION.

2. Chair's Opening Remarks

(a) Welcome

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting, and recognized the members-elect of the Governing Council who were in attendance Mr. Navine Aggarwal, Mr. Mahadeo Sukhai, and Ms Elizabeth Vosburgh.

(b) Resolution approved by Council during *in camera* session

The Chair announced that the Council had approved the appointment of Ms Elizabeth Sisam as Assistant Vice-President, Space and Facilities Planning, effective July 1, 2005.

(c) Audio web-cast

The Chair reminded members that meeting was being broadcast, and that private conversations might be picked up and broadcast.

2. Chair's Opening Remarks

(d) Add to the Agenda

With members' permission, an item concerning Convocation substitutes for the Chancellor and the President was added to the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of March 30, 2005

The minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2005 were approved.

4. Business Arising

There were no items of business arising.

5. Report of the President

(a) Appointment of 15th President

The President described the activities that followed the announcement of the appointment of Professor David Naylor as the fifteenth President of the University of Toronto. The President-designate had attended twelve events on April 26, and had visited the University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) and the University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC) on April 27.

On behalf of the University, the President thanked three individuals, along with their staff and colleagues, who had led and coordinated the effort to introduce the new President to the University community and beyond:

- Ms Bryn McPherson-White had taken the initiative and led the roll-out team with indefatigable grace and elegance;
- Mr. Louis Charpentier, who had served as Secretary to the Presidential Search Committee, and had continued to play a vital part in the coordination of the roll-out, with exemplary dedication ensuring that the Chair was well supported both throughout the search process and in the roll-out;
- Ms Andrea Belanger had taken charge of planning the University's media and communications efforts, with results that were effective and professional.

The Chair added her thanks, and members and guests applauded the individuals who had been recognized.

(b) American Academy of Arts and Sciences

The President informed members that University Professor Richard Lee, University Professor Janice Gross Stein, and University Professor Tak Mak had been elected as Foreign Honorary Members to the American Academic of Arts and Sciences. Their election brought the number of members from the University of Toronto to seventeen.

(c) Transitional Support

President Iacobucci repeated his pledge to do his utmost to ensure a smooth transition. He would step down on June 30, 2005, and Provost Vivek Goel would become Acting President until President-designate Naylor took office on October 1, 2005. Professor

5. Report of the President (cont'd)**(c) Transitional Support (cont'd)**

Iacobucci would serve as Special Advisor to the Office of the President through the transition period.

(d) Provincial Budget and the Rae Report

The President informed members that the Ministry of Training, College and Universities was providing an additional \$24.2 million in operating funds to universities for full funding for the undergraduate enrolment growth that had taken place during 2004-05. The provision of this funding meant that the first call on new funding provided for 2005-06 would **not** be full funding for 2004-05 enrolment growth. No date had been set for the provincial budget, but it was expected to be in mid-May.

(e) Federal Government Relations

The President advised members that efforts were being made to learn the impact of the agreement between the Liberal and New Democratic parties with respect to the federal budget. Members of the University's administration continued to work hard to persuade those in Ottawa not to lose sight of opportunities for federal investment in post-secondary education over the long-term, and of the goal of the Innovation Agenda of moving Canada from fifteenth place to fifth place in research and development. The President, Professor Challis and Professor Tuohy had recently met with a number of federal cabinet ministers, Deputy Ministers, the Clerk of Privy Council and members of the opposition parties.

(f) Meeting of G10

The President reported that the University had hosted a recent meeting of the executive heads of the G10 (Canada's largest research-intensive universities). The group discussed the next stage of federal involvement in higher education. The executive heads reaffirmed the need to keep up the pressure to keep present initiatives going, such as indirect costs of research and improved granting council budgets. They also thought creatively about possible new initiatives, such as a National Research Act, or a Canada Graduate Scholars program for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

(g) Meeting of the Association of American Universities (AAU)

The President reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Association of American Universities, a group comprised of the top sixty-two public and private research universities in North America, and including the University of Toronto and McGill University as the only Canadian members. Cuts to granting agencies by the current federal administration was of major concern for research in American universities. Those present discussed public advocacy and ways of securing the support of Congress for research.

(h) Update on Internal Transitional Issues

The President provided an update on various internal transitional issues.

i) Review of Division of University Advancement

The President informed members that the review of the Division of University Advancement was underway.

5. **Report of the President (cont'd)**
- (h) **Update on Internal Transitional Issues (cont'd)**
 - (ii) **Appointment of Interim Deans for the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine**

An Acting Dean of the Faculty of Law had been appointed to serve until June 30, 2005. A search would begin immediately for an Interim Dean to serve starting on July 1, 2005.

Arrangements would also be made for the appointment of an Interim Dean for the Faculty of Medicine to replace Professor Naylor.

6. **Budget Report, 2005-06**

Introduction

Professor Cummins explained that members of the Board had received a summary of the presentation of the Budget Report in Report Number 102 of the Planning and Budget Committee.

At the Board, a member had commented on what he had perceived to be an unduly small increase in the budget for student financial assistance. Professor Goel had explained that student financial support had been included in a number of divisional budgets.

A question had been raised about the decrease in funding to real estate ancillaries. Professor Goel had explained that a subsidy had been provided from operating funds to new residences over an eight-year period to allow the residences to become self-funding as required by policy. That period had now ended.

Ms Orange reminded members that the Business Board was responsible for advising the Governing Council on the financial prudence of the Budget Report. The Board had to satisfy itself that the budget, as part of the longer term budget framework, would allow the University to manage its deficit. The University had to be able to bring the deficit back to 1.5% of operating revenue by the end of the planning period on April 30, 2010. It also had to bring in a balanced annual budget at that time. The Board, finally, had to be satisfied that the budget assumptions were realistic, and that the level of risk was prudent.

The Board had received a full presentation of the Budget Report from Professor Goel. It had also received the President's assurance that the budget was sound. After a substantial discussion, the Board had voted to support the Budget.

Presentation

Professor Goel presented the key points of the Budget Report.

The following points were made in the presentation.

6. Budget Report, 2005-06 (cont'd)

Presentation (cont'd)

Multi-year Budgeting

- The process of multi-year budgeting used by the University:
 - allowed for planning;
 - was manageable and fiscally responsible;
 - provided an opportunity to close the gap between revenue and aspirations.
- 2005-06 would be the second year of the current six-year budget cycle
 - considerable uncertainty remained:

Guidelines

- Governing Council Policy required that the annual budget variance be no more than 1.5% of gross operating revenue;
- Under the Long-Range Budget Guidelines, Governing Council had allowed the University to have larger variances than required by the policy as long as:
 - The University exited each cycle with a balanced budget, and
 - The accumulated deficit did not exceed 1.5% in the final year of the multi-year budget plan.
- Long range planning had served the University well using this approach.

University Funds

- The University had four funds:
 - Operating funds,
 - Capital Funds,
 - Restricted Funds, and
 - Ancillaries.

Operating for Capital Support

- Operating revenue was transferred to the Divisions to support academic activities;
- Divisions set priorities for expenditures;
- Divisions needed to make investments in capital in order to achieve their objectives;
- Carry-forwards were retained by divisions:
 - This prevented year-end spending;
 - Surpluses could be planned for major projects

Highlights

- Overall structure of current six year budget cycle (2004-2010) was being maintained;
- Minor changes from last year's revenue and expense were projected;
- No change in the base budget reduction schedule was being planned;
- One-time-only (OTO) cuts had been reduced:
 - Financial performance had been better than anticipated;
 - Enrolment had increased in some areas.

Response to Rae Review Recommendations

- No new revenues were assumed as a result of the Rae Review except those that had been included in the 2004-05 Long-Range Budget Guidelines:
 - Tuition freeze compensation;
 - New revenue at least equal to the Quality Assurance Fund for 2005-06 and 2006-07;
 - Enrolment growth flow-through.

6. Budget Report, 2005-06 (cont'd)**Presentation (cont'd)****Assumptions – Revenue**

- Enrolment
 - No change in existing plans;
 - some reduction in undergraduate intake as a result of the end of the double cohort;
 - no change in graduate enrolment.
- Government Operating Grants:
 - Accessibility program would continue;
 - Annual 2% increase in grant after 2006 – 07;
 - No increase in graduate funding.
- Tuition:
 - Second year of tuition freeze in 2005-06;
 - 2% increase in subsequent years, for all programs;
 - increase in international tuition as proposed in 2004-05.
- Canada Research Chairs program would be renewed;
- Federal and provincial indirect cost of research programs would continue.

Assumptions – Expense

- 2% increase in salaries and benefits;
- revised investment projections;
- no change in pension deficit amortization;
- no increase in debt.

Debt Reduction

- base reductions over 6-year period remained unchanged;
- OTO reductions had been reduced from the original schedule to 3% over two years from 6.7% over three years.
- In 2005-06, the deficit was projected to be \$17 million, and the accumulated deficit was projected to be \$55 million.
- As a result of the proposed 5% base budget reduction in 2006-07, a surplus of \$10 million was being projected.

Sources of Operating Revenue – 2005-06

- 45%: Provincial Operating Grants
- 33%: Tuition Fees
- 11%: Divisional Income
- 3%: Indirect cost recovery on research grants and contracts
- 3%: Canada Research Chairs
- 3%: Endowment revenue for Chairs and Student Aid
- 1%: Other income (application fees, overhead fees)

Breakdown of Operating Expenditures – 2005-06

- 65%: Academic (to divisions)
- 10%: Student Assistance
- 8%: Maintenance, Services and Utilities
- 6%: Central administration
- 4%: Academic Computing and Library Services
- 4%: General University Expense (Legal, Insurance, Fees)
- 2%: Campus and Student Services
- 2%: Library Acquisitions

6. Budget Report, 2005-06 (cont'd)

Presentation (cont'd)

Response to Rae Review Recommendations

- Assumptions and enrolment targets would have to be reviewed after the provincial government had responded to the recommendations of the Rae Review.
 - Graduate/undergraduate balance
 - Domestic/international ratios
- New funding envelopes would likely be accompanied by accountability commitments.

Comparison of per student funding at the University of Toronto with AAU Peers

- University of Toronto grant per full-time equivalent student = \$6,584
 - State appropriations for AAU peers ranged from \$6,191 to \$13,300
- University of Toronto operating revenue per FTE student in 2004 = \$18,400
 - Operating revenue per FTE student in 2004 for AAU peers ranged from \$32,161 to \$58,248.

Budget Report Summary

- The University's prudent budget strategy was being maintained.
- Expense projections were realistic.
- Revenue assumptions were not unduly optimistic.
- The 2% base budget reduction for 2005-06 remained necessary.
- The outer year base reductions would be reexamined next year, but must be planned for.

Challenge

- Long-range budgeting served the University well, but made it more aware of funding gaps.
- The University must focus on generating the revenues necessary to meet its needs and aspirations.
- Deep cuts would be necessary if new base resources were not made available
- The University must be selective in choosing its priorities
 - Its priorities must be clearly tied to development and advocacy.
 - New funding would likely be tied to specific accountability measures.
- The University must seek out efficiencies in its operations.

Discussion

A member asked whether the policy guideline of the annual budget variance being no more than 1.5% of gross operating revenue was a useful measure. Professor Goel replied that the Business Board had discussed this issue. The 1.5% guideline provided a controlled target for the budget model.

A member asked why \$80,000 was being transferred out of the student assistance budget as shown on page 42 of the Budget Report. Professor Goel replied that the detailed budget table on page 42 represented specific accounts. Table 1A on page 5 of the Budget Report showed the summary budget allocation for Student Assistance - \$106.6 million for 2005-06, an increase of \$10 million from 2004-05.

The member asked why \$400,000 had been removed from the budget of Accommodations and Facilities on page 30 of the Budget Report. Professor Goel replied that the funds were being moved from one budget line to another.

6. Budget Report, 2005-06 (cont'd)**Discussion (cont'd)**

The member asked how much increase in revenues was based on international tuition fees. Professor Goel replied that the increase in revenues were based on the budget assumptions that were set out in the 2004-05 budget.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was RESOLVED

THAT the "Budget Report for 2005-06" dated March 8, 2005, including the revisions to the long-range budget assumptions and the Contractual Obligation and Policy Commitments list, a copy of all of which is attached to Report Number 134 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B", be approved.

7. Capital Project: Bahen Centre for Information Technology (BCIT) – Project Closure Report

Professor Cummins recalled that, at the February meeting of the Academic Board, members of the Board had been reminded that the Bahen Centre for Information Technology (BCIT) project had been one of the first projects in the current Capital Plan. The proposal was to close the account on the original capital project and to establish a BCIT Closure Project under the Accommodation and Facilities Directorate (AFD). No questions had been raised at the Board.

The Executive Committee had decided at its meeting in March to defer the placement of this item on the agenda of the Governing Council to allow the Business Board an opportunity to review the report.

Ms Orange advised members that the Business Board had reviewed the report on the completion of the Bahen Centre project. It was the first in a series of project-completion reports, which would lead to the removal of projects from the regular capital-projects reports presented to the Board. No Business Board action was required with respect to the proposal now before Council, apart from the Board's review of the report for information. The project had been substantially completed, and it had been fully financed. The cost increase was only marginally above the increase already approved under administrative authority, at \$322,000. There were no concerns expressed by the Business Board.

A member noted that there had been discussion at both the Academic Board and the Business Board of the variance between the cost that had originally been approved by governance, and the final cost. He suggested that it would be useful for members to see the trend of cost estimates versus final estimates. Professor Goel replied that the intent of the Project Closure Reports was to provide such information. As well, the Policy on Capital Project and Capital Planning required that a capital project be brought back to governance if there were a change of scope totaling the greater of \$ 2 million or 10% of the approved cost.

A member asked why there had been such a significant under-estimate in the project cost. Professor Goel replied that, at the time that the project had been initiated, there was pressure to complete the project as soon as possible to accommodate increased enrolment resulting from the province's Access to Opportunities Program (ATOP). As construction

7. Capital Project: Bahen Centre for Information Technology (BCIT) – Project Closure Report (cont'd)

proceeded, changes were incorporated that increased the project scope and resulted in increased costs for the project.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was RESOLVED

1. THAT the revised and final total project cost for the Bahen Centre for Information Technology [BCIT] which is required to be increased from \$108,811,00, the cost previously approved by the Governing Council, to \$112,189,469, be approved.
2. THAT full closure be brought to the BCIT capital project as a result of the earlier mortgages, established for the Faculty of Arts & Science and the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering in 2003, plus the following mortgage and cash contribution to address all remaining costs associated with the project:
 - i) A mortgage in the amount of \$960,000 to be amortized over 20 years or less and to be repaid from the operating budget of the Office of the Vice-President Business Affairs;
 - ii) A cash contribution in the amount of \$960,000 to be paid from the 2004/05 operating budget of the Office of the Vice-President and Provost.

8. Capital Project: Faculty of Law: Preliminary Project Planning Report

The Chair acknowledged Dean Ronald Daniels, Faculty of Law, who was present for this item. On behalf of the Governing Council, she congratulated him on his appointment as Provost at the University of Pennsylvania, and thanked him for his significant contributions to the University of Toronto.

Professor Cummins reported that there had a lengthy discussion on this item at the Academic Board. However, the discussion had focused primarily on the need for student activity space, which had been proposed as an alternative use of Site 12.

At the Board, a few points were raised about the project itself. One member had asked if previous allocations for renovations to the Faculty's facilities had been appropriate. He was advised that the renovations had been necessary, and that any group that, in future, was housed in the facilities currently occupied by the Faculty of Law, would benefit from the renovations.

Comments had been made about the inadequacy of the space guidelines of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) for academic space. Professor Goel had explained that the COU guidelines were used as benchmarks.

A member noted that Site 12 had been recognized as a possible site for student activity space, and asked whether there would be any change in fund-raising priorities as a result of the change in leadership at the Faculty of Law. The President responded that the priorities of the University did not change when individuals in positions of leadership changed. The plans to relocate the Faculty would be advanced forcefully and rigorously.

8. Capital Project: Faculty of Law: Preliminary Project Planning Report (cont'd)

Invited to speak, Dean Daniels stated that the proposed relocation was a long-standing commitment of the Faculty of Law that had evolved through the work of various task forces and focus groups. Members of the Faculty were united in their support of the relocation.

Professor Goel informed members that a Call for Nominations for a Committee to Review Student Activity Space had been distributed to the University community. A member commented that students had considered Site 12 as a possible site for a student center. She expressed her concern that, in her view, students were often not consulted in decisions on the use of University space.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was RESOLVED

1. THAT the preliminary Project Planning Report for the Faculty of Law that requires the relocation of the entire Faculty of Law to site 12, including 315 Bloor Street West, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 134 of the Academic Board as Appendix "C", be accepted in principle.
2. THAT this approval in principle is subject to the Faculty of Law identifying the external funding, and to the University identifying the internal funding for the renewal and reallocation of the spaces released by the Faculty of Law.
3. THAT this approval in principle is subject to approval by the Governing Council of a completed Project Planning Report which will identify the detailed space program of the Faculty of Law, the cost and all sources of funding.

9. Convocation Substitutions

The President informed members that, in order to accommodate the demands of Convocation, it was desirable to make minor revisions to the Resolution passed by the Governing Council in 1987. The revisions would allow the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Council to take the Chancellor's place if the head of the academic unit was absent or unable to act, and to allow the Deputy Provost to take the place of the President in the absence of a Vice-Provost.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was RESOLVED

THAT the resolution regarding convocation substitutes for the Chancellor and President, approved by the Governing Council in 1987, be revised as follows to permit the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Governing Council to serve:

- (1) THAT, where both the Chancellor and the President are absent from a University convocation, the Chancellor's place shall be taken by the head of the academic unit whose students are graduating.

In the case of Arts and Science students, the "head of the academic unit" will be the principal of the constituent college or the executive head of the affiliated university.

9. Convocation Substitutions (cont'd)

In the event of the students of two colleges graduating at the same time, the head of the earlier established college will act for the Chancellor

In the event of students of an Arts and Science college and a professional faculty or school graduating at the same convocation, the Chancellor will designate the head of one of the academic units to act for the Chancellor.

If the head of the academic unit is absent or unable to act, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Council may take the Chancellor's place.

(2) THAT, where the President is absent from the University convocation, or acting for the Chancellor, the President's place shall be taken by the Vice-President and Provost. In the event that the Vice-President and Provost is also absent, the President's place shall be taken by:

- the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, where students in that Faculty are graduating, or
- the Deputy Provost or appropriate Vice-Provost in the case of all other convocations. Should more than one Vice-Provost be appropriate, the President will designate one to serve.

10. Reports for Information

Members received several reports for information.

Report Number 134 of the Academic Board (April 7, 2005)

Report Number 140 of the Business Board (April 4, 2005)

Report Number 127 of the University Affairs Board (March 29, 2005)

Report Number 386 of the Executive Committee (April 20, 2005)

A member asked for clarification of item 4: *Operating Plans: Student Services, University of Toronto at Mississauga* (UTM) on page 7 of Report Number 127 of the University Affairs Board. It was her understanding that the student services fees had not been approved by the Quality Service to Students (QSS) Board. Invited to comment, Mr. Overton replied that UTM fees had been approved, although not without opposition, in accordance with the protocol used by the Council on Student Services (COSS) and QSS.

A member referred to item 13 (d): *Employment Equity Report, 2004*, on page 15 on Report Number 134 of the Academic Board. She noted a decline in the number of aboriginal professors since 1999, and only a minor increase in the number of visible minority faculty members. She also noted the decline in the number of disabled tenure-track faculty from 4.1% in 1989-90 to 2.4% in 2003-04. The member alleged that some visible-minority professors had made comments concerning the chilly climate of the academy, and suggested that the University should be listening to such comments.

Invited to respond, Professor Hildyard agreed that such comments should be listened to, and that representation of aboriginal and disabled faculty were not sufficient. The University was working to address these issues.

11 Date of the Next Meeting

The Chair informed members that the next scheduled meeting of the Governing Council on Thursday May 26, 2005 at 4:30 pm might be cancelled, as there were no items coming forward for approval from any of the Boards or from the Executive Committee.

12. Question Period

A member asked for an update on Sodexo workers. Professor Hildyard replied that it was her understanding that the Sodexo workers had voted to certify.

13. Other Business

A member referred to a proposed meeting between officials from the U.S. military and the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering to introduce academics to research funding opportunities. The member asked why such a meeting was being allowed. Professor Goel replied that academic freedom at the University allowed faculty and students to pursue their research interests. He noted that defense organizations supported a broad range of research. For example, appropriations for funding in breast cancer research had been attached to budget of the United States Army.

A member commented that the policies of academic freedom were important to the University. She requested a report on issues raised by the previous speaker, as well as issues relating to research undertaken by the Institute for Knowledge Innovation and Technology (IKIT) at OISE/UT. She emphasized that the source of funding for research shouldn't be questioned. It was her view that an articulation of current policy, including the application of the policy to avoid situations of undue influence by the groups providing research funding, would be helpful to members of the Governing Council.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

June 15, 2005