## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

#### **REPORT NUMBER 153 OF**

## THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD

#### June 2, 2009

To the Governing Council, University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it met on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Dr. Claude Davis, In the Chair Ms B. Elizabeth Vosburgh, Vice-Chair Professor Jill Matus, Vice-Provost, Students Ms Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-President, Student Life Dr. Louise Cowin Mr. Ken Davy Mr. Reza Hajivandi Mr. Keith Ho Professor Bruce Kidd Mr. Ben Liu Mr. Chris McGrath Mrs. Fiorella Shields Mr. John David Stewart Mr. David Stiles

Non-Voting Assessors: Mr. Jim Delaney, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students

Secretariat: Mr. Henry Mulhall (Secretary) Mr. Neil Dobbs

**Regrets:** 

Ms Diana A.R. Alli Ms Mariana Bockarov Ms Judith Goldring Mr. Grant Gonzales Professor William Gough Mr. Stephen Job Ms Anna Okorokov Dr. Sarita Verma

In Attendance:

Mr. Tad Brown, Counsel, Business Affairs and Advancement
Mr. Dario Cervoni, Assistant Manager, University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) Campus Police
Mr. Sam D'Angelo, Operations Manager, Police Services, St. George Campus
Dr. Anthony Gray, Special Advisor to the President
Mr. Dan Hutt, Manager, Police Services, St. George Campus
Mr. Rob Messacar, Manager, University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC) Campus Police
Mr. Len Paris, Manager, Campus Police, UTM
Mr. Kyle Winters, Executive Director, University Advancement Partnerships

# ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

# 1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 152 (April 22, 2009) was approved.

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

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

# 3. University of Toronto Annual Reports of Campus Community Police, 2008 (St. George Campus, University of Toronto at Scarborough, University of Toronto at Mississauga)

The Chair welcomed Mr. Len Paris, Manager of Campus Police at UTM, who presented the highlights of the Police Services annual reports on behalf of his colleagues from the University's three campuses. Mr. Paris noted that the lengthy reports contained a considerable amount of information that spoke for itself, and that he would focus on their common elements, and in particular the community programs offered by the three police services.

The police services on the University's three campuses operated under a common *University of Toronto Police Policy* with a mandate to provide a safe, secure, and equitable environment for all members of the University community. Similarly, they shared the same values with respect to the provision of services in support of community safety, outreach, crime prevention, and problem solving. There was a strong emphasis on training and professional development programs, some of which were required by local Police Services boards, and some of which were chosen for their relevance to the University environment. The three services frequently shared training resources, and they also in turn provided training programs for faculty and staff on their own campuses.

A common focus of the work of the three services was community safety and outreach including the prevention of crime and property loss. Safety audits were being performed more frequently, especially regarding safety systems in the many new campus buildings that had been constructed in recent years. All three campuses had experienced increased demand for police services, partly stemming from enrolment growth, but also resulting from increased community outreach which in turn produced higher levels of reporting and requests for services. Libraries and student residences were two areas of campus life that had required increased levels of services in recent years.

The Community Safety Office was an innovative service with a mandate to provide assistance, support, referrals, and consultations to students, faculty, and staff whose safety had been compromised. With a staff of three, it was based on the St. George Campus, but also had dedicated space on the UTSC and UTM campuses. It had become a model personal safety program with an emphasis on prevention, education, and occasionally intervention.

Details were being finalized on emergency plans for each of the three campuses to ensure that they were compatible with and supported the University's overall crisis management plan. Extensive training had also been conducted in this area, including a three-day seminar at UTSC in October of 2008 on Critical Incident Management that had focused on a Unified Command Structure to deal with possible critical incidents on campus. Inventories of data on all facilities and buildings to facilitate emergency responses were also being developed for each campus.

# 3. University of Toronto Annual Reports of Campus Community Police, 2008 (St. George Campus, University of Toronto at Scarborough, University of Toronto at Mississauga) (cont'd)

Mr. Paris concluded by stating that the three police services would endeavour to provide briefer reports with more standardized formats (tables of contents, statistical tables etc.) to the Board in future years. Recent reports had included extensive detailed information and statistics that were required by the Toronto and Peel Police Services Boards, to which the Reports had also been submitted.

A member commended Mr. Paris and his colleagues on the reports which he had found encouraging in terms of the incident trends that they indicated. He was impressed by the focus on training, and asked if there was ever collaboration with graduate students in criminology who might use the police services as subjects for their research. Mr. Paris responded that this did occur including with students in forensics programs as well as those in social science programs with a particular interest in community policing. Such collaboration had been particularly valuable as the students and faculty also provided feedback to the police services.

A member asked whether increased awareness of the WalkSmart and WalkSafer Programs might assist in increasing the numbers of individuals who made use of these valuable services. Mr. Paris acknowledged that the number of users was low on all three campuses. However, the cost of the programs was also very minimal, and if they prevented even one serious incident, or encouraged students to take night classes who might not otherwise do so, they were worthwhile. The low number of users also likely reflected the general perception of safety on the campuses, where students sometimes reported feeling safer than they did in their own neighborhoods. Finally, a member of the Board expressed her appreciation on behalf of Hart House for the very professional service that was provided there by the St. George Campus Community Police Service.

# 4. Code of Conduct for Trademark Licensees: Annual Report

The Chair noted that this was an annual accountability report, and that the Board's responsibility was to satisfy itself that there was appropriate compliance with the *Trademark Licensing Policy*. He introduced two guests who were available to respond to members' questions: Mr. Kyle Winters, Executive Director, University Advancement Partnerships, who was responsible for the on-going administration of the *Policy*, as well as Mr. Tad Brown, Counsel, for Business Affairs and Advancement.

A member stated that he had been very impressed with the Report, and in particular the University's work in the area of trademark licensing with non-governmental organizations (NGOs). He asked for further information on the nature of that relationship. Mr. Winters replied that the relationship was reciprocal, in that the University received as much as it contributed. It worked with NGOs from across the political spectrum including the Worker's Rights Consortium (WRC), the Fair Labor Association (FLA), and the Maquila Solidarity Network. The University received input from NGOs on relevant issues, and in turn the NGOs sought the counsel of the University.

A member stated that he had particularly appreciated the guidance of Mr. Winters and Mr. Brown in recent months concerning the appropriate implementation of the *Policy*. After having signed a contract for the provision of athletic apparel with Russell Athletics, the Faculty of Physical Education and Health had become aware of serious allegations concerning the company's labor practices in Honduras. Mr. Winters and Mr. Brown had provided invaluable assistance in investigating and mediating this ongoing matter, and the University's interests had been well protected.

# 5. Recognized Campus Groups, 2008-09: Report #2

Professor Matus stated that this was the second such report to be presented to the Board for its information for the 2008-09 academic year. There was no discussion of the Report by members of the Board.

# 6. Report of the Senior Assessor

Professor Matus reported that the administration was considering the need for updates to the *Code of Student Conduct*. Some student groups had expressed some dissatisfaction with the *Code*, and a number of requests for updates had been received from various parts of the University community. Extensive revisions to the *Code* were not currently envisioned, and Professor Matus would report back to the Board in the autumn regarding the updating process that would be followed. In response to a question, she clarified that the broad consultation process, which had not yet begun, would include students, faculty, and staff from across the University.

# 7. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair informed members that the date of the first meeting of the Board for the 2009-10 governance year was being finalized, and that they would be informed as soon as this had occurred.

## 8. Other Business

The Chair thanked the members of the Board, its assessors, the secretariat, and all members of the administration who had contributed to the work of the Board over the course of the previous year. He offered special thanks to those who were completing their term of service on the Board. In addition, he thanked the large number of staff, faculty, alumni, and especially students who had volunteered to serve on the Board for the upcoming year as co-opted members. The Striking Committee had been able to recommend only a small number for appointment to the Board, but had been impressed with the depth and quality of the pool of applications that it had received.

Professor Matus noted that Dr. Davis would be stepping down from the Board at the end of the governance year, having served for three years as Chair, and for one year prior to that as Vice-Chair. On behalf of the members of the Board, its assessors, and the administration, she thanked the Chair for his generous commitment of time and energy in support of the governance of the University. In particular, he had brought to the proceedings of the Board a calm, measured approach, as well as an absolute sense of fairness that had been much appreciated. The Chair expressed his appreciation for these remarks, as well as for the memento with which he had been presented.

There was no other business to transact in open session.

On a motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

The Board moved *in camera*.

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#### In Camera Session

# 9. Elections Committee, Chair: Appointment

On a motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

#### YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT Mr. Stephen Smith be re-appointed Chair of the Elections Committee for a one-year term from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

#### 10. Report of the Striking Committee

#### (a) Co-Opted Membership of the University Affairs Board for 2009-2010

On a motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

## YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the following be appointed as co-opted members of the University Affairs Board for one-year terms from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010:

Ms Greta Chiu Ms Erin Fitzgerald Mr. Allan Grant Mr. Maciek Lipinski-Harten Mr. Ben Liu Mr. Christopher McGrath Ms Kimberley Stemshorn Mr. Peter Zeng

#### (b) Discipline Appeals Board: Appointment of Members for 2009-2010

On a motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

#### YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the following be appointed to the Discipline Appeals Board for one-year terms from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010:

Mr. Ken Davy Miss Saswati Deb Professor Emeritus Sherwin Desser Mr. Alexandru Rascanu Ms Cheryl Shook Ms David Stiles

On a motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

The Board returned to open session.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

June 3, 2009