

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
**REPORT NUMBER 177 OF**  
**THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD**

**October 1, 2013**

To the Governing Council,  
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it met on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Ms B. Elizabeth Vosburgh, In the Chair  
Mr. Andrew Szende, Vice-Chair  
Professor Jill Matus, Vice-Provost,  
Students & First-Entry Divisions  
Ms Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-  
President, Student Life  
Ms Rida Ali  
Ms Alexis Archbold  
Mr. Marc Arnold  
Mr. Eric Carvalho  
Mr. Yuan Chung  
Mr. Rastko Cvekic  
Mr. Aidan Fishman  
Ms Aislin Flynn  
Mr. Sammy Lau  
Ms Rita O'Brien  
Professor Elizabeth M. Smyth  
Professor Salvatore Spadafora  
Mr. Chirag Variawa  
Ms Roxanne Wright

**Non-Voting Assessors:**

Mr. David Newman, Acting Director,  
Office of the Vice-Provost, Students and  
First Entry Divisions  
Dr. Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs,  
University of Toronto Mississauga  
(UTM)  
Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student  
Affairs, University of Toronto  
Scarborough (UTSC)

**Secretariat:**

Mr. David Walders, Acting Secretary

**Regrets:**

Professor Ira Jacobs  
Professor Bruce Kidd  
Dr. Gary P. Mooney  
Ms Eleni Patsokas

**In Attendance:**

Ms Sarah Burley, Acting Manager, Student Policy Initiatives & High Risk at University of Toronto  
Ms Anita Comella, Assistant Dean, Co-curricular Physical Activity & Sport

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Ms Gretchen Kerr, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Education, Physical Education and Health  
Mr. Mike Lesage, Coordinator, Student Policy Initiatives in the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students  
and First-Entry Divisions

ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

**1. Welcome and Orientation to the Board, including Orientation to the Vice-Provost, Students and First-Entry Divisions' Portfolio <sup>1</sup>, and the Student Affairs / Life Divisions**

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the University Affairs Board for the 2013-14 governance year and invited them to introduce themselves. She also invited the Assessors to introduce any staff members present who will be assisting with the work of the Board.

Professor Matus provided an overview of her portfolio and priorities for 2013-14. She invited representatives from the following units to present a brief summary of the services and priorities of their units: Student Affairs and Services, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC); Student Life Programs and Services, St. George; Student Affairs and Services, University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM); the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, Co-curricular and Physical Activity Programming. The Chair thanked Professor Matus and the representatives from the various student life portfolios for their work.

**2. Calendar of Business**

The Chair provided a brief overview of the Calendar of Business and noted that it would be updated on-line every Friday.

**3. Summer Executive Authority**

The Chair noted that there were no items of business conducted under Summer Executive Authority.

**4. Report of the Senior Assessor**

Professor Matus' Report focussed on the Student Societies Summit. Her report addressed the following points:

- Following an attempted mediation between University of Toronto Student's Union (UTSU), the Trinity College Meeting (TCM) and the Engineering Society (Engsoc) on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2013, a special information session of Governing Council was held on June 10, 2013, where the

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<sup>1</sup> Below, please find link to the presentation given by the Vice-Provost, Students and First-Entry Divisions  
<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=10074>

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Provost provided an update report, along with an opportunity for each of the involved student societies to share their perspectives.

- It was agreed that the Provost would undertake a process to review issues surrounding student societies at the University. A joint statement was made to the Governing Council at its June 2013 meeting: “Both the Administration and the UTSU are optimistic that the process currently being set up will resolve, in a timely fashion, the disputes that [made] it impossible to take the Student Commons motions forward to Governing Council [last] academic year”.
- After significant consideration, the Provost moved forward on the implementation of a Student Societies Summit, which would involve a small group of Faculty experts in democratic theory and federal and provincial relations, administrative support from the Vice-Provost, Students’ Office, and delegates from student societies also represented by UTSU, including UTSU itself. Other student societies and student clubs were invited to provide written submissions. The first meeting of the Summit would take place on October 7.
- The Summit would meet, as needed, throughout the year, to discuss and resolve these long-standing disputes among the student societies.

**5. Amendments to UAB Terms of Reference**

Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council, provided an update to proposed amendments to the UAB Terms of Reference. He noted that the changes represented one more step in the creation of, and appropriate division of responsibilities within, the Campus Councils at UTM and UTSC. He then highlighted some specific changes:

- **Membership:** The Chairs of the Campus Affairs Committees from UTM and UTSC (or their designates) would become *ex officio* members. In order to comply with the established composition of the Board, one teaching staff member and one student member would also be added. Additionally, the maximum term for membership would be nine (9) consecutive years, consistent with the maximum term permitted for members of the Governing Council.
- **Areas of Responsibility:** The amendments reflected the reality that Campus Councils would have responsibility over local matters. The UAB would assume a more dichotomous role, whereby it would continue to have responsibility for local matters on the St. George Campus, as well as responsibility for various University-wide policy matters.
- The amendments would be brought forward to the Governing Council for approval at the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Charpentier concluded by acknowledging the fact that, in the future, it may be necessary to provide further refinements to the Terms of Reference to address the division of responsibilities.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

It was Resolved,

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and items approved.

**6. Report of the Previous Meeting, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The report of the previous meeting was approved.

**7. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**

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

**8. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.**

**9. Other Business**

The Chair noted that, in advance of the next meeting, there would be a call for nominations for the Service Ancillaries Review Group and the Striking Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Acting Secretary

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Chair

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October 7, 2013