

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS COUNCIL

MAY 28, 2015

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAMPUS COUNCIL held on May 28, 2015 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, William G. Davis Building, University of Toronto Mississauga.

Professor Hugh Gunz, Vice-Chair
Professor Deep Saini, Vice-President & Principal
Dr. Kelly Akers
Mr. Nabil Arif
Mr. Lee Bailey
Ms Sara da Silva
Mr. Kevin Golding
Mr. Simon Gilmartin
Ms Paula Hannaford
Ms Megan Jamieson
Professor Angela Lange
Mr. Sheldon Leiba
Dr. Joseph Leydon
Mr. Leonard Lyn
Ms Judith Poë
Mr. Glenn Thompson
Mr. Douglas Varty

Non-Voting Assessors:

Professor Amy Mullin, Vice-Principal Academic
& Dean
Mr. Paul Donoghue, Chief Administrative Officer

Regrets:

Mr. John Switzer
Mr. Jeff Collins
Dr. Rav Kumar
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk
Ms Alice Li
Ms Mariam Munawar
Mr. David Szwarc

In Attendance:

Ms Diane Crocker, Registrar & Director of Enrolment Management
Mr. Malcolm Lawrie, Assistant Vice-President, University Planning Design & Construction

Secretariat:

Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council
Ms Sheree Drummond, Deputy Secretary of the Governing Council
Ms Cindy Ferencz Hammond, Director of Governance
Ms Mariam Ali, Committee Secretary

1. Chair's Remarks

Professor Hugh Gunz, Vice-Chair informed members that Mr. John Switzer was regrettably unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. Professor Gunz welcomed members to the last meeting of UTM Campus Council for the academic year and reflected on Council's work over the past year. The Chair thanked members for their valuable advice and oversight to administrators as they brought forward matters that fell within the terms of reference of Campus Council.

2. Report of the Vice-President & Principal

Professor Saini thanked all those who had participated in governance throughout the year, including the Chairs of each respective body. He reminded members that his six month administrative leave would begin on July 1, 2015 and that he would develop further the priorities and vision of UTM as an institution, and gather feedback and input. Professor Saini reflected on his term, noting that over the last 5 years UTM had been on an upward trajectory of positive change. He noted that no individual person was responsible for this feat, but that every person at UTM had been involved and engaged at a level that has led to the success of the institution.

Professor Saini informed members that Professor Amy Mullin, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean had begun her term in 2010 and would be finishing her term at the end of the current calendar year. He noted that her many accomplishments during her term included the development and implementation of the UTM Academic Plan. Professor Mullin would go

for a one year sabbatical at the completion of her term, after which she would return to teaching and research in the Department of Philosophy. Professor Saini also highlighted Mr. John Switzer's contributions to UTM as Chair of Campus Council and in his many other volunteer roles. He invited members to the Alumni Awards reception immediately following the Council meeting, which would celebrate the accomplishments of the three award winners, Dr. Terrence Donnelly, Mr. Alfredo Tan and Ms Kirsten Stewart.

As part of his highlight on student organizations, Professor Saini invited members of the UTM Debating Club to present¹, in particular Mr. Talha Mahmood, outgoing President who was joined by Mr. Bilal Sandela and Mr. Siddharth Singh, incoming Co-Presidents and Mr. Sheheryr Nisar, Vice-President, Finance. Mr. Mahmood thanked Professor Saini, Professor Mullin and Mr. Mark Overton for their support and encouragement throughout the year. He informed members that the UTM Debating Club had been founded in 2011, and incorporated the Model United Nations (MUN) in 2013. The Club provided training on a bi-weekly basis in addition to participation in tournaments and conferences. Some of the events held by the club included the Great Professor's Debate, the Debate on Afghanistan, the Harvard National MUN in 2014 and the 1st Annual UTM Debating Tournament among others. Mr. Mahmood noted that this past year had been the first time UTM had participated at the Harvard MUN and had been ranked amongst the top 75 teams in North America, winning 3 awards for Outstanding Delegate. In the fall of 2014, the UTM Debating Club hosted *#SaugaSpeaks: Mayoral Debate on Youth*, which was attended by 400 individuals, covered by seven news outlets and trended sixth on twitter in Canada. Mr. Muhammad highlighted for members upcoming events which included expanding the UTM Debating Tournament, participating in a UTM MUN conference and the continuation of annual events and training. Mr. Mahmood listed the many debating tournaments and MUN conferences which Club members were enrolled in for the upcoming year. A member commented on his positive experience as a previous member of the UTM Debating Club and commended the Club's leadership on their efforts.

3. Capital Project: University of Toronto Mississauga Biology Greenhouse – Project Schedule

The Chair advised members that Council considered project planning reports and recommended to the Academic Board approval in principle of such projects as was determined by the *Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects*. The Chair reminded members that non-financial aspects of the project planning reports were considered in open session and financial aspects including overall costs and amounts derived from various sources were considered in camera. The Chair informed members that the Project Planning Report dated October 12, 2013 was recommended for approval by the Campus Affairs Committee on November 11, 2013 and by this body on December 9, 2013. The project had been approved in principle by the Academic Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee at its meeting on March 27, 2014. The Executive Committee, which was considering this item for confirmation at its February 12, 2014 meeting, deferred its decision to its next meeting in order to gather more information and subsequently approved a reduced total project cost (TPC) on March 27, 2014. Business Board approved the execution of project at its meeting on January 27, 2014. The Chair advised members, that since that time the TPC had increased and as such, according to the *Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects*, the same authority, which provided the original authorization, must approve the revised budget.

The Chair invited Dr. Leydon, Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee, to advise members on the discussion that occurred on this item at its meeting held on April 27, 2015. Dr. Leydon noted that members were in support of the project and had discussed the potential disruption to Lot 9 during construction, which they were advised would be minimal and accounted for in the original project planning report. Dr. Leydon invited Mr. Malcolm Lawrie, Assistant Vice-President, University Planning Design & Construction to present the item. Mr. Lawrie pointed² members to the proposed project site and site context plan. Mr. Lawrie reviewed the revised schedule for the project, and emphasized for members that the project scope and size had not changed. Mr. Lawrie stated that the greenhouse would be fully operational for occupancy in August, 2016.

¹ A copy of the presentation is attached as Attachment A.

² A copy of the presentation is attached as Attachment B.

4. Presentation by Professor Ulli Krull, Vice-Principal, Special Initiatives

The Chair invited Professor Ulli Krull, Vice-Principal, Special Initiatives to provide an overview³ of his role. Professor Krull informed Council that the Vice-Principal, Special Initiatives was responsible for oversight of major new UTM-wide initiatives, engagement with appropriate academic units, collaboration with external stakeholders and senior administration and representation of UTM at select external organizations. He noted that the motivation for his office was to address core quality and unique opportunities for UTM within a tri-campus U of T system that had a tendency towards interdisciplinary interactions. Professor Krull advised that UTM had created a cultural perspective that focused on departmental strength and the facilitation of cross-disciplinary undergraduate/graduate programming and research. He noted that the Institute for Management and Innovation (IMI) was an excellent example of cross disciplinary endeavours and had created new opportunities for faculty, staff, students and recruitment. Professor Krull highlighted potential future endeavours for UTM. He advised members of two graduate programs, one for which a proposal was being developed with the working title of Master of Management of Urban Innovation, and another involving support from a number of programs at UTM being the new Master of Translational Research in the Health Sciences (Faculty of Medicine) that will start in September 2015. He also highlighted current initiatives under development, which included continued discussion to bring academic programming associated with the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering at UTM, partnerships with the Research Innovation Commercialization Centre, Banting and Best Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and support of entrepreneurship education and activities through the Campus Linked Accelerator program. The Chair commented on how many wonderful initiatives are developed at UTM, and commended Professor Krull for spearheading a majority of them.

5. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee: Presentation by the Chair, Ms Judith Poë

The Chair invited Ms Judith Poë, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC), to provide a report⁴ to Council members on its business. Ms Poë noted the terms of reference for Campus Council and the AAC did not allow Council to consider a significant amount of academic business. She added that the Committee had taken on recommendations made by the Committee to Review the Campus Councils, specifically those pertaining to increasing the amount of meaningful discourse and the awareness of and participation in the governance process. Ms Poë provided an overview of items the AAC had considered and the decisions made within the last year. These included the addition of 69 undergraduate courses, two new minor programs and new combined degree programs. She also noted the closures of the Human Resources Specialist and Human Resources and Industrial Relations major programs. Ms Poë explained to members the processes surrounding external reviews and the outcomes of the Economics and Sociology departmental reviews. She noted that strategic topics for information were relayed to the Committee including presentations on accommodations for students with disabilities, first year academic and transition support, student academic societies and admissions and enrolment. Ms Poë expressed her thanks to Professor Amy Mullin, Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, the Secretariat and Committee members for their contributions in facilitating the work of the Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

³A copy of the presentation is attached as Attachment C.

⁴A copy of the presentation is attached as Attachment D.

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that Item 8 - Report of the Previous Meeting, be approved.

6. Report on UTM Capital Projects – as at May 7, 2015 (for information)

7. Reports for Information

- a) Report 12 of the Agenda Committee (May 14, 2015)
- b) Report 12 of the Academic Affairs Committee (April 30, 2015)
- c) Report 11 of the Campus Affairs Committee (April 27, 2015)

8. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 11 – April 22, 2015

9. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

10. Date of the Next Meeting – Thursday, June, 18 2015 at 4:10 p.m. (reserve date)

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting of the Committee was a reserve date scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2015. He advised the Secretariat would provide notice if the reserve meeting dates were to be cancelled.

11. Question Period

In response to a member's question, Ms Diane Crocker, Registrar and Director of Enrolment Management, advised that the current strikes at the high school level would impact admissions in two ways. In particular, how students would make up for missed curriculum was of concern as this would impact their academic transition into first year studies. Secondly, the admissions office had handled a significant number of inquiries from students and parents regarding the impact of the strike on offers of admission, which had been sent prior to the start of the strike.

12. Other Business

The Chair thanked the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Standing Committees, Ms Judith Poë, Professor Angela Lange, Dr. Joseph Leydon and Mr. Nick Kuryluk for their contributions throughout the year. He also thanked the assessors to the bodies for their diligence in bringing business forward for governance consideration, namely Professor Amy Mullin, Professor Bryan Stewart, Mr. Paul Donoghue, Mr. Mark Overton and Professor Deep Saini. He additionally thanked all those members who had served on Council over the past year and those whose had completed their terms. The Chair then invited Ms Judy Goldring, Chair of Governing Council to make some remarks.

Ms Goldring noted the contributions of members of Council and the critical role played by members in the maturation of the tri-campus structure. Ms Goldring congratulated Professor Gunz on his upcoming role as Chair of the UTM Campus Council and remarked on Mr. John Switzer's contributions to UofT. Mr. Switzer had been an alumni governor for six years and played a critical role in the implementation of the tri-campus governance structure as a member of the Implementation Committee and then as inaugural Chair of UTM Campus Council. Ms Goldring added that Mr. Switzer had also served as member on the Committee to Review the Campus Councils, the Audit Committee, LGIC Nominating Committee, the Advisory Committee for the Vice-President and Principal (UTM), and the Advisory Committee on the Appointment of a Vice-President, Advancement and the Executive Committee. Ms Goldring commented on Mr. Switzer's impressive volunteerism and active presence at UTM and thanked him sincerely for his many contributions to UofT.

IN CAMERA SESSION

The Committee moved *in camera*.

13. Appointments: 2015-16 University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council Members Standing Committee Assignments

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

That the recommended appointments of members of the UTM Campus Council to the Standing Committees and related leadership roles, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, and as specified in the documentation dated May 21, 2015, be approved for one year terms, effective July 1, 2015, subject to changes in the Terms of Reference of the UTM Campus Council.

14. Capital Project: University of Toronto Mississauga Biology Greenhouse – Total Project Cost

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS,

THAT the recommendation regarding the University of Toronto Mississauga Biology Greenhouse – Total Project Cost, contained in the memorandum from Mr. Paul Donoghue, Chief Administrative Officer, UTM, dated May 21, 2015, be approved.

The Committee returned to open session.

The Chair reminded members that the meeting was to be followed by a Reception and the Alumni Awards of Distinction, at Lislehurst, starting at 6:30 p.m. - Campus Council members were cordially invited.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Secretary
June 3, 2015

Chair