

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT 146 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

May 20, 2008

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the Falconer Room, Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Michael Marrus (In the Chair)
Professor Brian Corman
Professor Vivek Goel, Vice-President and Provost
Professor Clare Beghtol
Professor Rick Halpern
Professor Edith Hillan, Vice-Provost, Academic
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair, Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Professor Avrum Gotlieb
Mr. James Janeiro

In Attendance: Ms Sheree Drummond, Assistant Provost
Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 145 of the meeting held on May 5, 2008 was approved.

2. Business Arising

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

3. Reviews of Academic Programs and Units

The Chair reminded members that, under the *Accountability Framework for Reviews of Academic Programs and Units*, the Agenda Committee was responsible for determining whether there were any issues of general academic importance arising from the reviews that should be discussed at the Academic Board. Members had received Part I of the 2006-2007 summary of the Reviews of Academic Programs and Units. Part II of the summary would be considered by the Agenda Committee in the fall. The Report of the April 1, 2008 meeting of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P), at which the reviews had been discussed, had been previously distributed to the Committee.

Professor Hillan reported that AP&P had considered the Provostial reviews of the Faculty of Dentistry, the Faculty of Physical Education and Health, and Woodsworth College. AP&P's review process continued to work well, and the Committee had concluded that there were no matters in the reviews that had not been dealt with appropriately and that would require the

3. Reviews of Academic Programs and Units (cont'd)

attention of the Agenda Committee or the Academic Board. There had been a full discussion of the Woodsworth College review, which was reflected in the AP&P report. Members of the Agenda Committee agreed that there were no matters arising from the reviews that required consideration by the Academic Board.

4. Academic Board Agenda – Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Members reviewed the agenda for the June 3rd Academic Board meeting. The governance path for approval of two items was discussed. Professor Hillan explained that section 4.3 of the AP&P's terms of reference outlined the Committee's authority to approve changes to academic regulations such as standards of professional behaviour. However, the AP&P Agenda Planning Group had felt it was appropriate for the proposed *Policy on Standards of Professional Practice Behaviour for Health Profession Students* to be forwarded by AP&P to the Academic Board for consideration, with confirmation by the Executive Committee, given the proposed rescission of standards contained in the second part of the motion. The Agenda Committee agreed with the proposal for Academic Board approval with confirmation by the Executive Committee.

Members of the Agenda Committee also agreed that Academic Board consideration followed by Executive Committee confirmation would be sufficient for approval of the rescission of the *Policy on Access to Student Academic Records*. It was unnecessary for the matter to be considered by Governing Council, given that it had previously approved a statement of commitment to the principles of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The Chair reported that the Striking Committee of the Academic Board had met on May 12, 2008 to consider co-opted memberships on the Board and its standing committees as well as other appointments for which it was responsible. A final appointment would be considered by the Striking Committee prior to submission of its report to the Board on June 3rd.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Members agreed to meet on June 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. immediately prior to the Academic Board meeting to consider some additional academic administrative appointments.

6. Other Business

The Chair noted that Professor Beghtol would be completing her term on the Agenda Committee in June and thanked her for her continued service. He also expressed sincere appreciation to Professor Goel for having contributed greatly to the work of the Committee and wished him well in his future position.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

7. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)

LIBRARIAN APPOINTMENT

Carole Moore

Chief Librarian

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 (Extension)

The Committee returned to open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Secretary
May 22, 2008

Chair