



University of Toronto

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

To: Members of the Elections Committee

From: Anthony Gray, Chief Returning Officer

Date: October 19, 2005

Re: Election Guidelines 2006

Attached are the *Election Guidelines 2006*. The proposed revisions take into account the suggestions contained in the submissions received by the Elections Committee and the presentations made at the open meeting on October 11, as well as changes resulting from recently approved policies, and from experience with the current *Guidelines*. In some sections, language has been revised to enhance clarity.

The proposed substantive revisions to the *Election Guidelines 2006* are as follows:

- Pages 4-5: The definitions of “Graduate Student”, “Full-Time Undergraduate Student”, and “Part-Time Undergraduate Student” have been moved forward into Chapter I – Interpretation;
- Page 7: The position of Deputy Returning Officer has been created and its role defined;
- Page 8: The academic ranks of Sessional Lecturer I and Sessional Lecturer II are included in the definition of “Teaching Staff”;
- Page 13: Election Schedule 2006: Some timelines have been adjusted to reflect recent experience.
- Page 14: The eligibility of candidates has been clarified.
- Pages 19-20: Campaigning regulations concerning the use of the internet and web are addressed, explicitly referring to the University’s policy on the “Appropriate Use of Communication and Information Technology”;
- Page 20: The balloting eligibility of Sessional Lecturers I and II, and of Part-Time Undergraduates is refined;
- Page 26: Web-site development and hosting expenses explicitly related to elections are distinguished from those which are not; the former are eligible for reimbursement, and the latter are not;
- Page 30: Appendix B incorporates regulations and provisions for the use of information and communications technology, treating web-sites analogously to posters where appropriate and requiring that mass emails blind copy the CRO;

- Pages 32-33: The system of demerit points and sanctions have been revised and tightened, providing increased flexibility, improved manageability, and greater discretion for the Elections Overseers;

I would be happy to provide additional information on any of the proposed changes. I would also welcome suggestions from the Committee on any additional changes which they wish to consider.