

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**REPORT 137 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

**April 17, 2007**

To the Academic Board,  
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in the Falconer Room, Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present:            Professor Michael Marrus (In the Chair)  
                      Professor Brian Corman, Vice-Chair  
                      Professor Clare Beghtol  
                      Mr. Ewen Weili Chen  
                      Professor Vivek Goel, Vice-President and Provost  
                      Professor Avrum Gotlieb  
                      Professor Edith Hillan, Vice-Provost, Academic  
                      Professor Mariel O'Neill-Karch

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Acting Secretary

Regrets:           Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair, Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

In Attendance:   Mr. Jason Bechtel, Counsel, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost  
                      Mr. Neil Dobbs, Deputy Secretary, Office of the Governing Council  
                      Ms Sheree Drummond, Assistant Provost  
                      Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost  
                      Ms Linda Vranic, Director, Operations, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost

**1.        Reports of the Previous Meeting**

Report Number 136 of the meeting held on March 27, 2007 was approved.

**2.        Business Arising**

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

**3.        Academic Board Agenda – May 2, 2007**

Members reviewed the agenda for the May 2nd meeting. It was noted that a member had raised a question about the Community Affiliation Template Agreement, Section XIII-4 - Student Workplace Insurance - at the April 5, 2007 meeting of the Board. Professor Goel indicated that he had spoken with the member after the meeting and had answered her question.

The Committee noted a typographical error was corrected in the proposal for the St. George Campus Central Examination Centre (page 2 of the cover sheet), reflecting that the annualized 39038

**4. Academic Board Agenda – May 2, 2007 (cont'd)**

payments to be realized over 20 years were estimated at \$750,000, not \$75,000. Corrections to the documentation for the Board were made, including reference to the two borrowing lines in the original motion that were combined to list a total amount of \$9.10 million.

Professor Hillan reported a question at the March 28, 2007 meeting of the Committee of Academic Policy and Programs regarding the amount of the Mary Gertrude I'Anson Fund. Ms Vranic stated that the remaining capital fund was approximately \$3.25 million.

**5. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Friday May 25, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

**5. Other Business**

The Committee discussed a proposal for the establishment of a Student Academic Experience Committee, submitted by Mr. Chen, requesting a new standing committee of the Academic Board be put in place for the 2007-2008 academic year. The proposed committee would serve to provide outreach to University student leaders, liaising on matters related to the student academic experience; forward student initiatives to the Academic Board; allow further discussion and clarification of agenda items of the Academic Board; and orient new student members to the proceedings of the Board.

In response to concerns expressed by Mr. Chen about the difficulty in coordinating meetings for student members of the Board, Professor Goel suggested that administrative support could be provided to facilitate student caucus meetings. He also suggested that such a caucus could identify topics for in-depth discussion with members of the administration. Committee members expressed appreciation to Mr. Chen for raising the issues addressed in his proposal.

Members agreed that the Board had been well served by its student members, although students might not realize the impact they had due to the shorter lengths of their terms and the time required for items to move through the governance process. However, it was not normal practice for a Committee of the Board to develop initiatives. Rather, in the University's governance process proposals were generated by academic divisions or by the administration. With the Vision 2030 exercise that the President had initiated, there would be opportunities for members to provide input on means of improving governance. The Chair encouraged Mr. Chen and the student members to take up Professor Goel's offer of support in facilitating student caucus meetings in the coming year.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

**6. Academic Administrative Appointments**

On motion duly moved and seconded

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointments:

**6. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)**

**ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION/UT**

**Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning**

Professor Jack Miller	Acting Chair and Acting Graduate Chair January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008
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**FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING**

Professor D. Grant Allen	Vice-Dean, Undergraduate July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010
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**FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

Professor Maureen Shandling	Associate Dean, Undergraduate Admissions and Student Financial Services September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 (Extension)
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**Department of Medical Biophysics**

Professor Peter Burns	Chair and Graduate Chair July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012
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The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

April 23, 2007