

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**REPORT 108 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

**September 10, 2003**

To the Academic Board,  
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor B. Corman, Vice-Chair (In the Chair)  
Professor S. Neuman, Vice-President and Provost  
Professor A. Gotlieb  
Professor J. MacDonald  
Mr. J. Paterson  
Professor P. Perron  
Professor C. Tuohy

Ms S. Girard, Secretary

Regrets: Professor W. R. Cummins  
Professor J. J. B. Smith

In Attendance: Ms S. Drummond, Assistant Provost and Special Assistant to the Provost

**1. Reports of the Previous Meetings**

The reports of the previous meetings, Report Number 106 dated May 22, 2003, and Report Number 107 dated June 17, 2003, were approved.

**2. Striking Committee, 2003-04: Appointment**

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The following membership of the Striking Committee for 2003-04:

Professor W. R. Cummins  
Professor B. Corman  
Professor S. Neuman  
Mr. Sachin Aggarwal  
Dr. I. Elliston  
Ms V. Melnyk

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### 3. Notice of Motion

It was noted that at the meeting of the Academic Board on June 4, 2003, a member gave the following notice of motion:

THAT members of University of Toronto elected student governments of SAC, APUS and GSU be represented on Facilities and Services.

At the time the Chair of the Board had noted that Facilities and Services was an administrative division of the University. The member was contacted earlier this week to ask if he wished to amend his motion or to provide additional information to the Committee. The member had not responded by the time of the meeting.

After a brief discussion about the appropriateness of the motion, the Committee agreed not to place the motion on the agenda of the Academic Board.

It was duly moved and seconded

THAT the notice of motion not be placed on the Board's agenda.

The motion was carried.

### 4. Academic Board Agenda – September 25, 2003

The members discussed the agenda for the September 25, 2003 meeting.

Professor Neuman said that she would be pleased to address the Board on the items of interest that would be considered in the coming year.

It was noted that Professor Hildyard would be presenting the Accessibility Plan following from the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. Wide consultation had taken place in the drafting stages of this document. It was noted that questions about resources for accessibility capital projects should be deferred until a report on that matter was brought to the Planning and Budget Committee.

The *Performance Indicators for Governance, Annual Report September 2003*, would be circulated to Board members. Under the Report of the Vice-President and Provost, Professor Tuohy would respond to questions but it was agreed that there be no presentation. Members would be asked to give notice of their questions before the meeting to enable Professor Tuohy to prepare appropriate responses.

### 5. Procedures for Consideration of the White Paper, *Stepping Up*

Professor Neuman reviewed the process for consideration of the Academic Plan. It would be discussed at a retreat of Principals and Deans on September 15. Following the addition of any further changes, the document, approximately 150 pages in length, would be posted to the web on September 22 for University community input. Due to the extensive consultation process of the Green Plan (whereby 1400 individuals had had input at the drafting stages through town hall meetings and written submissions) only a brief period for further input was planned at this stage. However, there would be one town hall meeting on each campus and a number of focus

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**5. Procedures for Consideration of the White Paper, *Stepping Up* (cont'd)**

groups. The deadline for comment would be October 10. The document would then proceed to the Planning and Budget Committee in early November and follow through the governance process, culminating in the Governing Council meeting on December 15. Professor Neuman reported that there would also be an "off-line" session on the Academic Plan for members of the Academic Board and its committees in October, to which other members of Governing Council would be invited. She indicated that the motion for consideration by governance would be the endorsement of the broad planning directions contained in the Plan. She noted that the Long-range Budget Guidelines, which included the budgetary support for the new academic directions, would be brought to the Planning and Budget Committee in December.

**6. Date of the Next Meeting**

The Chair noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday October 28, 2003 at 3:00 p.m..

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Secretary  
September 12, 2003

Chair