

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT 110 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

December 11, 2003

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2003, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor W. R. Cummins (In the Chair)
Professor B. Corman, Vice-Chair
Professor A. Gotlieb
Professor J. J. B. Smith
Mr. J. Sousa
Professor C. Tuohy

Ms S. Girard, Secretary

Regrets: Professor J. MacDonald
Professor S. Neuman
Professor P. Perron

In Attendance: Professor Vivek Goel, Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost, Faculty

The Chair welcomed Mr. Sousa to his first meeting of the Agenda Committee.

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

The report of the previous meeting, Report Number 109 dated October 28, 2003, was approved.

2. Academic Board Agenda – January 15, 2004

The members discussed the agenda for the January 15 meeting.

The Chair sought the advice of the Agenda Committee concerning a number of retroactive appointments of academic administrators that had been proposed for the January 15 meeting. The proposed starting dates on the appointments were January 1. It was agreed that the appointments would be recommended to the Board to begin on January 15, the date of approval by the Board. Professor Goel said that the divisions could make interim arrangements until the January 15 start date of the new appointees. During discussion, it was suggested that a reserve date for an Academic Board meeting in December to deal with appointments be added to next year's meeting schedule. It was also suggested that an informal review be undertaken to consider new ways of approving some of the more routine appointments.

The items arising from the Committees' meetings were briefly reviewed. Professor Neuman would give a presentation on the academic plan, *Stepping UP*. With respect to the capital

project for the residence at University College, it was suggested that in her remarks, Professor Neuman would address the capacity in the capital budget, the need to explore new

2. Academic Board Agenda – January 15, 2004 (cont'd)

ways of handling debt and the requirement of having known funding sources for new capital projects.

It was noted that debate had been adjourned on the matter of the constitutional amendments from the Faculty of Physical Education and Health. The Dean would be present at the meeting and would speak to a revised amendment. It was expected that the current motion on the floor would be withdrawn and the motion containing the revised amendment could be considered.

With respect to the reports from the Academic Appeals Committee on the agenda, Professor Goel noted that there was some concern expressed about the adequacy and variability of doctors' notes concerning students' medical problems. The students were presenting these medical notes as a basis for academic relief. This was a recurring problem and he would be pursuing the matter with student services personnel and with the Associate Deans with responsibilities for student petitions and appeals.

3. Date of the Next Meeting

The Chair noted that the next meeting was scheduled for February 12, 2004 at 2:00 p.m..

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Secretary
December 11, 2003

Chair