

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT 102 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

December 12th, 2002

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Thursday, December 12th, 2002, at 2:15 p.m. in Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor W. R. Cummins, Chair
Professor B. Corman, Vice-Chair
Professor S. Neuman, Vice-President and Provost
Professor A. Gotlieb
Professor E. Hillan
Professor P. Perron
Professor J. J. B. Smith
Professor C. Tuohy

Ms S. Girard, Secretary

Regrets: Mr. J. Hunter

In Attendance: Dr. S. Levy
Ms M. McGee

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

The report of the previous meeting, Report Number 101 dated October 31st, 2002, was approved.

2. Notice of Motion: CAUT's Proposed Post-Secondary Education Act

Professor Smith reported that a notice of motion had been given at the last meeting of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs concerning CAUT's (Canadian Association of University Teachers) proposed Post-Secondary Education Act. On the advice of the agenda planning group, he asked that the Agenda Committee consider this item. The Chair noted that a similar notice of motion on this topic had been given to the Executive Committee at its December 2 meeting. The notice of motion was that an ad hoc Governing Council committee including student governors and administrators be struck to examine CAUT's proposed Education Act, exploring the possibility of a spring forum. The Agenda Committee's task was to determine what action, if any, should be taken. Dr. Levy was present to participate in this discussion.

During discussion, it was noted that this matter was a proposal drafted by a body external to the University. Its subject matter was federal funding of post-secondary education; funding of post-secondary education was a provincial government issue. The matter was not within the jurisdiction of the Governing Council and the Committee AGREED that no further action be taken on this notice of motion.

3. Academic Board Agenda - January 16th, 2003

The members discussed the agenda for the January 16th, 2003 meeting.

With respect to the two matters of business arising, Professor Neuman had undertaken to supply a list of student services to a member of the Board. The request had arisen from comments on a report from the Academic Appeals Committee. The information could be accessed on the web at www.studentservices.utoronto.ca/services.asp. The member would be given the information. The second item of business arising concerned gender data with respect to the Canada Research Chairs program. Professor Tuohy would provide the information at the meeting.

Under the Provost's report, Professor Neuman would give a presentation on the academic planning process, and she would give an update on the SuperBuild Fund competitions and enrolment growth. Finally, she would give a progress report on the accessibility and career choice study in the Faculty of Law, referencing the full discussion of the methodology in the Report Number 97 of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

4. Date of the Next Meeting

The Chair noted that the next meeting was scheduled for February 14th, 2003 at 12 noon.

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

Secretary
December 13th, 2002

Chair