

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thursday April 11, 2002

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL special meeting held on Thursday,
April 11, 2002 at 9:15 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall.

Present:

Ms Wendy M. Cecil (In the Chair)
Dr. Thomas H. Simpson, Vice-Chair
Professor Robert J. Birgeneau, President
The Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman,
Chancellor
Professor Mary Beattie
Dr. Robert Bennett
Professor Philip Byer
Professor Brian Corman
Dr. Claude Davis
Professor Sherwin Desser
Mr. Paul V. Godfrey
Dr. Shari Graham Fell
Professor Luigi Girolametto
Ms Françoise Ko
Professor Brian Langille
Ms Karen Lewis
Mr. Gerald A. Lokash
Mr. David Melville
Mr. Andrew Morgan
Dr. John P. Nestor
Ms Jacqueline C. Orange

Ms Rose M. Patten
The Honourable Robert K. Rae
Mrs. Susan M. Scace
Professor Adel S. Sedra
Mr. Amir Shalaby
Ms Carol Stephenson
Ms Wendy Swinton
Professor Donna Wells
Mr. Robert S. Weiss

Mr. Louis R. Charpentier,
Secretary of the Governing Council

Secretariat:

Mr. Neil Dobbs
Ms Cristina Oke

Absent:

Professor Jack Carr
Ms Mary Anne V. Chambers
Professor W. Raymond Cummins
Mr. Brian Davis
Professor David Jenkins
Professor Ian R. McDonald
Professor Heather Munroe-Blum
The Honourable David R. Peterson
Mr. Kashif Pirzada

Ms Patricia Ricci
The Honourable William G. Davis
Dr. Alice Dong
Dr. Inez Elliston
Ms Susan Eng
Dr. Joseph L. Rotman
Ms Heather Schramm
Mr. John H. Tory
Professor John Wedge
Ms Geeta Yadav

In Attendance:

Professor David Beach, member of the Advisory Committee on the Appointment
of a Vice-President and Provost
University Professor Linda Hutcheon, member of the Advisory Committee on the
Appointment of a Vice-President and Provost
Mr. James Lundy, Landmark Consulting Group Inc.

In Attendance (cont'd):

Dr. Beata FitzPatrick, Director of the Office of the President and Assistant Vice-President

Ms Georgina Gray, Director of University Events and Presidential Liaison (Advancement)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DETERMINATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 38 OF BY-LAW NUMBER 2, THE GOVERNING COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE RECOMMENDATION *IN CAMERA*, WITH MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE INVITED TO ATTEND.

1 Appointment of the Vice-President and Provost

On motion duly made and seconded,

It was Resolved

THAT Dr. Shirley Neuman be appointed Vice-President and Provost of the University of Toronto, effective July 1, 2002 for a period of seven years until July 30, 2009, renewable by the Governing Council for a further three years.

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MOVED TO OPEN SESSION.

The President escorted Professor Neuman into the Council Chamber and introduced her to members.

Invited to speak, Professor Neuman remarked that she had had the opportunity to come to know the University of Toronto well. She had been at the University, at Massey College, in 1991/92. She had spent most of her career at large Canadian universities and had served on the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Royal Society; through these experiences, she had developed a keen sense of the extraordinary quality of the work produced by members of the University.

Professor Neuman told members that she had been attracted to the position by the goals and vision of the University articulated by the President. Canadians lived in the world community, and Canada should take its place in the world as the site of one of the world's leading public research universities. The quality of students and faculty defined a top research university, and those factors were inter-related. The very best faculty wished to teach at a university that had first-class students, and those top students were attracted to universities with an outstanding faculty. She indicated her deep commitment to accessibility to a university education, based on her personal experience as a beneficiary of a very inexpensive public education, and she identified accessibility for bright students as a national imperative. She was very pleased to be coming to a University where the President and the University community had identified access as a goal to which they were committed.

1 Appointment of the Vice-President and Provost (Cont'd)

Professor Neuman stated that she was extremely impressed with the exceptionally high caliber of the academic planning led by Professor Sedra. She noted the exciting opportunities of faculty renewal and university expansion that lay ahead. She concluded that she looked forward to the privilege of serving as the University's Vice-President and Provost, and to meeting and working with members of the Governing Council in her new role.

The Chairman thanked Professor Neuman for her remarks. The Governing Council was very pleased by the prospect of having her at the University of Toronto as its new Provost.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman

April 17, 2002