

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

REPORT NUMBER 32 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

April 4, 2003

To the University Affairs Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on April 4, 2003 in the Falconer Room, Simcoe Hall, as Elections Overseers, in accordance with Section 14 (f) of Appendix C of the *Election Guidelines 2003*, with the following members present:

Professor Michael Marrus (In the Chair)
Ms Shirley Hoy
Ms Karen Lewis
Mr. Elan Ohayon
Mrs. Susan Scace

Secretariat:

Mr Paul Holmes (Judicial Affairs Officer)
Ms Cristina Oke (Chief Returning Officer)
Ms Silvia Rosatone (Secretary)

In Attendance:

Mr. Leo Trottier, Candidate, Full-time Undergraduate Constituency 1, Governing Council elections

The meeting was held *in camera*, in accordance with Section 5 of the Terms of Reference of the Elections Committee.

In this report, all items are reported to the University Affairs Board for information.

Purpose of Meeting

The meeting was called by the Chief Returning Officer to hear the case of alleged campaign violations in the Governing Council Election, 2003.

At the invitation of the Chair, the candidate presented his case. The Chair thanked Mr. Trottier and the Election Overseers then considered their recommendation.

Decision on Campaign Violation

The Election Overseers confirmed the violation of the Regulations Regarding Posters contained in Appendix B of the *Election Guidelines 2003*. However, based on the circumstances described by the candidate, the Overseers agreed that it would be inappropriate to assign demerit points in this case.

Recommendations for Future Actions

The Election Overseers recommended that feedback about the elections process and the *Election Guidelines* be solicited from all candidates. They suggested that comments received should be taken into consideration when guidelines for 2004 were developed.

The Election Overseers suggested that if there were interest from candidates and student groups to discuss issues in an open forum, then such a forum would be organized.

The Election Overseers recommended that the section of the *Election Guidelines* dealing with demerit points be reviewed and amended, if necessary, for 2004, based on the issues raised in this hearing.

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