

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**REPORT NUMBER 33 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**September 17, 2003**

To the University Affairs Board,  
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on September 17, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. in the Falconer Room, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Professor Michael Marrus (In the Chair)  
Ms. Shirley Hoy  
Mrs. Susan Scace

Regrets:  
Ms. Karen Lewis  
Mr. Adam Watson

Secretariat:  
Ms. Cristina Oke, Chief Returning Officer  
Mrs. Beverley Stefureak (Recording Secretary)

ITEM 3 IS FOR APPROVAL; ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming members to the first meeting of the Committee.

**1. Reports of the Previous Meetings**

Report Number 32 of the meeting of April 4, 2003 was approved.

**2. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

There was no business arising.

**3. Change in Definition of Part-time Undergraduate Students for Purposes of By-Election**

At the invitation of the Chair, the Chief Returning Officer explained that the proposed change in definition of part-time undergraduate students for purposes of the Fall 2003 by-election would be consistent with past practice. Until May 2003, the definition used in the *Election Guidelines* for full-time and part-time students in the Faculty of Arts and Science, Erindale College (University of Toronto at Mississauga) and Scarborough College (University of Toronto at Scarborough) had always been the same as that used in those academic divisions.

On motion duly moved and seconded

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

THAT, for the purposes of the Fall 2003 by-elections for the Governing Council, the status of an undergraduate student as full-time or part-time will be determined by the definition used in the student's academic division.

#### **4. Status Report on Governing Council By-Elections**

The Chief Returning Officer informed the Committee that nominations were currently open for two teaching staff vacancies on the Academic Board – one in the Faculty of Medicine and one in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Nominations were also open for a librarian position on the Academic Board. An additional by-election would be necessary to fill the seat of a teaching staff member of the Faculty of Medicine who had submitted her resignation from the Academic Board on September 16.

As a result of the resignation of Mr. Mohammed Hashim, a by-election for the Governing Council would be necessary in the part-time undergraduate student constituency. Nominations for this position would open in late September, after the University Affairs Board had considered the motion recommended above.

#### **5. Draft Report of the Governing Council Election Process 2003**

Members reviewed the *Draft Report of the Governing Council Election Process 2003*. It was noted that the Committee's objective of increasing the number of candidates and voters in the 2003 election process had been accomplished. It was also noted that web-based voting had been successful.

Members reviewed the draft recommendations included in the *Report*. After discussion, it was agreed that the recommendation to simplify the demerit point system would be removed, and that the wording of some recommendations would be clarified.

#### **6. Community Input for 2004 Elections Process**

Members reviewed the draft memorandum to the University community requesting comments on the Governing Council election process and *Election Guidelines* for 2004. No changes were suggested.

#### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting was scheduled to be an open meeting for the purposes of receiving community input for the 2004 Governing Council election process. It would take place in the Dean's Conference Room in the Medical Sciences Building on Friday, October 3, 2003.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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Recording Secretary

September 17, 2003

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Chair