UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 73 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

June 15, 2015

To the Executive Committee,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mississauga Room, Room 131, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Professor Bill Gough (Chair)	Mr. Nick Kuryluk*
Ms Alexis Archbold*	Ms Claire Kennedy*

Regrets:
Ms Alexandra Harris

Secretariat:
Mr. Patrick McNeill, Secretary
Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
Ms Amorell Saunders-N'Daw, Director, Governance, University of Toronto Scarborough*

Participated by teleconference.

 In this report all items are reported to the Executive Committee for information.

1. **Report for the 2015 Elections for the Governing Council, the Academic Board, University of Toronto Mississauga and University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Councils and their Standing Committees**

The Chair stated that there was considerable work related to election matters for the multiple constituencies for the Governing Council and Academic Board elections, as well, for the UTM and UTSC Campus Council and their Standing Committees. He added that, despite the complexity and multi-faceted nature of the 2015 elections, the process had run smoothly and was successfully completed.

The Chair invited the CRO to present the 2015 Elections Report.

Mr. Kazimi stated that the contents of the Report were consistent with previous reports from the last three to four years; no significant issues had been identified and there had been no requirement for the Elections Committee in their role as Election Overseers to meet.

Mr. Kazimi presented highlights of the Report, which included a description of the changes to the University's information systems in 2015-16 for voting purposes by students.

The Chair thanked the CRO and the Deputy Returning Officers for their efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

2.   Report of the Previous Meeting - Report Number 71 (November 12, 2014)

The report of the previous meeting was approved.

3.   Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the report of the previous meeting.

4.   Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2015, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

5.   Other Business

The Chair reminded members of the need to follow-up on recommendations of the Report of the Committee to Review the UTM and UTSC Campus Councils (CRCC) regarding student membership on the Governing Council and the handling of the part-time student constituencies at UTSC and UTM.

The CRO responded that changes to the 2016 Election Guidelines would be included to reflect the number of nominators required (from five to three) by part-time student and graduate student candidates for Campus Council and their committees at UTSC and UTM. Additional consultation would also take place regarding the part-time student constituency category for the Campus Councils and their committees.

One member suggested that the part-time student constituency category reflect both professional and undergraduate student estates at the St. George Campus, as well as representatives of both UTSC and UTM.

The Chair thanked members for their contributions over the past year, and expressed appreciation for the guidance provided. He made special note of the period of change and transition of the elections process over the previous three years.

Professor Gough stated that it would be his last meeting, as Chair.

Members of the Committee and the CRO expressed their gratitude to the Chair for his leadership role in addressing many election process issues and for the creative approaches that had been implemented during his term as Chair.

<p style="text-align:center">The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.</p>

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Secretary   Chair
June 16, 2015