

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
**REPORT NUMBER 343 OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 4, 2002

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Monday, February 4, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

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| Ms Wendy M. Cecil (In the Chair) | Ms Heather Schramm |
| Professor Robert J. Birgeneau, President | Dr. Thomas Simpson |
| Dr. Robert Bennett | |
| Mrs. Mary Anne V. Chambers | Non-Voting Member: |
| Professor Brian Corman | |
| Professor W. Raymond Cummins | Mr. Louis R. Charpentier |
| Ms Karen Lewis | |
| Mr. Gerald A. Lokash | Secretariat: |
| Mr. Kashif Pirzada | |
| Dr. Joseph L. Rotman | Mrs. Beverley Stefureak |

Regrets:

Professor Brian Langille
Mrs. Susan M. Scace

In Attendance:

Ms. Susan Addario, Director of Student Affairs
Professor Jack Carr, Chair, Academic Board
Dr. John Nestor, Chair, University Affairs Board
Mr. Amir Shalaby, Chair, Business Board
Mr. Felix Chee, Vice-President, Business Affairs
Professor Carolyn J. Tuohy, Vice-President, Policy Development and Associate Provost
Professor Ronald Venter, Vice-Provost, Facilities and Planning
Dr. Beata FitzPatrick, Director of the Office of the President and Assistant Vice-President

With the consent of the Committee, the Chairman indicated that the order of the Agenda would be varied to consider Agenda Item 8 (b), Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Code of Student Conduct*, after the *in camera* items.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT, pursuant to sections 28 (e) and (f) of By-Law Number 2, consideration of agenda items 1 and 2 and part of the President's Report take place *in camera*, with the Board Chairs, Mr. Chee, Professor Tuohy, and Dr. FitzPatrick admitted to the meeting to facilitate the work of the Committee.

1. Senior Appointments

(a) On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the senior appointment as outlined in the memorandum from the President, dated February 4, 2002 be approved.

(b) On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the senior appointment as outlined in the memorandum from the President, dated January 25, 2002 be confirmed.

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT pursuant to Section 38 and 40 of By-Law Number 2, the recommendations be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

2. External Appointments

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the following individuals be approved and nominated as members and directors of the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation for one year terms until the 2003 annual meeting of the corporation and until their successors are appointed:

Mr. Robert W. Korthals (Chair)

Mrs. Jalynn H. Bennett

Professor Robert J. Birgeneau (*ex officio*)

Mr. Felix P. Chee (*ex officio*)

Mr. H. Garfield Emerson (member of the Business Board)

2. External Appointments (cont'd)

Mr. Ira Gluskin
Mr. Russell J. Hiscock
Mr. Gordon Homer
Professor Eric Kirzner
Mr. Donald W. Lindsey (President of the Corporation, *ex officio*)
Dr. Anthony R. Melman
Mr. James J. Mossman
Ms Andrea Rosen
Mr. Joseph L. Rotman (member of the Governing Council)

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

(b) Arising from Report Number 104 of the University Affairs Board – January 22, 2002:

Item 3. Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Code of Student Conduct*

Dr. Nestor noted that the University Affairs Board had responsibility for policy on non-academic discipline. In fulfilling that responsibility, just over a year ago the Board had appointed a special committee to review the *Code of Student Conduct*. The Special Committee's final report and recommendations, including proposals for revisions to the *Code*, had been considered by the University Affairs Board on January 22, 2002. The Co-Chair of the Special Committee, Mr. Muhammad Basil Ahmad, had presented the report and summarized the major changes proposed to the *Code*. Professor Ian Orchard had presented the administrative response, which assured the Board that the recommendations in the Report that had not directly addressed revisions to the *Code* would receive timely attention. Professor Orchard also had informed the Board that the Report and recommendations had been reviewed by the Principals and Deans and that the administration had been fully supportive of both.

A member repeated the question which had arisen at the University Affairs Board meeting related to institutional funding for Downtown Legal Services (DLS), adding that from his personal experience on the University Tribunal students with DLS assistance were well represented at hearings. Invited by the Chairman to respond, Ms. Addario said that DLS was supported by student fees and Legal Aid Ontario. It had no link to the University's administration except through the Dean of Law who, under Legal Aid Ontario, had oversight responsibilities for the Faculty's role in providing legal assistance through DLS. She agreed that DLS represented students well and the Special Committee had discussed this matter thoroughly. It had been suggested that student governments, as the funding agencies, should be in discussion with DLS about access to services. That said, she observed the need for these services with respect to the *Code of Student Conduct* was minimal. Cases had been few and procedures were intended to be administrative in nature. Investigating and Hearing Officers were not legally trained – sometimes they were other students. The process was intended to function informally, ideally with a core of knowledgeable people on whom students could rely for support.

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

Item 3. Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Code of Student Conduct* (cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT the Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Code of Student Conduct* be received, and

THAT the recommendations contained therein, and the revised *Code of Student Conduct* attached to the Report as Appendix 2 be approved.

3. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 342 of the Executive Committee meeting held on December 11, 2001 was approved.

4. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

There were no items of business arising from the previous meeting.

5. Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting held on December 20, 2001

There were no questions or comments on the Minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on December 20, 2001.

6. Business Arising from the Governing Council Meeting

There was no business arising from the Governing Council meeting of December 20, 2001.

7. Academic Board: Items for Confirmation

(Arising from Report Number 110 of the Academic Board - January 24, 2002)

Item 5. School of Graduate Studies: Master of Nursing Program – Reconfiguration

Professor Carr reported that this proposal had been approved by the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs at its meeting of December 5, 2001. The proposed changes streamlined the program and provided greater focus. The second part of the proposal concerned the conversion of one of the fields of study to an e-learning format. In response to a question, the Executive Committee was assured that there was a period of residency required to satisfy the need for clinical experience.

7. Academic Board: Items for Confirmation (cont'd)

Item 5. School of Graduate Studies: Master of Nursing Program – Reconfiguration
(cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED

THAT the proposal for revisions to the curriculum of the Master of Nursing Program, including converting the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner field of study to an e-learning format, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 110 of the Academic Board as Appendix “A”, be approved, effective September 2002.

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

(a) Arising from Report Number 110 of the Academic Board – January 24, 2002

Item 6. Capital Plan, Update December 2001

Professor Carr explained that the administration had drafted an updated capital plan in a new format which provided a great deal of information about the priority assigned to individual projects, the total cost and the status on securing funding for that project. The report had been enthusiastically received by the Academic Board.

Mr. Shalaby added that, in response to requests from the Business Board, the Capital Plan had evolved over the past eighteen months into this aggregated and integrated report that served a very useful purpose. Members now were able to appreciate readily the overall capital picture and to determine at a glance the priority or funding gap of any individual project. This was a work in progress and future versions would show additional information such as expected date of completion. He thanked the assessors for their efforts in compiling the update.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT the report entitled “December 2001 - Capital Plan for Buildings and Projects in Excess of \$2 million”, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 110 of the Academic Board as Appendix “B”, be approved in principle

**Item 7. University Infrastructure Investment Fund: Allocation to Purchase
155 College Street et al**

Professor Carr said that this item, to recommend an allocation from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund (UIIF) to fund the purchase of a group of properties around 155 College Street, had been a late addition to the agenda of the Academic Board. Members of the Board had commented on the probable need for additional funding to renovate the

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

**Item 7. University Infrastructure Investment Fund: Allocation to Purchase
155 College Street et al (cont'd)**

building after the University took possession and on the architectural merit of the building. No opposition to the motion was expressed.

A member asked, given the reported disagreement among members of the School Board, if there was any risk to a successful closure of this real estate transaction. Mr. Chee responded that there could be some delay. The Toronto District School Board needed to request permission to sever property on Orde Street. If this request were denied by municipal authorities, the sale could not proceed. However, Mr. Chee and the President emphasized that this was a School Board matter in which the University was not involved. Members agreed that discussions within the School Board did not involve the Governing Council and should not be part of its debate. The offer to purchase was firm and the School Board was aware that it was proceeding through the University's approval process. Once the School Board had resolved the question of whether or not to sell the property, provincial statute protected the University's right of first refusal.

In response to a further question, Mr. Chee said that the offer was subject to the usual due diligence inspections of the property assuring that the University would be informed of any building or property deficiencies.

A member asked about the probable uses for the property. Professor Venter said that it would be a prime location for the Faculty of Nursing, as well as serving to meet the demands for space in related fields in the Faculty of Medicine.

In closing, Professor Carr indicated strong support for the proposed acquisition, noting that benefits to the Faculty of Nursing could be achieved at a significantly lower cost than new capital construction.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT an allocation of \$17 million from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund be approved to purchase properties from the Toronto District School Board, including 155 College Street, 255 McCaul Street, 263 McCaul, 240 McCaul Street, two vacant lots adjacent to 240 McCaul Street, namely 63 Henry Street and 65 Henry Street.

**Item 8. Capital Project: Faculty of Arts and Science - Economics Building -
Project Planning Report**

Professor Carr said that the Department of Economics currently occupied space at 150 St. George Street and in the Bissell Building. The proposal would see the current additions to 150 St. George Street demolished and a new addition to and renovation of the original Victorian House. The project would include a classroom for which an allocation from the UIIF was proposed. The remainder of the cost would come from external funding raised by the Department of Economics.

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

Item 8. Capital Project: Faculty of Arts and Science - Economics Building - Project Planning Report (cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT the Project Planning Report for the Department of Economics, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 110 of the Academic Board as Appendix “D”, be approved in principle; and,

THAT the project scope of 1880 net assignable square metres (nasm) of new space and 450 nasm renovated space be approved at an estimated total project cost of \$14,300,000 (May 2004), with funding as follows:

- (i) external funding raised by the Department of Economics; and,
- (ii) a contribution from the University Investment Infrastructure Fund for the classroom, estimated at \$980,000, to be assigned once the full funding has been realized.

Item 9. Capital Project: University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) - Expansion of the Kaneff Centre - Project Planning Report

Professor Carr briefly reviewed the proposal to construct a two-storey addition to the Kaneff Centre for faculty, staff and graduate student office space. The cost would be covered by future donations with the shortfall financed by the Capital Renewal Fund, to be repaid by UTM.

Mr. Shalaby added that the Business Board had approved a recommendation to execute this project, subject to Governing Council approval of the following recommendation. This had been done concurrently with the Academic Board’s consideration to expedite the construction schedule.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the Project Planning Report for the Expansion of the Kaneff Building, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 110 of the Academic Board as Appendix “E”, be approved in principle;

THAT the project scope of up to 660 nasm, comprising a minimum of 557 nasm of new construction and 40 nasm of renovation to suitably link the expansion on a site extending north from the Kaneff, be approved at an estimated cost of \$3.584 million. This cost includes the immediate campus improvements.

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

Item 9. Capital Project: University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) - Expansion of the Kaneff Centre - Project Planning Report (cont'd)

THAT the funding for the Expansion of the Kaneff Building in the amount of \$3.584 million be approved and funded from future donations and/or external contributions, and any shortfall financed from the Capital Renewal Fund with all debt service costs [principal and interest] being paid by University of Toronto at Mississauga from their enrolment expansion.

Item 10. University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM)- Centre for Applied Bioscience and Biotechnology Vertical Expansion - Funding

Professor Carr informed the Committee that this was a proposal to add an additional floor for laboratory research space to the Centre for Applied Bioscience and Biotechnology. Since the cost of the addition was less than \$2 million, the project had been approved by the Accommodation and Facilities Directorate (AFD). The funding would be provided by future donations and any shortfall would be financed from the Capital Renewal Fund with all debt service costs paid by UTM.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT the funding for the Vertical Expansion of the Centre for Applied Bioscience and Biotechnology in the amount of \$800,000, be approved and funded from future donations and/or external contributions, and any shortfall financed from the Capital Renewal Fund with all debt service costs [principal and interest] being paid by University of Toronto at Mississauga from its enrolment expansion.

Item 11. University Infrastructure Investment Fund: Allocation - Robarts Library, Accessibility Examination Centre

Professor Carr explained that because this project was under \$2 million the Project Planning Committee Report had been approved by the Accommodations and Facilities Directorate (AFD). The proposed allocation would fund the relocation of the Accessibility Examination Centre from the Koffler Centre to the Robarts Library for improved accessibility and increased space.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT an allocation of \$225,000 from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund be approved to address the complete cost of the Accessibility Examination Centre within the Robarts Library.

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

Item 12. University Infrastructure Investment Fund: Allocation - Faculty of Arts and Science, Vertical Expansion of the New Soils Storage Facility

Professor Carr said that this item, as well as the next one, was similar to the previous one in that the total cost of the project was under \$2 million and the Project Planning Report had been approved by the Accommodation and Facilities Directorate (AFD). This proposed allocation would partially fund the addition of three floors of office space, to be used by the Faculty of Arts and Science, to the new soils storage facility in the Earth Sciences Complex.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT an allocation of \$718,323 from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund be approved toward the cost of the Vertical Expansion of the New Soils Storage Facility in the Earth Sciences Complex on Russell Street.

Item 13. University Infrastructure Investment Fund: Allocation 56 Spadina Avenue Renovation

Professor Carr informed the Committee that this project concerned the renovation of 56 Spadina Road to accommodate the Campus Co-op Daycare. There was an immediate need to vacate the current site of the Daycare (site 12) in preparation for the construction of the Woodsworth College residence. Appropriate consultations had taken place and users had been supportive of the new location.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT an allocation of \$575,000 from the University Infrastructure Investment Fund be approved, to address the cost of the 56 Spadina Avenue renovation to suitably accommodate Campus Co-op Daycare. This allocation includes the \$75,000 required to demolish the Campus Co-op Daycare facilities and to clear site 12.

Item 14. Canada Research Chairs Fund: Allocation

Professor Carr noted that this was an allocation of funding received from the Canada Research Chairs program. The funding would support a total of 18 chairholders, 8 of whom were based in hospital and research institutes.

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

Item 14. Canada Research Chairs Fund: Allocation (cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT an allocation of \$1.8 million from the Canada Research Chairs (C.R.C.) Fund be approved to cover the salaries, benefits, research allowances and cluster support for ten Chairholders approved in the December 2000, March 2001 and June 2001 C.R.C. competitions; and,

THAT an allocation of \$1.247 million (\$1.3 million less \$53,000 indirect cost of 6% of salaries and benefits) be approved for the Faculty of Medicine in support of eight Chairholders based in Hospital and Research Institutes that were approved in the March 2001 C.R.C. competition.

Item 15. Academic Priorities Fund: Allocation - Computing and Network Services

Professor Carr explained that this proposed allocation from the Academic Priorities Fund was recommended to Computing and Network Services in support of that division's *Raising our Sights* plan. The plan had included such items as support for web pages for individuals and an intrusion detection system.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT a base allocation of \$687,575 be approved from the Academic Priorities Fund to Computing and Network Services in support of its *Raising our Sights* Plan.

Item 16. Academic Priorities Fund: Allocation - University Art Centre

Professor Carr said that this proposed allocation was also in support of the *Raising our Sights* Plan for the University Art Centre within the University College Plan. The allocation would provide funding for a course related to the Centre's collection, link the Centre's activities to research activities of academic units and develop the Centre as a student laboratory.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT an allocation of \$200,000 be approved from the Academic Priorities Fund to the University Art Centre in support of its plans to link the Centre to teaching and research activities of several academic units.

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

Item 17. Academic Priorities Fund: Allocation - Student Information Systems

Professor Carr informed the Committee that the recommendation to support funding requests from the Student Information Systems would allow them to proceed with hardware upgrades and increased license costs as outlined in their *Raising our Sights* plan.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT one-time-only allocations of \$348,000 in 2001-02 and \$386,300 in 2002-03 be approved from the Academic Priorities Fund in support of the Repository of Student Information (ROSI), the University's student information system.

Item 18. Academic Priorities Fund: Allocation - Faculty of Physical Education and Health

Professor Carr said that the final allocation proposed from the Academic Priorities Fund was in support of the *Raising our Sights* plan for the Faculty of Physical Education and Health. The Faculty had identified three main priorities for the planning period, which were building faculty complement, enhancing the educational experience of students, and strengthening academic programs.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT a base allocation of \$127,675 and a one-time-only allocation of \$100,000 be approved from the Academic Priorities Fund for the Faculty of Physical Education and Health.

Item 19. Policy on Assignment and Usage of Academic Offices

Professor Carr explained that a new policy had been drafted on the assignment and use of academic offices. He went on to say that office space was at a premium and the intent of the policy was to maximize the use of the space. Changes in the allocation of space, new or discontinued, would be reported. It was hoped that results would be better use and improved data on the allocation of office space.

A member understood that the proposed policy would change the way in which office space was assigned to professors emeriti and wondered if this was a positive change. Professor Venter explained that the spirit of the policy was to use space as effectively as possible and that, with respect to professors emeriti, the intent was to discontinue the expectation that each would be assigned unique office space. This was a situation the University could no longer afford. He hoped that professors emeriti would continue to be treated well and that arrangements, satisfactory to them, could be made for the sharing of office space. Where circumstances warranted special consideration, he hoped that

8. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council (cont'd)

Item 19. Policy on Assignment and Usage of Academic Offices (cont'd)

the Deans would adjudicate fairly and with sensitivity to the needs of the individual.

In response to a question about whether this policy could have been approved at the administrative level, Mr. Charpentier explained that the Planning and Budget Committee had jurisdiction over policy related to facilities and space. While this could have been implemented without governance approval, the importance of space and the desirability for transparency in policy related to decisions such as this had led him to recommend this process.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT the Policy on Assignment and Usage of Academic Offices, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 110 of the Academic Board as Appendix "O", be approved.

Item 20. Administrative Transitional Fund: Allocation - 175th Anniversary Program

Professor Carr said that this was a proposed allocation in support of the 175th Anniversary celebrations planned during the next calendar year. He said that questions had arisen at the Academic Board about this particular use of \$1 million in times of rising fees and expected budget reductions. Both Professor Sedra and the President had given compelling responses in support of the allocation, outlining the benefits that were expected to accrue to the University. He reported that the motion had received overwhelmingly support from the Board.

Several members emphasized their view that this allocation was an investment in friend-raising for the University and a significant opportunity to advance the University.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation:

THAT a special one-time-only allocation of \$1 million from the Administrative Transitional Fund be approved in support of the 175th Anniversary Program. The allocation would be divided into two components: \$500,000 to be allocated in the 2001-02 fiscal year, and the remaining \$500,000 to be allocated in the 2002-03 fiscal year.

9. Reports for Information:

Members had received in their agenda packages the following reports:

- Report Number 110 of the Academic Board (January 24, 2002)
- Report Number 116 of the Business Board (January 21, 2002)
- Report Number 104 of the University Affairs Board (January 22, 2002)

Referring to item 21 in the Academic Board Report of January 24, 2002, several members indicated concern about plans to fund capital construction out of operating revenue from increased enrolment. Professor Birgeneau explained the assumptions on which the administration was proceeding with what had been approved to date. He reviewed several of the factors, including anticipated revenue from the federal government to cover indirect costs of research, that convinced the administration that the risk was manageable. Mr. Chee added that the question of assuring academic quality, which had arisen in several arenas, could not be viewed in isolation of adequate and suitable physical space in which to conduct teaching and research. Professor Birgeneau concluded by indicating that capital priorities were determined, with quality always in mind, through a thorough, deliberative process the results of which were risk-averse decisions. Perhaps the extent of this process needed to be communicated more clearly to members of the Governing Council.

A member expressed concern that the action of the University Affairs Board with respect to the Varsity Centre for Field and Ice Sports was in opposition to the voices of the three student governments. Mr. Charpentier, Mr. Nestor and a member responded by recalling that the Board had been involved because students at the Council on Student Services (COSS) had realized how important it was to have the full student body involved in this significant decision; that the *Protocol* under which this item had come to the Board laid out a process which had been negotiated by and agreed among student governments and the administration; and that the process outlined therein was working exactly as it had been intended in preserving the democratic rights of all students to participate in this kind of a decision. The role of the University Affairs Board had been to consider provisionally the operating plans for which the proposed fee would be used. Its decision had enabled the referendum to proceed. Ultimately, the capital project proposal would be brought to the University Affairs Board for consideration.

10. Report of the President

(a) Federal Cabinet Shuffle

The President spoke briefly about the changes in the Federal Cabinet, noting that generally these seemed positive for the University. He had been in attendance when the Hon. John Manley, Deputy Prime Minister, had received the *Time Magazine* Canadian-of-the-Year Award and recalled that Mr. Manley's comments had been consistent with "excellence in education" and the direction that this administration had been advocating. The Hon. Allan Rock, newly named as Minister of Industry and responsible for NSERC and SSHRC, had called the President to communicate his goals and indicate his willingness to work with the University.

(b) Indirect Costs of Research

Mr. Kevin Lynch, Deputy Minister of Finance, had visited the University to make a presentation to Principals and Deans. It had been an informative, positive meeting,

10. Report of the President (cont'd)

(b) Indirect Costs of Research (cont'd)

following which Professor Munroe-Blum had arranged for Mr. Lynch to visit other parts of the campus. Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Rock during his telephone conversation, had reaffirmed the Federal Government's commitment to fund the indirect costs of research. This year's grant of approximately \$16 million was considered by the University as the initial payment and barring unforeseen circumstances the University could expect to receive ultimately about \$32 million annually.

(c) Canada Foundation for Innovation

President Birgeneau reported that, out of the \$588 million awarded across Canada in the most recent Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) competition for major infrastructure, the University of Toronto, including its affiliated teaching hospitals, had been the recipient of \$60 million. There had been one major disappointment, however, in that the application from Psychology for \$14.5 million had not been successful. The University had been confident that it had a strong proposal for this very important project. He and Professor Munroe-Blum would be meeting with Dr. David Strangway to understand how a similar disappointment could be avoided in the future.

(d) Provincial Matters

Noting the proliferation of recent articles in the media about the double cohort, the President reported that accommodation for the surge in enrolment was becoming urgent. A coalition of concerned parents had become alarmed and pressure on Government was increasing. There had been a significant increase in applications in Ontario for this fall. Without a commitment from the Government to provide capital funding, this University would be unable to accept many more new students. St. George campus was near capacity; increased enrolment would need to be accommodated at the suburban campuses but, to date, no response from the Province had been received about the necessary capital support to allow that expansion.

The University of Toronto had taken a consistent position in talks with the Provincial Government, namely that the current operating grants maintained a state of under funding for public universities. President Birgeneau reviewed the main points that he intended to make in an upcoming interview on the CBC on provincial funding, tuition fees and financial aid policy.

A member asked about the appropriate venue for student governors to debate the merits of significantly increased tuition in one or more of the professional schools. Would these come before any governing body separated from the Arts and Science recommendations? Professor Tuohy responded that, in the normal course of approvals, tuition fees came before governance as a complete package in that tuition revenue formed part of the operating budget proposal. It would be impossible to carve out a particular faculty. The Secretary undertook to speak with the member individually on procedural matters.

(e) Settlement with Teaching Assistants

President Birgeneau was delighted to report that a four-year agreement had been reached with the teaching assistants (CUPE 3902), giving an average annual increase of 2% and some improved benefits. He congratulated Professor Hildyard on the success of these negotiations.

10. Report of the President (cont'd)

(e) Settlement with Teaching Assistants (cont'd)

Negotiations with the graduate assistants at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)/UT (CUPE 3907) were in conciliation.

(f) Provost's Search

President Birgeneau noted that a prospective report had been prepared by the Review Committee and the search for a Provost was underway. The advertisement was in various media in Canada and abroad, and the Committee was working with consultants to identify the best individual for this important post.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman reminded members of the Committee's next meeting on Monday, March 25, 2002, at 5:00 p.m.

12. Other Business

(a) Changes in Meeting Dates

The Secretary distributed an updated meeting schedule that reflected two proposed changes in meeting dates.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the Executive Committee meeting of April 22 be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 24, 2002 and that the Governing Council meeting of May 30 be rescheduled to Monday, June 3, 2002.

(b) Speaking Request

The Chairman reported that a request to address the Governing Council had been received from the Graduate Students' Association at OISE/UT about graduate student funding. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee that it was inappropriate to grant this speaking request if the topic of the address were closely related to items under negotiation with CUPE 3907.

(c) Order of the Agenda

The Chairman consulted with members on the order of the agenda for the February 14, 2002 meeting of the Governing Council. It was agreed that the meeting would begin with the *in camera* session, following which the meeting would go into open session. The Report of the Special Committee to Review the *Code of Student Conduct* would be considered first to allow the guest invited for this item to leave for another meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman