

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 399 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 18, 2006

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Ms Rose M. Patten (In the Chair)
Mr. John F. (Jack) Petch, Vice-Chair
Professor C. David Naylor, President
Mr. P.C. Choo
The Honourable William G. Davis
Miss Coralie D'Souza
Dr. Shari Graham Fell
Professor Ellen Hodnett
Professor Arthur S. Ripstein
Ms Estefania Toledo
Professor Barbara Sherwood Lollar

Non-voting Assessor:

Mr. Louis R. Charpentier

Secretariat:

Ms Cristina Oke

Regrets:

Ms Susan Eng
Mr. Timothy Reid
Mr. Robert S. Weiss

In Attendance:

Dr. Claude Davis, Member of the Governing Council and Chair, University Affairs Board
Professor Vivek Goel, Member of the Governing Council and Vice-President and Provost
Professor Michael R. Marrus, Member of the Governing Council and Chair, Academic Board
Ms Jacqueline Orange, Member of the Governing Council and Chair, Business Board
Dr. Chris Cunningham, Special Advisor to the President
Ms Catherine Riggall, Vice-President, Business Affairs

With the agreement of members, an additional senior appointment and a Committee assignment were added to the agenda.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT, pursuant to sections 28 (e) and 33 of By-Law Number 2, consideration of items 1 and 2 take place *in camera*, with the Board Chairs, Vice-Presidents and Special Advisor to the President admitted 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 for a senior appointment contained in the memorandum from the President dated October 12, 2006.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

That, pursuant to Section 38 of By-Law Number 2, the recommendation for the senior appointment be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

- (b) On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

To the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation for a senior appointment contained in the memorandum from the Secretary of the Governing Council dated October 12, 2006.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

That, pursuant to Section 38 of By-Law Number 2, the recommendation for the senior appointment be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

- (c) On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

To the Governing Council for consideration a recommendation for a senior appointment.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

That, pursuant to Section 38 of By-Law Number 2, the recommendation for the senior appointment be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

2. Appointment to the Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Professor Glen Jones be appointed to the Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson, effective immediately.

3. External Appointments

(a) Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Professor Don Wasylenki be reappointed as the University of Toronto representative to the Board of Trustees of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, for a three-year term effective immediately until October 18, 2009, or until his successor is appointed.

(b) McClelland and Stewart Limited

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Ms Trina McQueen be approved and nominated as a director of McClelland and Stewart Ltd. for a term continuing until the 2007 annual meeting of the Corporation, or until her successor is appointed, effective immediately.

(c) McLaughlin Centre Oversight Committee

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Allan L. Beattie be reappointed to the McLaughlin Centre Oversight Committee for a one-year term, effective immediately until October 24, 2007 or until his successor is appointed; and

THAT J. Christopher Wansbrough be reappointed to the McLaughlin Centre Oversight Committee for a two-year term, effective immediately until October 24, 2008 or until his successor is appointed.

3. External Appointments (cont'd)

(d) Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (SHSC)

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Mr. Tajdin Mitha be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, for a term from October 10, 2006 to June 30, 2009, or until his successor is appointed.

(e) University of Toronto Press

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the following individuals be appointed members and directors of the University of Toronto Press, effective immediately, for terms to continue until the 2007 Annual General Meeting, or until their successors are appointed:

Mr. Frank Anderson
Ms Dominique Barker
University Professor Emeritus Martin Friedland
Mr. Hart Hillman
Mr. Brent Houlden
Ms. Carole Moore
Professor Heather Murray
Mr. David Oxtoby
Mr. Roger Parkinson
Mr. James Robinson
Mr. Robert Steacy
Mr. John Yates
Ms. Catherine Riggall

The Committee returned to closed session.

4. Reports of the Previous Meetings

Report Number 397 (June 15, 2006) and Report 398 (June 29, 2006) were approved.

5. Business Arising from the Reports of the Previous Meetings

There was no business arising from the Reports of the previous meetings.

6. Minutes of the Governing Council Meetings

Members received for information the Minutes of the Governing Council Meetings held on June 29th and September 8th, 2006.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Governing Council Meetings

There were no items of business arising from the minutes of the Governing Council meetings.

8. Report of the President

The Committee moved *in camera* and was briefed by the President on personnel matters.

The Committee returned to closed session.

The President reported on a number of issues.

(a) Provincial Funding

The President advised members that the Ministry had not provided funding for quality improvements to universities at the anticipated level. It appeared funds had instead been used to cover unanticipated enrolment growth and to create a Ministerial contingency fund. The University was actively pursuing alternative sources of funding with the Ministry.

(b) Federal Strategy and Developments

The University continued to have strong interactions with the federal government. Announcements regarding the first steps toward a new federal strategy for funding of research and supporting education were expected in the next few months. A member encouraged the administration to emphasize to the federal government the role of the University of Toronto as a national rather than a provincial institution.

(c) Ratings, Rankings, Performance Measures

The President informed members of the continuing discussion regarding ratings and rankings of universities, and noted that the debate in the United States was more conceptual and rigorous than that in Canada. The number of universities that were not participating in the Macleans' survey had increased to more than 20. Universities in Ontario were developing a common data set and were making information on various performance indicators publicly available, rather than releasing it solely to Macleans. The key issue with respect to ratings and rankings was ensuring consistency and integrity of data, promoting genuine accountability, and generating useful information for students and other decision-makers rather than generating marketing opportunities for media outlets or institutions.

8. Report of the President (cont'd)

(d) Capital Projects Update

The President noted that a report on capital projects was being prepared, and would come forward shortly. Of the 54 projects with costs greater than \$2 million, 42 had achieved occupancy. Four projects were responsible for most of the cost over-runs: the Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research (CCBR), the Bahen Centre for Information Technology (BCIT), the Lash Miller expansion, and the Economics renovations.

The President announced that Mr. John Bisanti, Chief Capital Projects Officer, was leaving the University to take a position with Ellis Don Construction.

(e) Initiatives Underway

The President indicated that reports were pending on Admissions Scholarships and a review of Student Services. New guidelines were being developed to help address Freedom of Speech issues in events held at the University.

9. Items for Confirmation by the Executive Committee

(a) Constitution: Faculty of Forestry

Professor Marrus explained that the Constitution of the Faculty of Forestry conformed to the template that had been created. There had been a thorough discussion on the Constitution at the Academic Board.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED

THAT the Constitution of the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Toronto, approved by the Faculty Council on June 28, 2006 be approved.

(b) Constitution: Faculty of Music

Professor Marrus reported that the Academic Board had also discussed the Constitution of the Faculty of Music.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED

THAT the Constitution of the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, approved by the Faculty Council on May 30, 2006, be approved.

10. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council**(a) *Ontarians with Disabilities Act: University of Toronto Accessibility Plan, 2006-07***

Professor Marrus advised members that Professor Hildyard had provided a brief oral introduction of the Accessibility Plan, 2006-07 to the Academic Board. Members of the Board had raised searching questions and had engaged in constructive debate on the Plan. Dr. Davis reported that the University Affairs Board also had reviewed the ODA Accessibility Plan because of its responsibility for “equity issues and initiatives”. The Board had been satisfied with the report and plan, and there had been no discussion. Ms Orange explained that, because the Business Board was responsible for human-resources matters, it had received a presentation on the plan. Professor Hildyard had answered questions on two subjects: mental health services for staff and students and on the collection of data concerning the experience of students and staff with disabilities. The Business Board had been clearly satisfied with the report and the plan.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act: University of Toronto Accessibility Plan, 2006-07*, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 145 of the Academic Board as Appendix ‘A’, be approved in principle.

(b) *School of Graduate Studies: Proposal for a Master of Finance (M.F.)*

Professor Marrus informed members that, at the Academic Board meeting, a member had asked whether courses included in the proposed program would be available to students who were not enrolled in the program. Professor Pauly, Vice Dean of the Rotman School of Management, had replied that the courses would be open to other students, space permitting. Professor Marrus stated that, in his opinion, the relationship to the rest of the University of programs such as this, which he considered a ‘boutique’ program, should be examined. Professor Goel replied that the proposed program was a cohort program which was structured to allow the group to stay together. Classes were scheduled in the evenings and on weekends so that students could continue to work full-time. Currently, a number of such programs were offered by the University. Although students not enrolled in the program could register for courses within the program, it was often difficult for them to join in.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

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

THAT the Master of Finance Program, leading to the degree of Master of Finance (M.F.) within the Rotman School of Management, commencing September, 2007, be approved.

(c) School of Graduate Studies: Proposal for a Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.)

Professor Marrus reported that there had been a good discussion at the Academic Board on this program. He noted that the creation of the School for Public Policy and Governance, the academic home of the program, had not been formally approved. It had been necessary to approve the program at this time in order to submit it to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) for review. At the Academic Board meeting, the point had been made that the proposed program would enhance the University's strength in the area of public policy.

A member observed that the degree designation M.P.P. might be confusing. Professor Goel replied that the degree title had been examined, and that the designation was used in other universities.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the Master of Public Policy program leading to the degree of Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.) be established within the Faculty of Arts and Science, commencing September 2007.

11. *Statement Regarding Access to Information and Protection of Privacy at the University of Toronto*

Mr. Charpentier explained that the *Policy on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy* had been approved by the Governing Council on March 19, 1995. This *Policy* had been based on guidelines developed by the Council of Ontario Universities and had been adopted voluntarily in the absence of coverage by provincial legislation. With the application of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FIPP) Act* to universities as of June 10, 2006 the University's *Policy* was no longer required. The proposed Statement reaffirmed the University's commitment to the principles of protection of personal privacy and public access to information.

Mr. Charpentier noted that revisions to the *Policy on Access to Student Records* would be coming forward to governance for approval in due course.

On motion duly moved and seconded,

11. Statement Regarding Access to Information and Protection of Privacy at the University of Toronto (cont'd)

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

That the proposed *Statement Regarding Access to Information and Protection of Privacy at the University of Toronto*, dated October 3, 2006, be approved effective November 2, 2006, replacing the *Policy on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy*, dated March 9, 1995.

12. Reports for Information

(a) Report on Approvals under Summer Executive Authority

The Chair reminded members that one item, a Senior Appointment, had been approved under summer authority. The Executive Committee had been informed of the proposed appointment at its July 27th briefing, and had agreed to the approval proceeding under Summer Executive Authority.

(b) Calendar of Business 2006-2007

The Chair drew the attention of members to the Calendar of Business for the Governing Council and all its Boards and Committees that had been included in the agenda package. She reminded members that the Calendar of Business was posted on the Governing Council website and was regularly updated throughout the year. It was an important planning tool, and provided an overview of virtually all matters that would come before governance.

(c) Report Number 151 of the Business Board (June 22, 2006)

Members received Report Number 151 of the Business Board for information.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair noted that the next regular meeting of the Executive Committee would be held on **Thursday, November 23, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Secretary

October 24, 2006

Chair