

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 25, 2016

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL held on February 25, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall.

Present:

Ms Judy G. Goldring (Chair)
Ms Shirley Hoy (Vice Chair)
The Honourable Michael H. Wilson
Professor Meric S. Gertler (President)
Mr. Faizan Sohail Akbani
Mr. Preet Banerjee
Professor John S. Bland
Mr. Harvey Botting
Mr. David Norris Bowden
Mr. P.C. Choo
Mr. Jeff Collins
Ms Susan Froom
Mr. Gary D. Goldberg
Professor Avrum I. Gotlieb
Ms Zabeen Hirji
Mr. Alex Ivovic
Mr. Brian K. Johnston
Ms Claire M.C. Kennedy
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk
Professor Ernest W.N. Lam
Mr. Brian D. Lawson
Ms Nancy Carolyn Lee
Professor Jan Mahrt-Smith
Dr. Gary P. Mooney
Ms N. Jane Pepino
Professor Cheryl Regehr
Ms Catherine Riddell
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak
Professor Elizabeth M. Smyth
Professor Salvatore M. Spadafora
Professor Janice Gross Stein

Mr. Andrew Szende
Professor Nicholas Terpstra
Professor Steven J. Thorpe
Mr. Bruce Winter

Ms Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the
Governing Council

Secretariat:

Ms Mariam Ali
Ms Sheree Drummond
Ms. Cindy Ferencz-Hammond
Mr. Anwar Kazimi
Mr. Patrick McNeill
Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw

Absent:

Ms Janet L. Ecker
Professor Hugh P. Gunz
Ms. Sandy Hudson
Mr. Ray Khan
Professor Paul Kingston
Mr. Mark Krembil
Mr. John Paul Morgan
Mr. Ridwan Olow
Ms Melinda M. Rogers
Mr. Mark Henry Rowswell
Professor Hargurdeep Saini
Mr. Riaz Sayani-Mulji
Mr. Howard L. Shearer
Mr. W. Keith Thomas
Mr. Lawrence Zhang

In Attendance:

Professor Angela Hildyard, Vice-President, Human Resources and Equity
Ms Althea Blackburn-Evans, Director, Media Relations
Mr. Robert G. Boeckner, Member, Business Board & Audit Committee
Mr. David Curtain, Director, Communications Services, Office of the President
Dr. Anthony Gray, Director, Strategic Research, Office of the President
Mr. Chris Harding, Student, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, Department of Civil and Mineral

Engineering

Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Executive Director, Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation

Professor Susan McCahan, Vice-Provost, Innovations in Undergraduate Education

Mr. Steve Moate, Senior Legal Counsel, Office of the President

Mr. Anthony Scott, University Community Member

Professor Matti Siemiatycki, Department of Geography

Ms Archana Sridhar, Assistant Provost

Ms Alison Stirling, Member, College of Electors

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DETERMINATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 28 (E) AND 38 OF BY-LAW NUMBER 2 OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, ITEMS 1 AND 12 ON THE AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL *IN CAMERA*.

The Committee moved *In Camera*.

1) Senior Appointment

Appointment of the Secretary of the Governing Council

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT Ms Sheree Drummond be appointed Secretary of the Governing Council effective March 1, 2016.

The Committee returned to Open Session.

2) Chair's remarks

The Chair welcomed and thanked members for attending the meeting. She reported that during the *in camera* session, the Governing Council had approved the appointment of the new Secretary of the Governing Council and that a memorandum announcing this appointment would be circulated to the University Community shortly.

The Chair congratulated the President on his appointment to the Order of Canada. Other University faculty who had received the honour included: Professor Brenda Andrews, Professor Frances Shepherd, Professor George Baird and Professor Kent Roach.

The Chair also congratulated Shirley Hoy on her acclamation as Chair of the Governing Council and Jane Pepino on her election as Vice-Chair. The Chair thanked both for their willingness to serve in these important governance roles.

The Chair reported to members that in preparation for the 2016-2017 governance year, the Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers had been overseeing the elections and appointments processes. She noted that the winners of the 2016 Governing Council elections would be declared elected on Friday, February 26, 2016.

The Chair informed members that The College of Electors had announced the following newly elected alumni governors: Harvey Botting, who was re-elected for a second term and Nick Kuryluk, who had been re-elected for a third term. Ms Samra Zafar was a newly-appointed alumni governor. The Chair offered congratulations to these alumni governors.

The Chair noted a speaking request had been granted to Mr. Anthony Scott.

3) Report of the President

Awards and Honours

The President began his report by congratulating the University's 2016 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) award winners and two new Sloan Fellows. University Professor Barbara Sherwood Lollar had received the prestigious *John C. Polanyi Award* and University Professor Ted Sargent and Professor Shana Kelley had received the *Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering*. Professor David Sinton and Associate Professor Stephen Wright had both received *E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowships*. The President mentioned that five of the eleven winners of the NSERC's major research awards came from the University of Toronto. The President also reported that Assistant Professor Jo Bovy in the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics and Assistant Professor Christopher Honey in the Department of Psychology had received the 2016 *Sloan Research Fellowships*, announced on February 23, 2016.

Federal and Provincial Governments

President Gertler reported on the Prime Minister's visit to the Banting Institute and MaRS on January 13, 2016 where an announcement of a \$20 million Federal grant to the Centre for Commercialization of Regenerative Medicine (CCRM) was made. This grant builds on the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) investment in the 'Medicine by Design' project. Prime Minister Trudeau had been accompanied by Ms Chrystia Freeland, Minister of International Trade and MP for University-Rosedale and Mr. Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. On the same day, the Federal Finance Minister, Mr. Bill Morneau had visited the Munk School of Global Affairs and had taken part in a pre-budget consultation. President Gertler noted that these visits and events had indicated the new Federal Government's interest in engaging with the academic community. The President also mentioned three key advocacy issues that the University was working on: immigration, Research Council funding and infrastructure.

On the Provincial side, the President noted that the Finance Minister, Mr. Charles Sousa, was delivering the provincial budget at the same time as the Governing Council meeting and mentioned that there were expected to be investments in engineering, innovation and entrepreneurship at the University. The provincial budget was also expected to contain important improvements in student assistance. The President thanked the University's government and institutional staff, particularly Ms Marny Scully, for exceptional advocacy efforts on behalf of the institution.

Other Matters

The President reported that he was currently working with his senior team to formulate a response to the recommendations of the *ad hoc Advisory Committee on Divestment from Fossil Fuels*, which would be released by the end of March.

President Gertler told members that he and Provost Cheryl Regehr had received the report of the *Presidential and Provostial Committee on Prevention and Response to Sexual Violence*. The report had been published on the Provost's website and he encouraged Governors to read it. He acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that had gone into the report and told members that an administrative response was being prepared.

The President informed members that the University had initiated a new phase of consultation on a draft policy on Student Societies. The proposed draft document – the *Policy on Open, Accessible and Democratic Autonomous Student Organizations* – along with draft procedures for a 'Student Societies Complaint and Resolution Council' were available online to facilitate broad consultation.

The President stated that a University-wide steering committee in response to the federal *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* had been struck and was co-chaired by Mr. Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo, Director of Aboriginal Student Services at First Nations House and Coordinator of the University's Council of Aboriginal Initiatives, and Professor Stephen Toope, Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs. The full committee membership had been announced on February 18, 2016. The President stated that given the University's international and national prominence in research and education, it was important for the institution to take a strong leadership role in responding to the Commission's recommendations.

The President concluded his report by reading into the record the 2016 list of honorary degree graduands from the University of Toronto:

Cynthia Barnhart

For her excellence in the academy, as an academic administrative leader and for her seminal contributions as an engineer.

James K. Bartleman

For his outstanding service to the nation and for the public good, as a diplomat and subsequently as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and for his support of marginalized groups in society.

Manjul Bhargava

For his excellence in the academy, for his fundamental advances in mathematics, specifically in algebraic number theory and the theory of elliptical curves.

Piers Handling

For his excellence in Arts and for his outstanding service to the local community, as Director and CEO of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

M. G. Venkatesh Mannar

For his outstanding service for the public good and for his excellence in the academy, as a champion and technology leader in global nutrition with a specific focus on the world's most vulnerable citizens.

Richard (Dick) Pound

For his excellence in sports and for his outstanding service to the nation, as a lifelong leader and supporter of amateur and Olympic sport, and for his extensive contributions as a volunteer.

Robert Putnam

For his excellence in the academy and for his outstanding service for the public good, as a political scientist whose scholarship has had a global impact.

David W. Schindler

For his excellence in the academy and for his outstanding service to the nation, for his extraordinary contributions and leadership in addressing many of the world's most pressing environmental challenges as a public scientist.

Linda Schuyler

For her excellence in Arts, for her internationally-recognized contributions in Canadian television as an independent producer of youth-oriented, socially relevant programming.

Gerald (Gerry) W. Schwartz

For his excellence in the professions and for his service to the community, as an entrepreneur, city builder and philanthropist.

In response to a question from a member concerning the gathering of race-based data from the student body and whether collection of similar data would be extended to faculty and staff, Professor Angela Hildyard, Vice-President of Human Resources and Equity, responded that the priority was to first collect data from faculty and staff, and then from the student body.

A member asked whether the President would also look at the possibility of divesting from fossil fuel firms that violated Indigenous people's rights. The member encouraged the President to review and consider the report of U of T 350. President Gertler responded that he had recently met with members of U of T 350 to hear their advice and said that the Indigenous issue would be seriously considered.

4) Strategic Presentation: Survey on Student Daily Travel Experience

The Chair invited the President to introduce the strategic presentation. The President explained that *StudentMoveTO* was a multi-university initiative led from the University of Toronto involving York University, Ryerson University and OCAD University. The initiative studied the travel patterns of students in the Greater Toronto Area. The President invited Associate Professor Matti Siemiatycki of the Department of Geography and Planning – the University's lead coordinator – and Mr. Chris Harding, a doctoral candidate at the Transportation Research Institute, to provide details. Professor Siemiatycki outlined how the project, that was one of the largest surveys of student travel patterns in history involving more than 15,000 students at the four institutions, was conducted. Preliminary survey results had shown highly complex commutes crossing multiple boundaries. The cost of housing and long travel times impacted the student experience in a number of ways. The results would be further analyzed and used by the partners to inform future policy, programs and student supports. The data would also help influence scholarly work on transportation planning, urban policy and research methods.

A member asked whether data on staff and faculty travel patterns would be included in any future surveys. Professor Siemiatycki said that reaching out to staff and faculty was part of the long-term vision.

5) Items for Governing Council Approval

a) *Policy on Information Security and the Protection of Digital Assets*

Professor Mabury presented the highlights of the proposed *Policy on Information Security and the Protection of Digital Assets*. Professor Mabury focused on the broad consultative processes that had informed the proposed *Policy*.

Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair of the Academic Board provided an overview of the Academic Board's discussion on this item

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the proposed *Policy on Information Security and the Protection of Digital Assets*, dated December 21, 2015, be approved effective February 26, 2016.

b) *Policy on Certificates (For Credit and Not-For-Credit)*

Professor Sass-Kortsak said that the Academic Board had received a presentation from Professor Sioban Nelson, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs. Professor Nelson had explained that the proposed *Policy* was the result of a highly consultative process that had begun in 2013 and involved the review of continuing education at the University to provide increased clarity, oversight and accountability to "for-credit" and "not-for-credit" certificates offered by the divisions and the School of Continuing Studies. The new *Policy* reflected the fact that diplomas were now covered under the protocols of the UTQAP which were in alignment with Ontario's Quality Assurance Framework (QAF). One exception was certificates issued under category three ("not-for-credit"), primarily for professional accreditation, particularly medical education.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the proposed *Policy for Certificates (For-Credit and Not-For-Credit)* be approved, replacing the *Policy for Diplomas and Certificate Programs*, effective immediately, subject to approval of the revisions of the Terms of Reference of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

c) *Revisions to Terms of Reference of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs*

Professor Sass-Kortsak reminded members that the Governing Council established Boards and Committees (including AP&P) and assigned responsibilities among those bodies through their *terms of reference*. The Governing Council had periodically approved changes in Board and Committee *terms of reference* to respond to changing circumstances and expectations of governance.

The proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs were a consequence of the new *Policy on Diploma and Certificate Programs*.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the proposed revised Terms of Reference of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs be approved, effective immediately, replacing the amended Terms of Reference approved by the Governing Council on May 23, 2013.

d) *University of Toronto Health and Safety Policy*

Ms Jane Pepino, Chair of Business Board, noted that all revisions to any University-wide policy required approval by the Governing Council and that normally, the *Health and Safety Policy* was considered on an annual basis by the Business Board because it was required by law to confirm the ongoing application of the *Policy*. As a result of Bill 18, the Ontario government had amended the definition of “worker” under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*. The definition now included students who undertook unpaid work placements as part of their academic program and other individuals who would be considered workers for the purposes of the OHSA. These changes required that University’s *Health and Safety Policy* be revised accordingly.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the revised *University of Toronto Health and Safety Policy*, dated January 25, 2016, be approved and

THAT the on-going application of the *University of Toronto Health and Safety Policy*, dated January 25, 2016 be confirmed.

e) *Establishment of the position of Vice-President, International*

The President informed members that, Ms Judith Wolfson, Vice-President, International, Government and Institutional Relations, would be completing her term on June 30, 2016. In 2015, the President had appointed Professor Janice Stein as the Senior Presidential Advisor on International Initiatives to solicit input on the future on the international portfolio. The President noted that there had been a strong support for the creation of a new portfolio for a Vice-President, International and that the existing portfolio would be further separated out under a new post of Chief of Government Relations.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the position of the Vice-President, International be established, effective immediately.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and items approved.

6) Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Governing Council

The minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting were approved.

7) Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

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

8) Reports for Information

Members received the following reports for information:

- a) Report Number 201 of the Academic Board (January 28, 2016)
- b) Report Number 223 of the Business Board (December 10, 2015) and Report Number 224 (January 25, 2016)
- c) Report Number 192 of the University Affairs Board (February 2, 2016)
- d) Report Number 22 of the Pension Committee (December 8, 2015)
- e) Report Number 14 of the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council (December 3, 2015)
- f) Report Number 15 of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council (December 16, 2015) and Report Number 16 (February 3, 2016)
- g) Report Number 478 of the Executive Committee (February 9, 2016)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

9) Date of Next Meeting

The Chair advised members that the next Governing Council meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

10) Question Period

A member asked whether the University had a position on the provincial government's budgetary initiative to provide free education for students whose families made less than \$50,000. President Gertler replied that the University had not had an opportunity to study the proposal as it was announced that afternoon with the Provincial budget, and noted that the University continued to advocate for increased student funding and support.

11) Other Business

The Chair invited Mr. Anthony Scott to speak. Mr. Scott presented a petition to governors concerning labour issues, which he addressed.

The Committee moved *In Camera*.

12) Item for Governing Council Approval

a) Appointment of an Assistant Secretary to the Discipline Appeals Board.

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT Ms. Tracey Gameiro be appointed Assistant Secretary of the Discipline Appeals Board, effective February 25, 2016.

The Governing Council returned to Open Session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Secretary

February 26, 2016

Chair