

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS COUNCIL

APRIL 20, 2016

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAMPUS COUNCIL held on April 20, 2016, at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, William G. Davis Building, University of Toronto Mississauga.

Professor Hugh Gunz, Chair
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk, Vice-Chair
Professor Deep Saini, Vice-President & Principal
Dr. Kelly Akers
Ms Megan Alekson
Mr. Daniel Ball
Professor Lee Bailey
Ms Shelley Hawrychuk
Mr. Tarique Khan
Professor Joseph Leydon
Professor Judith Poë
Mr. Glenn Thompson
Mr. Douglas Varty

Regrets:
Mr. Emerson Calcada
Mr. Jeff Collins
Mr. Simon Gilmartin
Ms Kristina Kaneff
Professor Angela Lange
Mr. Sheldon Leiba
Ms Alice Li
Mr. Amir Moazzami
Dr. Gary Mooney
Professor Holger Syme
Mr. David Szwarc

In Attendance:

Professor Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations
Mr. Mark Overton, Dean, Student Affairs
Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President & Provost

Secretariat:

Ms Cindy Ferencz Hammond, Director of Governance
Ms Mariam Ali, Committee Secretary

The meeting began *in camera*.

1. Appointments to the 2016 UTM Nominating Committee

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT the appointment of community members to the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, and as specified in the documentation dated April 13, 2016, be approved for terms of three years effective July 1, 2016.

The Committee moved into open session.

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting and congratulated Mr. Simon Gilmartin, returning member as well as Mr. Sanjay Nirula and Mr. Ricardo Vazquez on their appointments to Campus Council. The Chair noted that there would be a call for nomination for a member of each estate to serve on the Agenda Committee for 2016-17 and encouraged members to put their names forward for consideration. The Chair informed Council that the results of the elections for the UTM Campus Council and Campus Affairs Committee, in the student estate were announced on April 12, 2016. He congratulated the successful candidates and thanked all who participated in the elections.

The Chair congratulated Professor Kelly Hannah-Moffat on her appointment as Vice-President, Human Resources & Equity, effective October 1, 2016 and thanked her for her service to governance at UTM as Interim Dean. He added that Professor Amrita Daniere had been appointed as Vice-Principal Academic & Dean, effective May 1, 2016. The Chair congratulated Professor Deep Saini on his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Canberra, Australia and remarked that he was grateful for his dedication to the UTM community during his term.

3. Report of the Acting Vice-President & Principal

Professor Saini commented on the transitions in senior administration at UTM, which were to take place in the coming months. He noted that as he would be ending his term in August of this year, he would be sharing his thoughts at the next meeting of Council on a strategic vision for UTM in a different manner than was previously intended. He advised members that they should expect an announcement on an Interim Vice-Principal from the Office of the President shortly, after which point a search would also begin for Vice-President & Principal. Professor Saini congratulated Professor Amrita Daniere on her appointment, and remarked that she was well respected in the UTM community. He also thanked Professor Hannah-Moffat for her contributions as Interim Vice-Principal, Academic & Dean. Professor Saini advised members that a Town Hall had been held on April 6, where a new “listening” format had been used, which was a different approach than previous Town Hall meetings. He noted that it had been a successful way to engage members of the UTM community and added that the responses to questions from the event would be posted on the UTM Office of the Principal website soon.

4. UTM Campus Operating Budget - Allocation of Funds: Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost, and Professor Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations

The Chair advised members that the item was presented for information. The Chair then invited Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost, and Professor Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations to provide their presentation¹.

Following the presentation, a member asked if there were strategies in place to increase indirect costs of research that would be similar to American Universities. He stated that the University was engaged in advocating for improvements in government funding, specifically looking to increase the percentage of funding received at U of T in comparison to other, smaller Ontario universities. Professor Mabury stated that there was a potential for improvement here, as the federal government had recently made favorable enhancements for universities, such as tri-council funding and the development of the Canada First Research Excellence Fund.

In response to a member’s question, Professor Regehr clarified that donations received by the University towards capital projects were shown in the capital budget, therefore were not included in the operating budget. She added that donations which were made in the form of endowments however, were included in the operating budget.

A member asked for clarification on the growth in staff positions at UTM, and Professor Mabury responded that it was an aggressive growth plan and that it also included replacement of staff. Mr. Paul Donoghue, Chief Administrative Officer, added that the new positions were primarily staff for frontline services to reduce the staff to student ratio, and for academic departments support staff, in order to address increased workload. He stated that both were issues addressed in the UTM Self Study and External Review.

In response to a question, Professor Regehr clarified that the increase in costs for library acquisitions was largely due to the currency exchange rate, not a higher than normal rate of additional acquisitions.

As a follow up to discussion which happened at the Committee level, Professor Leydon, inquired if UofT was the only university which did not meet its graduate recruitment targets. Professor Regehr advised that no other Ontario universities were meeting these targets, and though the upcoming year seemed promising, the final counts would not be

¹ A copy of this presentation is attached as Attachment A.

confirmed until September. In response to a question, Professor Mabury advised that the difference between distribution of revenue at UTSC and UTM was due to a higher headcount at UTM by approximately 1000 students.

5. Facilitating Student Success Through Experiential Learning and Professional Development: Professor Joseph Leydon

The Chair invited Professor Joseph Leydon to provide an overview² of experiential learning initiatives through community engagement. Professor Leydon highlighted the importance of developing, recognizing and applying specific and transferable skills, and that they led to higher confidence and professionalism amongst students. He noted the added contribution of engaging within the community was an important part of student learning and vital to reinforcing the role of the university within the community. Professor Leydon gave the example of internship course in the Department of Geography to illustrate the intersections between experiential learning, professional development and community engagement. Students enrolled in the course have workplace internships in private, not-for-profit and public settings with their learning supplement through professional development workshops facilitated by the Career Centre. He indicated that student response to the course was overwhelming positive, and the work experience and mentorship received through placements transformed student learning. In response to a member's question, Professor Leydon advised that there were approximately 35 students enrolled in the internship course, and that students were required submit an application and were interviewed in order to be accepted into the course. The member followed up to inquire into the challenges of setting up internship courses. Professor Leydon stated that as more departments pursue internship courses competition for placements with community partners increases, and that UTM had to compete with other institutions who operate co-op programs. A member inquired into whether providing co-op as an option would be a natural progression for the institution. The Vice-President and Principal commented that there was a significant leap from internship to co-op for many reasons, including changing to a semester system, as well as the substantial staff support required to ensure co-op placements for students.

6. University of Toronto Mississauga Summer Shuttle Service fee for UTM-Affiliated Graduate Students and UTM-Affiliated Undergraduate Students with Non-UTM Home Faculty/Division

The Chair reminded members that Council was responsible for considering the operating plans and fees for student services. The proposed fee increases were previously withdrawn for consideration from the item: Operating Plans and Fees: UTM Student Services, as the UTI and CPI calculations were not reflected accurately and the current item has been updated to reflect this change. On behalf of the Campus Affairs Committee, Professor Joseph Leydon advised members that the Committee recommended this item for approval at its meeting on February 11, 2016 and that there had been no discussion. The Chair invited Mr. Overton to provide an overview who briefly explained the increase was for UTM-affiliated graduate students and UTM-affiliated undergraduate students with non-UTM home faculty/division only. He noted to members that the fee was necessary for UTM affiliated students as they were billed in advance in comparison to undergraduate students who were charged per semester.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

THAT subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee,

THAT the sessional (Fall and Winter sessions only) Summer Shuttle Service fee for a UTM-affiliated graduate student and a UTM-affiliated undergraduate student with non-UTM home faculty/division be increased to \$4.60, which represents a year-over-year increase of \$0.19 or 4.22% (resulting from the elimination of a 2013-14 three-year temporary increase, a permanent increase of 2.00%, and a three-year temporary increase of 4.17%).

² A copy of this presentation is attached as Attachment B.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that Item 9 - Report of the Previous Meeting, be approved.

7. **Report on UTM Capital Projects** – as at February 29, 2016 (for information)
8. **Reports for Information**
 - a. Report 16 of the Agenda Committee (April 6, 2016)
 - b. Report 15 of the Campus Affairs Committee (March 21, 2016)
9. **Report of the Previous Meeting:** Report 16 of the UTM Campus Council, March 3, 2016
10. **Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**
11. **Date of the Next Meeting** – May 24, 2016 at 4:10 p.m.

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for May 24, 2016 at 4:10 p.m. at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber, William G. Davis Building.

12. Question Period

There were no questions.

13. Other Business

There were no other items of business.

The Chair noted to members that in response to interest for members, a tour of the residences had been arranged to take place immediately before the May 24, 2016 Campus Council meeting. He added that members would receive a separate email invitation from the Secretariat.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Secretary
April 26, 2016

Chair