

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL held on September 6, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall.

Present:

Ms Claire Kennedy (Chair)
Ms N. Jane Pepino (Vice-Chair)
Professor Meric S. Gertler (President)
Mr. Preet Banerjee
Mr. Harvey Botting
Mr. David N. Bowden
Dr. Catherine Bragg
Mr. P.C. Choo
Mr. Jeff P. Collins
Ms Susan Froom
Mr. Gary D. Goldberg
Dr. Avrum I. Gotlieb
Ms Amanda Harvey-Sanchez
Mrs. Zabeen Hirji
Mr. Brian K. Johnston
Ms Mala Kashyap
Prof. Bruce Kidd
Professor Paul Kingston
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk
Professor Normand Labrie
Professor Ernest W.N. Lam
Prof. Mark Lautens
Mr. Brian D. Lawson
Professor Jan K. Mahrt-Smith
Professor Mohan Matthen
Ms. Mama Adobeia Nii Owoo
Professor Cheryl Regehr
Ms Catherine Riddell
Mr. Mark Henry Rowswell

Professor Andrea M. Sass-Kortsak
Mr. Howard L. Shearer
Professor Salvatore M. Spadafora
Mr. Andrew Szende
Mr. W. Keith Thomas
Professor Steven J. Thorpe
Mr. Twesh Upadhyaya
Mr. Bruce Winter
Mr. Robert Xu
Ms. Emeli Zhang

Ms. Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the
Governing Council

Secretariat:

Ms Joan Griffin
Mr. Anwar Kazimi
Mr. Patrick McNeill
Ms Rena Prashad

Absent:

Ms Janet L. Ecker
Mr. Aidan H. Fishman
Mr. Mark Krembil
Mr. John Paul Morgan
Professor Janice Gross Stein
Mr. John Switzer
Professor Nicholas Terpstra
Ms. Samra Zafar

In Attendance:

Professor Vivek Goel, Vice President, Research and Innovation
Dr. Anthony Gray, Director, Strategic Research, Office of the President
Professor Kelly Hannah-Moffat, Vice-President, Human Resources and Equity
Ms Nadina Jamieson, Assistant Vice-President, Strategic Initiatives, Office of the President
Mr. Steve Moate, Senior Counsel, Office of the President
Ms Archana Sridhar, Assistant Provost
Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students

Ms Christina da Rocha-Feeley, Director of Operations, Office of the Governing Council

Mr. David Newman, Senior Director, Student Experience, Division of Student Life
Ms Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost Students & Student Policy Advisor

1. Chair's Welcome Remarks

The Chair introduced herself and welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of the Governing Council for the 2017-18 governance year. She offered a special welcome to the new governors (i.e. two teaching staff and eight student governors) and thanked them for their willingness to serve the University.

She advised members that the main purpose of the meeting was to formally close the Summer Executive Authority delegation, and advised members that the President would deliver a formal report at the Council meeting on October 26, 2017.

2. Report of the President

There was no report from the President.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and items approved.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Governing Council

The minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

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

5. Reports for Information

Members received the following reports for information:

a. Report on Approval under Summer Executive Authority

The Chair reminded members that on June 27, 2017 the Council approved the annual delegation of authority to the President to act on behalf of the Governing Council during the summer months. The Chair advised members that no matters within the Governing Council's authority were approved under the Summer Executive Authority. She noted that matters within the authority of other governance bodies were approved, and would be reported, for information, to the appropriate bodies.

b. Report Number 483 of the Executive Committee

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair advised members that the next Governing Council meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

7. Question Period

A member commented on a social media (i.e. Facebook) advertisement by the Canadian Nationalist Party claiming to hold a rally on the University's St. George campus on September 14, 2017. In response, the President reported that no request had been received from the Canadian Nationalist Party to hold a rally on the St. George campus, and that the Party had been informed that it did not have permission to use the University's premises. The President remarked that the University remained committed to fostering and enabling civil and respectful debates, discussions, and conversations on its three campuses on important, difficult and challenging issues. He also indicated that acts of bigotry, hate, and violence, including those associated with neo-Nazi or white supremacist organizations, were not condoned.

A member congratulated Professor Kelly Hannah-Moffat, Vice-President, Human Resources and Equity, and her extended labour negotiation team, on arriving at a mutually beneficial tentative collective agreement with the United Steelworkers Union, Local 1998. Professor Hannah-Moffatt remarked that members would be voting on the tentative collective agreement on Monday, September 11, 2017

8. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Secretary

September 15, 2017

Chair