

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 500 OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Claire M.C. Kennedy, Chair N. Jane Pepino, Vice-Chair Meric S. Gertler, President David N. Bowden Catherine Bragg Janet L. Ecker Edie (Yi Yi) Guo Mala Kashyap Ernest W.N. Lam Mark Lautens Brian D. Lawson Catherine Riddell Mark H. Rowswell Salvatore M. Spadafora Bruce Winter	Non-Voting Member: Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council Secretariat: Anwar Kazimi
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In Attendance:

Ellen Hodnett, University Ombudsperson (for item 4a)
Nick Kuryluk, Chair, UTM Campus Council and Member of the Governing Council
Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair, Academic Board and Member of the Governing Council
Andrew Szende, Chair, University Affairs Board and Member of the Governing Council

Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost and Member of the Governing Council
Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations

Nadina Jamison, Assistant Vice-President, Strategic Initiatives, Office of the President
Bryn MacPherson, Assistant Vice-President, Office of the President and Chief of Protocol
Tracey Gameiro, Associate Director, Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances (for items 2
and 14a)
Christopher Lang, Director, Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances (for items 2 and 14a)

*Pursuant to section 28 (e) and 38 of By-Law Number 2, consideration
of items 13-16 took place in camera.*

The meeting was held in Closed Session.

1. Chair's Remarks and Orientation

The Chair welcomed members, Board and Council Chairs and Vice-Presidents to the first regular meeting of the Executive Committee for 2018-19. The Chair reminded members that the Committee meets in closed session, meaning that the meeting was not open to the public. She explained that governors who were not members of the Executive may attend for the closed session, but they may not participate in the debate unless invited to do so by the Chair. Finally, she conducted a brief orientation for members, which involved an overview of the Executive Committee's terms of reference.

2. Overview of the Academic Discipline Process

The Chair and Mr. Christopher Lang, Director, Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances provided an overview of the Academic Discipline process with a focus on the role of the Executive Committee.

3. Report of the President

The President began his Report by reiterating the Chair's welcome remarks to members, noting the important role that the Chair and the Executive Committee played in providing strategic advice to the Senior Administration.

Provincial Matters

The President referred to two reports – the *Report of the Independent Financial Commission of Inquiry* (prepared under the direction of Gordon Campbell) and *Managing Transformation: A Modernization Action Plan for Ontario* (produced by Ernst & Young LLP) – that had recommended to the new Provincial government that adjustments be made to the Provincial Budget Plan for 2018-19 to revise the baseline to reflect a \$15 billion deficit. It remained unclear whether any targeted or across-the-board cuts would be proposed. Uncertainty also remained on the Provincial government's direction on higher-education matters such as the Strategic Mandate Agreements (SMAs); the tuition policy framework; the revised Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP); and enrolment guidelines. It was expected that the Provincial government's

focus on post-secondary institutions would be based on accountability in the form of efficient use of resources, and student success based on employability.

The President noted that in August 2018 the Provincial government had called on colleges and universities to develop, implement, and comply with a free speech policy effective January 1, 2019. To monitor compliance, institutions were required to report annually on their progress to the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO). It had been indicated that non-compliance with the free speech requirements could be subject to a reduction in operating grant funding. The President noted that in the University's view the University's existing policy framework (including the University's *Statement of Institutional Purpose* and *Statement on Freedom of Speech*, both approved by the Governing Council in 1992) met the requirements of the Provincial government.

Federal Matters

The President reported that in the previous month, he had met with Federal government officials in Ottawa. The topics discussed had included funding for the Research Support Fund (also called the indirect cost of research), and support for graduate students. Both issues had been endorsed by the Naylor report, but not implemented in the 2018 Federal budget. He noted that the Business Higher Education Roundtable (BHER) had supported the initiative for Work Integrated Learning with a goal of providing undergraduate and graduate students at least one international experience during the course of their studies.

The President had met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs with the goal of raising awareness of the economic implications of foreign policy decisions for universities given growing international student enrolment.

Japan and South Korea visits

Earlier in the month, the President had traveled to Japan and South Korea. In Kyoto, Japan, the President took part in a panel on Smart and Resilient Cities as part of the annual Science and Technology in Society conference. The President met with a number of university leaders and hosted well-attended alumni events in Tokyo and Seoul. In Seoul, the President also had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Korea Foundation and Academy of Korean Studies – benefactors of a number of programs and departments at the University of Toronto. The President remarked on the growing interest in Toronto and the University of Toronto.

Rankings

The President reported on recent university rankings and highlighted the following:

- *Shanghai Ranking* – the University had been placed at 23 (the highest ranking among Canadian universities).
- *Times Higher Education* – the University had moved up to 21 overall (9th among public universities world-wide, and 4th among public universities in North America).
- *Reuters most innovative universities* – the University had moved up 11 places from the previous year to be placed at 35; and was one of two Canadian universities in the top 100.
- *QS Employability* – the University had been placed at 12 (up 7 places from 2016; the highest for a Canadian university; and 7th in North America).
- *Maclean's* – the University had tied with McGill University as 1st in the Medical-Doctoral category; and, for the 4th time in a row, ranked 1st for overall reputation.

The Provost added that she had attended the *Times Higher Education* Work Universities Summit in Singapore, where there had been tremendous interest in the University of Toronto. The Provost added that the University of Toronto would host the corresponding event in 2020.

Other Matters

At the invitation of the President, Professor Mabury advised the Committee that the University was in the midst of developing a smoke-free policy on all its campuses and properties. Professor Mabury noted the *Smoking Policy* (approved by the Governing Council in 1995) required updates based on the recent laws pertaining to the legalisation of the use of marijuana and the advent of vaping. He noted that later in the week, a notice on the legal requirement for the University to develop a policy on this matter would be circulated to the University community. It was expected that the proposed policy would be brought forward for consideration at the next governance cycle.

In a brief discussion that followed, Professor Mabury added that proper signage would be developed to clearly demarcate areas that were University property; and existing policies and guidelines would continue to apply to the members of the community with respect to use of substances and fitness to work.

4. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

a. *Report of the University Ombudsperson for the Period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and Administrative Response*

The Chair noted that the *Report of the University Ombudsperson* and the *Administrative Response* were presented annually to the Governing Council for information.

At the invitation of the Chair, Professor Emeritus Hodnett highlighted some of the matters raised in the *Report*. Professor Emeritus Hodnett expressed her satisfaction with the ongoing dialogue with administration to address those matters; and on the overall quality and clarity of the *Administrative Response*.

A member suggested that administration provide an annual update on the recommendations that had been agreed to but not yet implemented in order to track progress. While concurring with the member's suggestion, Professor Emeritus Hodnett said that in the past year the administration had implemented a number of recommendations made in her previous *Report*.

In closing, the Provost thanked Professor Emeritus Hodnett for her diligence and deep caring in preparing the *Report*.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the Report of the University Ombudsperson for the period July1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and Administrative Response be endorsed and placed on the agenda of the Governing Council meeting of October 25, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that the items be approved.

5. Report of the Previous Meeting of the Executive Committee

Report number 498, from the meeting of June 27, 2018 was approved.

6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

7. Minutes of the Governing Council Meetings – June 27, 2018 and September 5, 2018

Members received the Reports of the June 27, 2018 and the September 5, 2018 Governing Council Meetings for information.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

9. Report on Approvals under Summer Executive Authority

The Committee received a report on matters within the Executive Committee's authority that were approved under the Summer Executive Authority.

10. Reports for Information

Members received the following reports for information:

- a. Report Number 33 of the Pension Committee (May 30, 2018)
- b. Report Number 208 of the University Affairs Board (October 1, 2018)
- c. Report Number 217 of the Academic Board (October 4, 2018)
- d. Report Number 31 of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council (October 2, 2018)
- e. Report Number 31 of the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council (October 3, 2018)
- f. Report Number 242 of the Business Board (October 9, 2018)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. Date of next meeting:

The Chair advised members that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

12. Other Business

a. Governing Council Meeting

The Chair advised members that no speaking requests had been received.

b. Appointment of the Deputy Returning Officer

Ms Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council, advised the Committee that Ms Rena Prashad, Interim Director of Governance, UTSC and Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council, had been appointed as Deputy Returning Officer.

The Committee Moved *In Camera*.

13. Item for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

a. Appointment: Non-Governing Council Member of the Pension Committee

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the proposed appointment of a member to the Pension Committee be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council:

THAT, pursuant to section 38 of By-Law Number 2, the Governing Council consider this item *in camera*.

b. Appointment: Member of the Governing Council to Governance Bodies, 2018-2019

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the proposed Assignments of a members of the Governing Council to Boards and Committees for 2018-19, be approved; and

THAT, pursuant to section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the Governing Council consider this item *in camera*.

14. Items for Approval

a. Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: Recommendations for Expulsion

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the President's recommendation for expulsion, as outlined in the memorandum and supporting documentation from the Secretary of the Governing Council, dated October 9, 2018 be confirmed.

b. External Appointments: University of Toronto Press Board

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

THAT the following individuals be appointed/re-appointed as members and directors of the University of Toronto Press Board of Directors, effective immediately, for terms to continue until the 2019 Annual General Meeting, or until their successors are appointed:

Mr. Larry Alford
Ms. Ann Clavelle
Mr. Jake Gilbert
Mr. Stephen Knight (Chair)
Ms Elizabeth Lea
Professor Scott Mabury
Ms Anne MacDonald
Mr. Jim Myzyka – new member
Ms Catherine Pearce
Professor Dilip Soman
Ms. Martha Tory
Professor Rob Vipond
Mr. John Yates

c. Review of the Office of the Ombudsperson, 2017-2018

Be It Resolved

THAT the membership of the Committee to make a recommendation concerning the appointment of the University Ombudsperson be as follows:

P.C. Choo (Administrative staff governor)
Harvey Botting (Alumni governor), Chair
Mala Kashyap (Student governor)
N. Jane Pepino (Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council governor)
Andrea Sass-Kortsak (Teaching Staff governor)

Kelly Hannah-Moffat (Administrative Advisor)
Anwar Kazimi (Secretary)

15. Committee Members with the President

16. Committee Members Alone

The Committee returned to closed session

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary
October 18, 2018

Chair