

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 25, 2018**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL held on October 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall.

**Present:**

Claire Kennedy (Chair)  
N. Jane Pepino (Vice-Chair)  
Rose M. Patten, Chancellor  
Meric S. Gertler, President  
Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and  
Provost  
Harvey Botting  
David N. Bowden  
Catherine Bragg  
Susan Froom  
Gary D. Goldberg  
Edie Guo  
Mala Kashyap  
Paul Kingston  
Ulrich J. Krull  
Nykolaj F. Kuryluk  
Ernest W.N. Lam  
Mark Lautens  
Ron Levi  
Litos Li  
Brian D. Lawson  
Price Amobi Maka  
John Paul Morgan  
Catherine Riddell  
Jan K. Mahrt-Smith  
Douglas McDougall  
Harry Orbach-Miller  
Sandhya Mylabathula  
Andrea M. Sass-Kortsak  
Salvatore M. Spadafora  
Tom Sutherland

Andrew Szende  
Steven J. Thorpe  
Bruce Winter  
Samra Zafar

Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the  
Governing Council

**Secretariat:**

Alexandra Di Blasio  
Cindy Ferencz-Hammond  
Anwar Kazimi  
Patrick McNeill  
Rena Prashad  
David Walders

**Absent:**

Preet Banerjee  
P.C. Choo  
Jeff P. Collins  
Avrum I. Gotlieb  
Zabeen Hirji  
Mark Krembil  
Mohan Matthen  
Mark Henry Rowswell  
Nicholas Terpstra  
W. Keith Thomas

**In Attendance:**

Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations  
David Palmer, Vice-President, Advancement  
Ted Sargent, Vice-President, International  
Wisdom Tettey, Vice-President and Principal, UTSC

Althea Blackburn-Evans, Executive Director, Communication Partnerships  
Mark Britt, Director, Internal Audit  
Elizabeth Cragg, Director, Office of the Vice-President, University Operations  
Nora Gillespie, legal Counsel  
Anthony Gray, Director, Strategic Research, Office of the President  
Ellen Hodnett, University Ombudsperson  
Ira Jacobs, Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education  
Nadina Jamison, Assistant Vice-President, Strategic Initiatives  
Helen Lasthiotakis, Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships  
Bryn MacPherson, Assistant Vice-President & Chief of Protocol, Office of the President  
Susan McCahan, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs  
Jennifer McLean, Manager, Student Policy Initiatives & High Risk  
Steve Moate, Senior Legal Counsel, Office of the President  
Luc De Nil, Acting Dean, School of Graduate Studies  
Archana Sridhar, Assistant Provost  
Meredith Strong, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students  
Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students

Carey Davis, Pearson Scholar  
Muplangnan Hirse, Pearson Scholar  
Alison Keith, Director, Jackman Humanities Institute  
Neil ten Kortenaar, Professor of Comparative Literature and English,  
Michael Masson, College of Electors  
Srephen Tardiff, College of Electors

## **1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She offered a special welcome to Chancellor Rose Patten and informed Governors that the ceremony to install Dr. Patten as the 34<sup>th</sup> Chancellor of the University would take place on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Chair also extended a special welcome to Professor Doug McDougall, who had recently been elected as a teaching staff Governor.

The Chair reminded members that the Council of Ontario University Board Members Conference was scheduled for Thursday, November 29 and Friday, November 30, 2018.

## **2. Report of the President**

The President introduced University Professor Ted Sargent, who provided background information about the Lester B Pearson International Scholarship and introduced two recent recipients of the Scholarship, Ms Muplangnan Hirse, a 1<sup>st</sup> year student from Nigeria, and Ms Carey Davis, a second year student from the United States. He then invited them to make remarks.

Ms Hirse began by noting that it was a great honour to have received the Pearson Scholarship. She then outlined her journey, from growing up in Nigeria to attending secondary school in Brunei. She commented on how thankful she was to be studying at a world-class University, which reflected the diversity and multiculturalism of the City of Toronto.

Ms Davis also expressed her gratitude at receiving the Pearson Scholarship and noted that her interactions with students and professors at the University had inspired her to seek out opportunities to engage in social justice issues. She too commented on the diversity that existed at the University and within the City more broadly, which resulted in a rich learning experience.

Both the Chair and the President congratulated Ms Hirse and Ms Davis and thanked them for their inspiring remarks. The President then offered his report, which covered the following topics.

### Municipal Elections

The President reported on the results of the Municipal Elections held in October. He noted that John Tory and Bonnie Crombie had been re-elected as the Mayors of Toronto and Mississauga, respectively. He also reported on the results from the University's three local wards, and noted that both mayors and all three ward councillors were U of T graduates. In fact, Dr. Jennifer McKelvie, the Ward 25 Councillor (Scarborough-Rouge Park) was a three-time U of T grad and a former member of the UTSC Campus Council. The President noted that he looked forward to continuing to work with the mayors and local Councillors.

### 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, after a line-by-line audit, had recommended to the new Provincial government that adjustments be made to the Provincial Budget Plan for 2018-19. The spotlight had been cast on the broader public sector and 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.

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 result in 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. In addition, the University had launched a free-speech website last year as an online reference resource to the University's free speech and related policies.

The President reported that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities had recently cancelled three campus expansions initiated under the previous government, citing fiscal responsibility and accountability. The three proposed campuses were in Markham (York University in partnership with Seneca College), Milton (Wilfred Laurier University in partnership with Conestoga College) and Brampton (Ryerson University in partnership with Sheridan College). It was hoped that these cancellations would not portend future cutbacks in post secondary education more broadly.

### Federal Matters

The President reported that in late September he had met with Federal government officials in Ottawa and had very recently met with Minister of Finance, the Honourable Bill Morneau. During these meetings, the President had been engaged in pre-Budget advocacy to advance the University's priorities, including funding for the Research Support Fund and support for graduate students. Both issues had been endorsed by the Naylor report, but not implemented in the 2018 Federal budget.

The President also reported that discussions surrounding the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement had come to a successful conclusion with the United States, Canada and Mexico agreeing to the United States, Mexico and Canada Agreement.

### 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 forum. 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 some recent university rankings and highlighted the following:

- *Times Higher Education* – the University had moved up to 21 overall (9<sup>th</sup> among public universities world-wide, and 4<sup>th</sup> among public universities in North America).
- *Maclean's* – the University had tied with McGill University as 1<sup>st</sup> in the Medical-Doctoral category; and, for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> for overall reputation.

In reply to a member's question regarding the University's free speech policies, the President noted that the University would be examining its existing policies to ensure compliance with the new Provincial mandate. Another member inquired about the potential effect of Provincial budget cuts to OSAP on the University's principled commitment to access ["No student offered admission to a program at the University of Toronto should be unable to enter or complete the program due to lack of financial means", Policy on Student Financial Support]. Professor Gertler noted that, while it was difficult to speculate about the impact of future budget cuts, the University's commitment to access predated OSAP by many years and the University's had demonstrated a longstanding support for this principle.

The Chair thanked the President for his report.

### **3. Presentation: Jackman Humanities Institute**

Professor Alison Keith, Director, Jackman Humanities Institute (JHI), Professor of Classics and Women's Studies and Professor Neil ten Kortenaar, Professor of Comparative Literature and English, offered a joint presentation, [here](#), on the Jackman Humanities Institute. Their presentation

outlined the mandate of the JHI, the current JHI Fellowships, annual themes as well as six new “pillar” activities. Professor ten Kortenaar discussed his personal experience as one of the inaugural JHI Fellows, focussing on his experiences in Cape Town, South Africa.

The Chair thanked Professors Keith and ten Kortenaar for their presentation and congratulated them on the ten year anniversary of the JHI.

**4. *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.

Professor Emeritus Hodnett highlighted some of the matters raised in the *Report*, in particular a serious allegation against a particular academic unit. Professor Emeritus Hodnett expressed her satisfaction with the ongoing dialogue with administration to address this matters as well as other matters in the *Report*. Professor Hodnett praised the administration for the overall quality and clarity of the *Administrative Response*.

In reply to questions submitted in advance, Professor Hodnett noted that the Office of the University Ombudsperson attempted to assist all those who contacted the Office, including those from the University’s Federated Colleges. She also noted that the issue contained in the *Report* concerning response times from Campus Police had been addressed. Finally, she noted that if the Ontario Ombudsperson determined that a matter had been closed prematurely by the Office of the University Ombudsperson, this matter would be reported immediately to the administration for analysis.

The Chair thanked Professor Emeritus Hodnett for her important service in her role over the course of the last number of years.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

**IT WAS RESOLVED**

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and item 5 be approved

**5. *Report of the Previous Meetings of the Governing Council – June 27, 2018 and September 5, 2018***

The Report of the Previous Meetings, June 27, 2018 and September 5, 2018, were approved.

**6. *Business Arising from the Reports of the Previous Meetings***

There was no business arising from the Reports of the Previous Meeting.

## **7. 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 242 of the Business Board (October 9, 2018)
- e. Report Number 31 of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council (October 2, 2018)
- f. Report Number 31 of the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council (October 3, 2018)
- g. Report Number 83 of the Elections Committee (October 10, 2018)
- h. Report Number 498 of the Executive Committee (June 27, 2018)

## **8. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Governing Council was scheduled for December 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

## **9. Question Period**

Members enquired about proposed amendments to the *University of Toronto Smoking Policy*, particularly concerning consultation and the timing for the completion of a draft of the revisions. The Chair confirmed that the proposed revisions would be presented to the University Affairs Board for discussion and approval as a first step in governance. Professor Mabury noted that an evolutionary approach would be taken regarding the revisions in an effort to facilitate compliance. Professor Mabury also noted that a draft of the revisions was expected to be complete by the week of October 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. Other Business**

There were no items of other business.

### *In Camera Session*

## **11. Appointments**

### **a. Non-Governing Council Members of the Pension Committee**

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT Mr. Paul Whittam be appointed to the Pension Committee for the period January 1 to June 30, 2019.

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

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT Professor Douglas McDougall be appointed to the Planning and Budget Committee, University Affairs Board, and Academic Appeals Committee, effective immediately for the remainder of 2018-19, be approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Secretary

October 26, 2018

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Chair