

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL held on September 10, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. in the University of Toronto Council Chamber.

Present:

Ms Judy G. Goldring (Chair)
Ms Shirley Hoy (Vice Chair)
Professor Meric S. Gertler (President)
Mr. Faizan Sohail Akbani
Professor John S. Bland
Mr. Harvey Botting
Mr. David Norris Bowden
Mr. P.C. Choo
Mr. Jeff Collins
Ms Janet L. Ecker
Ms Susan Froom
Mr. Gary D. Goldberg
Professor Avrum I. Gotlieb
Professor William A. Gough
Professor Hugh P. Gunz
Ms Zabeen Hirji
Ms Sandra Hudson
Mr. Alex Iovic
Ms Claire M.C. Kennedy
Professor Paul Kingston
Mr. R. Mark Krembil
Professor Ernest W.N. Lam
Ms Nancy Carolyn Lee
Professor Jan Mahrt-Smith
Mr. John Paul Morgan
Ms N. Jane Pepino
Professor Cheryl Regehr
Ms Catherine Riddell
Mr. Mark Henry Rowswell
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak
Mr. Riaz Sayani-Mulji

Mr. Howard L. Shearer
Professor Elizabeth M. Smyth
Professor Salvatore M. Spadafora
Professor Janice Gross Stein
Mr. Andrew Szende
Professor Nicholas Terpstra
Mr. W. Keith Thomas
Professor Steven J. Thorpe
Mr. Bruce Winter
Mr. Lawrence Zhang

Mr. Louis R. Charpentier, Secretary of the
Governing Council

Secretariat:

Ms Mariam Ali
Ms Sheree Drummond
Mr. Anwar Kazimi
Mr. Patrick McNeill
Ms Rena Parsan
Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw
Mr. David Walders

Absent:

Mr. Ray Khan
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk
Mr. Brian D. Lawson
Dr. Gary P. Mooney
Mr. Ridwan Olow
Dr. Gary P. Mooney
Ms Melinda M. Rogers
Professor Hargurdeep Saini

In Attendance:

Professor Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations
Mr. David Palmer, Vice-President, Advancement
Professor Sioban Nelson, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs and Vice-Provost, Faculty and Academic Life
Professor Sandy Welsh, Vice-Provost, Students & First-Entry Divisions

Mr. Brian Miron, Member, Business Board

Mr. Paul Handley, Member, Business Board

Ms Elizabeth Cragg, Director, Office of the Vice-President, University Operations

Ms Nadina Jamison, Executive Director, Stakeholder Relations & Strategic Initiatives, Office of the President

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

Ms Archana Sridhar, Assistant Provost

1) Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the first meeting of the Governing Council for the 2015-16 academic year.

The Chair announced that President Gertler had been elected as a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy, the highest honour conferred by the Academy on non-British residents.

2) Report of the President

President Gertler reported that on July 6th, the University had received Arbitrator Kaplan's decision on the remaining issues regarding CUPE 3902 Unit 1. The Arbitrator accepted the submission of the University and determined that the renewal collective agreement should be based on the unratified Memorandum of Agreement reached between the University and the union bargaining team on March 18, 2015 without any additional amendments sought by the union at arbitration. The President noted that a large number of issues had already been resolved during the bargaining process and were in the process of being implemented while the University had awaited the arbitration results. President Gertler stated that the University remained focused on addressing the underlying issues of graduate student funding and the graduate experience, reiterating that these are best addressed through academic processes.

President Gertler informed Governors that the first round of the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) awards had been made in Toronto on July 28th and that the University's proposal, *Medicine By Design*, had received a \$114 million, the largest ever research grant in U of T's history. He noted that the University had received one-third of the total funding available in the first round.

President Gertler indicated that the University was working on a submission for round two of the CFREF in which a total of \$950 million would be available.

Turning to the Pan Am and ParaPan Am Games, President Gertler reflected on the University's experience as a host site. He said that the Games had afforded the University an opportunity to showcase the spectacular facilities located at the Scarborough and St. George campuses. He said that in his view the various events had been flawlessly staged and that the Games were a huge success for the University and the entire City.

On the subject of university rankings, President Gertler advised Governors that in the Academic Ranking of World Universities report produced by Shanghai Jiao Tong University released in August, the University of Toronto had ranked as one of the top 25 universities in the world, and was first among Canadian universities. He said that, over the past five years, the University consistently placed in the 24-28 range in the various world rankings.

President Gertler concluded by advising Governors that the University had participated in an announcement on September 3rd concerning Phase Two of the MaRS complex. At that announcement, it was confirmed that U of T would occupy four floors in the facility and that the University would hold a 20 per cent equity stake in the project. The President said that the arrangement would allow the University to have access to much needed first class lab space. He noted that on September 8th, it had been announced that U.S. based Johnson and Johnson Innovation Labs would occupy one of the floors in the MaRS complex. He noted that this would be the first Johnson and Johnson JLABs facility outside of the United States. In closing, he said that these announcements reaffirmed the long term importance of MaRS, and he reiterated his belief that students, faculty and the regional economy would benefit from Toronto's global contributions to the knowledge economy.

3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting of June 25, 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on June 25, 2015, were approved.

4) Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

5) Reports for Information

- a) Report on Approvals Under Summer Executive Authority

The Secretary indicated that there had been no approvals under Summer Executive Authority.

- b) Report Number 475 of the Executive Committee (June 25, 2015)

6) Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

7) Question Period

There were no questions for members of the senior administration.

A governor remarked positively on the new pedestrian crossing in front of Convocation Hall commenting on its good design and its functionality. Professor Scott Mabury acknowledged Ms Christine Burke and Ms Anne Macdonald who had been responsible for the project.

8) Other Business

The Chair reported that over the summer, she had received a letter from the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to formally advise the University that the amendment to the *University of Toronto Act* in Schedule 45 of Bill 91 had come into force on June 4, 2015, upon Bill 91 receiving Royal Assent. The amendment repealed subsection 2(4) of that *Act*, which provided that no person could serve as a member of the University's Governing Council unless the person was a Canadian citizen. The Chair noted that the amendment to the *Act* had been a priority for her, the President and the Governing Council and that she was very pleased that the requested change was acted upon by the Government of Ontario.

9) Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked Governors for their attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Secretary

Chair

September 10, 2015