

# **College of Electors**

## **An Overview of Governance at the University of Toronto**

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### **University of Toronto**

- **King's College** established by royal charter in 1827
- **University College**
- **Federated Universities**
  - St. Michael's
  - Trinity
  - Victoria

## **University of Toronto**

- 3 campuses
- 80 graduate departments and 30 interdisciplinary programs
- 28 academic divisions
- Over 70,000 undergraduate and graduate students
- 11,000 faculty and staff
- Over 475, 000 living graduates

## **University of Toronto**

### **Academic divisions:**

- 16 Faculties / Schools (14 professional)
- UTM, UTSC
- 4 Constituent Colleges
- 3 Federated Colleges
- Library
- School of Continuing Studies
- Massey College

## ***University of Toronto Act***

- defines the system of governance and specifies:
  - the composition of Governing Council
  - its powers and duties: “government, management and control of the University and of the property, revenues, business and affairs thereof are vested in the Governing Council”
  - how its members are to be chosen
  - that Council can determine the remainder of its structure

## **University Administration**

### **President**

- duties specified in *University of Toronto Act*
  - chief executive officer
  - appointed by the Governing Council

### **Vice-President and Provost**

- chief academic officer and chief budget officer
- appointed by the Governing Council

### **Deans and Principals**

- duties specified in *Policy on the Appointment of Academic Administrators*
- chief executive officer of the Faculty/College

## **Statement of Institutional Purpose**

The University of Toronto is committed to being an internationally significant research university, with undergraduate, graduate and professional programs of excellent quality.

## **Governing Council** **Membership**

### **50 Members**

President and Chancellor *ex officio*  
2 Presidential Appointees  
16 Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council Appointees  
8 Alumni  
12 Faculty  
8 Students  
2 Administrative Staff

# Being an Effective Member of Governing Council

- Act in the best interests of the University of Toronto as a whole
- Take a broad and long-range view when participating in collective decision-making
- Consider how the Council's decisions will affect the University, not just a particular constituency
- Engage in dialogue about policy, especially at level where matters are first introduced

## Governing Council

