

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
- Over 80 graduate departments offering degree and collaborative programs
- 30 academic divisions
- Over 70,000 undergraduate and graduate students
- 9,000 faculty and staff
- Over 489, 000 living graduates

University of Toronto

Academic divisions:

- 19 Faculties / Schools
- UTM, UTSC
- 4 Constituent Colleges
- 3 Federated Colleges
- Library
- School of Continuing Studies

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

The administration is responsible for the day-to-day business of the University and for implementing policies and strategic directions adopted by the Council.

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

Responsibilities of Members of Governing Council

- Essential role is to provide guidance on the University's long-term strategic direction and to provide oversight of the University's management.
- Fiduciary Duty – this includes components such as disclosure and avoidance of conflict of interest and maintaining confidentiality.
- Duty of Care – exercise a level of skill and diligence that can reasonably be expected given an individual's knowledge and experience.

Governing Council

