

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**REPORT NUMBER 78 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**May 23, 2017**

To the Executive Committee,  
University of Toronto

Your Committee reports that it met on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Falconer Room, room 107C, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Mr. Jeff Collins (Chair)  
Mr. P.C. Choo  
Ms Susan Froom  
Mr. Andrew Szende

**Regrets:**

Professor Sal Spadafora

*Secretariat:*

Mr. Patrick McNeill, Acting Secretary  
Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Chief Returning Officer (CRO)  
Ms Cindy Ferencz-Hammond, Deputy Returning Officer, University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM)\*  
Ms Rena Prashad, Governance Coordinator, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC)\*  
*\*Participated by teleconference.*

ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION.

**1. Report for the 2017 Elections for the Governing Council, the Academic Board, University of Toronto Mississauga and University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Councils and their Standing Committees**

The Chair stated that there was considerable work related to election matters for the multiple constituencies for the Governing Council and Academic Board elections, as well, for the UTM and UTSC Campus Council and their Standing Committees. He added that, despite the complexity and multi-faceted nature of the 2017 elections, the process had run smoothly and was successfully completed.

The Chair invited the CRO to present the *2017 Elections Report*.

Mr. Kazimi stated that the contents of the *Report* were consistent with previous reports from the last three to four years; no significant issues had been identified and there had been no requirement for the Elections Committee in their role as *Election Overseers* to meet.

Members discussed the ongoing challenges regarding voter turn-out. The University would continue to undertake outreach efforts across the three campuses to engage campus groups, student leaders, divisions and others to promote participation; as well as examine creative communication approaches, both during the nomination and voting periods.

The Chair thanked the CRO, the Deputy Returning Officers and UTSC Governance Coordinator for their efforts.

**2. Report of the Previous Meeting - Report Number 77 (October 31, 2016)**

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the Report of the previous meeting be approved.

**3. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**

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

**4. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**5. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**The Committee moved *In Camera*.**

As part of an ongoing review, members encouraged the incoming Elections Committee to further discuss the provisions of the *Election Guidelines*.

**The Committee moved back to open session.**

The Chair thanked members for their contributions over the past year, and expressed appreciation for the guidance provided. Mr. Collins stated that it would be his last meeting, as Chair, but that he would continue to be a member for the following academic year.

Members of the Committee and the CRO expressed their gratitude to the Chair for his leadership role. As a token of appreciation, Mr. Kazimi presented a chair to Mr. Collins in recognition of exemplary service and leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Acting Secretary

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Chair

May 29, 2017