

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 84 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

June 5, 2019

To the Executive Committee,
University of Toronto

Your Committee reports that it met on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the King's College Room, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Salvatore Spadafora*
P.C. Choo*
Keith Thomas*
Harry Orbach-Miller*

Regrets

Secretariat:

Anwar Kazimi, Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
Cindy Ferencz-Hammond, Deputy Returning Officer (DRO), UTM*
Patrick McNeill, DRO, St. George
Rena Prashad, Governance Coordinator, UTSC*

**Participated by teleconference*

ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION.

1. Report for the 2019 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 2018 elections, the process had run smoothly and was successfully completed.

The Chair invited the CRO to present the *2019 Elections Report*.

Mr. Kazimi stated that the contents of the *Report* were consistent with previous reports from the last several years. No election violations had been identified. The Committee was not required to meet in their capacity as *Election Overseers*.

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 83 (October 10, 2018)*

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: Thursday, October 10, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

5. Other Business

Mr. Kazimi advised members that, for the elections in 2019-20, the University would be moving to the U-elecT platform for all elections.

Mr. Kazimi offered sincere thanks to the Chair for his service as Chair and notified him that a chair would be presented to him at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

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