

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**REPORT OF THE COVID-19 SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

**August 10, 2020**

To the Governing Council,  
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. via virtual meeting with the following members present:

Claire Kennedy, Chair  
Brian Lawson, Vice-Chair  
Meric Gertler, President  
Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost

Secretariat:

Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council  
Anwar Kazimi, Deputy Secretary of the Governing Council

**1. *Policy on Non-Medical Masks or Face Coverings***

The Chair welcomed members and noted that pursuant to the mandate of the COVID 19 Special Committee that the Committee was being asked to consider an urgent matter that could not be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Business Board.

In introducing this item, Professor Regehr stated that the University was committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its faculty, librarians, staff, students, post-doctoral fellows, volunteers, visitors, and other community members. As part of this commitment, the University was seeking to implement this temporary *Policy* requiring non-medical masks or face coverings to be worn indoors in common-use spaces on University property. This *Policy* would build on a temporary administrative measure that had been adopted July 7, 2020. The accompanying Guideline to the *Policy* contained additional information and details about the application of the *Policy*, exceptions and accommodations, and the University's primarily educational approach to enforcement.

Professor Regehr noted that the administration had consulted the University of Toronto Faculty Association, unions representing a majority of U of T employees, the executives of the five representative student governments, as well as the heads of the federated universities and Principals and Deans. In addition, in accordance with the mandate of the COVID 19 Special Committee, the Chairs of the Business Board, University Affairs Board, and the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council had been consulted<sup>1</sup>.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the *Policy on Non-Medical Masks or Face Coverings*, dated August 10, 2020 be approved, effective immediately.

**2. *Other Business***

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Secretary  
August 10, 2020

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Chair

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<sup>1</sup> The Chairs of the Academic Board and the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council were unavailable.