College of Electors

An Overview of U of T Governance at U of T Election of Alumni Governors

October 16, 2007

University of Toronto

- **King's College established by royal charter in 1827**

- **University College**

- **Federated Universities**
  - **St. Michael's**
  - **Trinity**
  - **Victoria**

University of Toronto

- **operates under provincial statute -- *The University of Toronto Act, 1971***

- **autonomous, self-governing**

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**
- **434, 000 living graduates, including 6 Nobel laureates**

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

- $1.7 billion annual budget
- $375 million in research funding
- 10 fully affiliated hospitals
- $1.8 billion endowment
- library with 15 million holdings – among top 5 research libraries in North America

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.

President's Mandate

- **Increasing the University's capacity for creating knowledge, and advancing research and scholarship that is recognized internationally as outstanding among its peer institutions**

- **Enhancing the quality of student experience**

- **Fostering a culture that attracts, motivates, recognizes and retains excellent faculty**

President's Mandate

- **Building effective relationships that will advance the University's interests and those of post-secondary education in general; and**

- **Being a strong external representative and a champion of the University as a force for public good.**

Governing Council
Membership

50 Members

President and Chancellor _ex officio_

2 Presidential Appointees

16 Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council Appointees
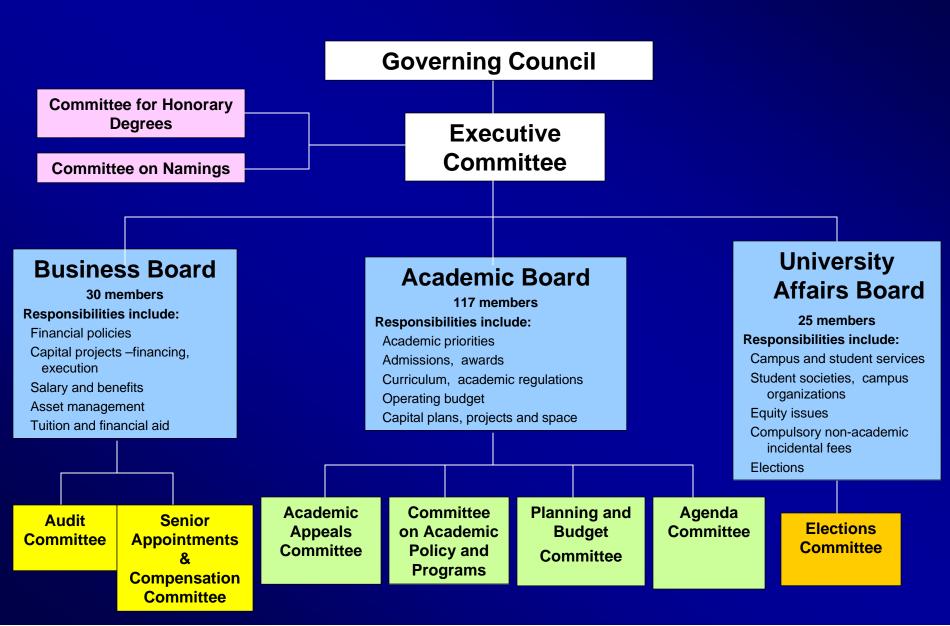
8 Alumni

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

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Committee for Honorary Degrees

Committee on Namings

Executive Committee

Business Board

30 members

Responsibilities include:

Financial policies

Capital projects –financing, execution

Salary and benefits

Asset management

Tuition and financial aid

Academic Board

117 members

Responsibilities include:

Academic priorities

Admissions, awards

Curriculum, academic regulations

Operating budget

Capital plans, projects and space

University Affairs Board

25 members

Responsibilities include:

Campus and student services

Student societies, campus organizations

Equity issues

Compulsory non-academic incidental fees

Elections

Audit Committee

Senior Appointments & Compensation Committee

Academic Appeals Committee

Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

Planning and Budget Committee

Agenda Committee

Elections Committee

Election of Alumni Governors

- **Three of eight seats will be open as of July 1, 2008**

- **Two of the three incumbents are eligible for re-election**

- **Three-year terms, maximum term of nine years**

- **Nomination form will reflect advice given by the Chair of the Governing Council and the President on important qualities of candidates**

Election Process

- **Nominations open Friday, January 11, 2008 at noon**

- **Nominations close Monday, February 25, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

- **College reviews nominations March 10, 2008**

- **Alumni Governors elected by College April 3, 2008**

Alumni Governors' Assignments

- **Each spring, members of the Governing Council are canvassed about their preferences for standing committee and board assignments for the coming year**

- **Balance of skills, experience, and interest among members is considered**

- **The Governing Council makes appointments of members to its Boards/Committees by end of June**