

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT 141 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

December 4, 2007

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in the Falconer Room, Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Michael Marrus (In the Chair)
Professor Brian Corman
Professor Vivek Goel, Vice-President and Provost
Professor Clare Beghtol
Professor Rick Halpern
Mr. James Janeiro
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair, Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Professor Avrum Gotlieb
Professor Edith Hillan

In Attendance: Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 140 of the meeting held on October 31, 2007 was approved.

2. Business Arising

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

3. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

4. Other Business

The Chair commented that in the previous year Professor Goel had presented highlights from the Performance Indicators Accountability Report at the Academic Board meeting. He noted that such reports formed an important part of the governance process at the University. The Report would be provided for information to the Executive Committee on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 and to the Governing Council on Thursday, January 17, 2008. Upon discussion, members agreed that the Report should be presented to the Academic Board at the meeting of

4. Other Business (cont'd)

Thursday, January 31, 2008¹. Professor Goel would highlight the results from the Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey, which were very positive.

The Chair stated that since the revision to the constitution of the School of Graduate Studies², a number of divisions had been amending their constitutions to reflect changes to graduate education governance. The terms of reference of the Academic Board called for new or revised divisional constitutions to be considered by the Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee. Because of the current terms of reference, minor revisions to divisional constitutions had to be considered by the full Academic Board. The Chair suggested that approval of such minor revisions might be more appropriately assigned to the Agenda Committee. The Committee agreed that the Chair recommend to the *Towards 2030* Task Force on University Governance that authority for approval of minor revisions to divisional constitutions be delegated to the Agenda Committee by the Academic Board.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

5. Academic Administrative Appointments

On motion duly moved and seconded

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointments:

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Department of Civil Engineering

Professor Brenda McCabe

Chair and Graduate Chair

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2012

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Professor Meric Gertler

Interim Dean

March 1, 2008 to June 31, 2009 or until a new Dean takes office

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Professor Donna Tussing Orwin

Acting Chair and Acting Graduate Chair

January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

Professor David Mock

Dean

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012 (Re-appointment)

¹ Secretary's Note: The dates of the Performance Indicators presentations have since been rescheduled as follows: Executive Committee on Monday, February 25, 2008; Governing Council on Tuesday, March 4, 2008; and Academic Board on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

² Revisions to the Constitution of the School of Graduate Studies were confirmed by the Executive Committee on April 21, 2006.

The Committee returned to open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Secretary
December 20, 2007

Chair