

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT 142 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

January 16, 2008

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the Falconer Room, Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Michael Marrus (In the Chair)
Professor Brian Corman
Professor Clare Beghtol
Professor Vivek Goel, Vice-President and Provost
Professor Rick Halpern
Professor Edith Hillan, Vice-Provost, Academic
Mr. James Janeiro

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Professor Avrum Gotlieb
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak

In Attendance: Professor Miriam Diamond, Vice-Chair, Planning and Budget Committee
Mr. Matthew Lafond, Committee Secretary, Office of the Governing Council
Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost
Ms Linda Vranic, Director, Operations, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 141 of the meeting held on December 4, 2007 was approved.

2. Business Arising

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

3. Academic Board Agenda – Thursday, January 31, 2008

Members reviewed the agenda for the January 31st Academic Board meeting. The governance path for approval of the proposed change of degree designation for the Management Specialist Program at the University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) from an Honours Bachelor of Arts to a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) was discussed. Members unanimously agreed that it was appropriate for this item to be considered for approval by the Academic Board with confirmation by the Executive Committee¹, rather than requiring Governing Council approval. The B.B.A. degree already existed at the University, and there would be no changes to the current program other than the degree name change.

¹ Section 5.3.2 of the Academic Board's Terms of Reference lists "Extensively restructured and/or renamed degree, diploma or certificate programs" as matters requiring Executive Committee confirmation.

3. Academic Board Agenda – Thursday, January 31, 2008 (cont'd)

During the discussion of the University of Toronto Parchment Redesign agenda item, members suggested that the size of the seals on the sample degree and honorary degree parchments be enlarged. As well, some members expressed their dislike of the Zapfino font used for the name of the candidate. Due to security concerns, it was decided that the sample degree and honorary degree parchments would not be posted on the website of the Academic Board; instead, copies would be available for inspection at the meeting.

Members reviewed documentation for the agenda item concerning the proposal to establish the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies as an Extra-Departmental Unit B (EDU:B). The reporting structure for directors of EDU:B's was discussed, and it was suggested that it would be desirable to achieve consistency of such structures as future units were developed.

Upon review of Report Number 132 of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) of the meeting held on January 8, 2008, members determined that Academic Board approval and Executive Committee confirmation for the following AP&P items was unnecessary:

- Item 5. University of Toronto at Scarborough (UTSC): Three-Minor Combination for Honours Degree - Discontinuation
- Items 9. Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy: Parchment Recognition of Graduation with Honours
- Item 10. Woodsworth College: Parchment Recognition of Graduation with Honours

4. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

5. Other Business

The Agenda Committee declined a request that the closure of the United Church of Canada/Victoria University Archives be placed on the agenda for the next Academic Board meeting. It was noted that as a legal entity separate from the University of Toronto, Victoria University could make decisions under the jurisdiction of its Board of Regents.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

6. Academic Administrative Appointments

On motion duly moved and seconded

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointments:

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Professor Robert Baker

Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Education and Research
April 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2009, or until the current
Interim Dean returns to his role

6. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Professor Richard Reznick Chair, Department of Surgery
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2012 (Re-appointment)

ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION

Dr. Mark Evans Associate Dean, Teacher Education
July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011

The Committee returned to open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Secretary
January 23, 2008

Chair