

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**REPORT NUMBER 65 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**June 20, 2011**

To the University Affairs Board,  
University of Toronto

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 4:05 p.m. in the Falconer Room, Room 107C, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Professor Bill Gough (Chair)  
Professor Emeritus Michael Marrus  
Mr. Olivier Sorin

Regrets: Ms Diana Alli  
Ms Shirley Hoy

Secretariat:  
Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Chief Returning Officer  
Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

In this report all items are reported to the University Affairs Board for information.

**1. Reports of the Previous Meetings**

The following reports were approved.

Report Number 62 (September 29, 2010)  
Report Number 63 (February 3, 2011)  
Report Number 64 (March 22, 2011)

**2. Business Arising from the Reports of the Previous Meetings**

There was no business arising from the Reports of the previous meetings.

**3. Report of the 2011 Governing Council and Academic Board Election Process**

Mr. Anwar Kazimi, the Chief Returning Officer (CRO), presented the Report of the 2011 Governing Council and Academic Board Election Process to the Committee. He commented that while numerous steps were taken by the Office of the Governing Council to advertise the Governing Council and Academic Board election process, greater assistance from other units within the University was needed in order to increase awareness of the process. A copy of the Report is attached hereto as [Appendix "A"](#).

#### **4. Community Input on the 2011 Election Process**

The Chair noted that a call for submissions on the 2011 elections process had been sent electronically to members of the University community in the spring, upon completion of the election period. There had been a decrease in the number of responses received this year (54) in comparison with 2010 (73); however, the majority of respondents had been students. A member observed that a number of respondents had admitted to having very little knowledge of the functions of the Governing Council. Another member stated that, in his opinion, it would be worthwhile to continue to gather feedback about elections from the University community.

#### **5. Consultation on Governing Council and Academic Board Election Operations**

The Chair noted that the Committee had been invited to provide advice to the Implementation Committee on the recommendations regarding elections contained in the *Report of the Task Force on Governance*. During the discussion that followed, members agreed that, in general, they were in agreement with and supportive of the recommendations. However, further consideration of some issues, such as the appropriate balance of representatives within the various estates and across campuses, would need to occur before the Committee could provide specific advice. A member stated that, in his opinion, a candidate's success in the Governing Council or Academic Board elections should not be contingent on the division to which he or she belonged; the member was of the view that individuals who were able to obtain the greatest number of votes should be granted seats on those bodies.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

The Committee discussed ways in which it might serve an expanded role within governance.

The Committee returned to open session.

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in the Fall, 2011.

#### **7. Other Business**

The Chair thanked members for their contributions over the past year. He stated that their guidance and willingness to set aside time to attend the hearings and appeals during the election period was greatly appreciated. The Chair expressed special thanks to Mr. Sorin, who was completing his term on the Committee and on the Governing Council. A member thanked the Chair for his leadership over the past year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Secretary  
July 29, 2011

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Chair