

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 182 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

May 22, 2012

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Ellen Hodnett (Chair)
Dr. Avrum Gotlieb
Professor Hugh Gunz
Ms Judith Poë*
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak
Professor Charmaine Williams

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Ms Virginia Coons
Professor Cheryl Misak
Professor Cheryl Regehr

In Attendance: Professor Edith Hillan, Vice-Provost, Faculty and Academic Life
Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council
Ms Sheree Drummond, Assistant Provost
Dr. Jane Harrison, Director, Academic Programs and Policy, Office of the Vice-President and Provost

*participated by videoconference

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 181 of the meeting of May 1, 2012 was approved.

2. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

3. Reviews of Academic Programs and Units: Report, September 2011 – March 2012

The Chair noted that the Committee was responsible for identifying any general academic issues from the summary of reviews of academic programs and units that warranted discussion by the Academic Board. Documentation, including the April 3, 2012 Report of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) that contained a record of that body's discussion of the reviews had been made available to members. Invited to comment, Professor Sass-Kortsak, Chair of AP&P, stated that there had been a full discussion of the reviews at the AP&P meeting. It had been consistently noted that most of the reviews had been positive, and, where some issues had been identified, the divisional leaders had clearly outlined plans for addressing the matters. In her view, there were no areas of concern that needed to be brought to the Board's attention. A member commented that there had been some discussion at the AP&P meeting of tri-campus issues. In particular, one member had pointed to the need to consider the relationship between the School of Graduate Studies, the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) and the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) with respect to the development of graduate programs.

It was noted that seven of the reviews conducted in 2011-2012 would be among the first reports submitted to the Quality Council by the University since the *University of Toronto Quality Assurance Process* had been adopted. Executive summaries of the review processes (including the review that had been conducted by AP&P) would be made publicly available on the website of the Office of the Vice-President and Provost. The Committee agreed that it would be valuable for an oral summary of the review process to be provided by Professor Sass-Kortsak at the May 31, 2012 Academic Board meeting.

4. Academic Board Agenda – Thursday, May 31, 2012

The Chair reminded members that the Annual Report on Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates Awarded had been posted on the Academic Board website, as was required by the Board's revised Terms of Reference. Board members had been notified by email of the electronic publication of the report, and one question regarding certificates had been submitted by a member. Members agreed that the adjournment of the May 31st Board meeting should be extended from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. due to the number of items of business that would need to be considered. It was also agreed that, because a written report had been submitted, the Annual Report of the University's Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague should be placed on the consent agenda.

During the discussion of one of the proposed agenda items - the Terms of Reference for the UTM and UTSC Campus Councils - Mr. Charpentier provided an overview of the consultation and development process that had been undertaken since the Fall, 2011. The draft governance documents represented the outcome of work that had been conducted in collaboration with representatives from the UTM and UTSC campuses. A member stated that, in her view, there was strong and growing opposition to the UTM document and to the decision to present the document for information at a special meeting of the Erindale College Council on Monday, May 28th - a time of year when a number of members of the community (students and teaching staff) would not normally be on campus. The member suggested that consideration of the Terms of Reference be delayed until the Fall, 2012 to allow greater participation by Council members at that time. Mr. Charpentier replied that the meeting had been

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previously advertised to Council members. Input provided at the meeting would be carefully considered and would inform decisions about the next steps. At the moment, it was planned that the Terms of Reference would be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Governing Council for consideration at its meeting on June 11th and subsequently to the Council itself for approval on June 25th. In response to another comment, Mr. Charpentier assured the Committee that, in general, there would not be increased levels of central governance approval required for proposals forwarded by UTM or UTSC. The proposed Campus Councils and their standing committees would function in a manner similar to that of Faculty Councils. However, it was possible that in some instances proposals would require an additional level of approval during the transition process of delegation of authority from the Governing Council. A member pointed out that there would be further opportunity for discussion of the item at the Academic Board meeting because the proposed terms of reference had been placed on the regular agenda, rather than on the consent agenda. After review, the Committee approved the draft agenda.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that its final meeting would be moved from Tuesday, June 26, 2012 to Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Prior to that, the Committee would also meet on Tuesday, June 12th at 3:00 p.m. to consider a number of proposed academic administrative appointments.

6. Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

7. 2012-2013 Nominating Committee for the University Tribunal and the Academic Appeals Committee Appointments

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the following individuals be appointed to the 2012-2013 Nominating Committee for the University Tribunal and the Academic Appeals Committee for terms from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Professor Mayo Moran, Chair and President's designate
Mr. Cary Ferguson, student member of the Governing Council
Professor Edward Iacobucci, teaching staff member of the Governing Council
Ms Maureen Simpson, former alumni member of the Academic Board

8. Academic Administrative Appointments

The decision on one appointment was deferred until further information could be provided by the Division.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The following academic administrative appointments:

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Professor Edward H. Sargent Vice-Dean, Research
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Professor James DiCenso Acting Chair and Graduate Chair, Department for the Study of
Religion
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Professor Adrienne Hood Acting Chair, Department of History
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Professor Norman Murray Director, Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016 (renewal)

Professor Keren Rice Chair and Graduate Chair, Department of Linguistics
July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Professor Dimitri Anastakis Vice Dean, Continuing Education and Professional Development
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017

Professor Fei-Fei Liu Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017

The Committee returned to closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary
May 23, 2012

Chair