

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 190 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

April 23, 2013

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Ellen Hodnett (Chair)
 Professor Doug McDougall
 Professor Cheryl Misak
 Ms Judith Poë
 Professor Cheryl Regehr
 Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Ms Katharine Ball
 Dr. Avrum Gotlieb
 Professor Hugh Gunz
 Professor Alison Keith

In Attendance: Professor Elizabeth Cowper, Member of the Governing Council and Vice-Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee
 Mr. Louis R. Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council
 Ms Archana Sridhar, Assistant Provost

1. Approval by Electronic Ballot

The Chair noted that, following the previous meeting, the Committee had considered one academic administrative appointment by means of electronic ballot. She read the resolution of March 27, 2013 into the record.

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointment:

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Professor David Cameron

Interim Dean
May 21, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or until the
appointment of a new Dean, whichever comes first

2. Convocation Ceremonial Procedures – Revised Language for Admission to Degrees

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council spoke to three matters relating to convocation ceremonial procedures. He advised the Committee that a revision to the Chancellor’s Latin text used for the Admission to Degrees portion of each University of Toronto convocation ceremony had been approved recently by the Academic Board Subcommittee on Convocation Ceremonial Procedures. The original text had been revised slightly, acknowledging both the University of Toronto’s worldwide community of graduates and the institution’s aspiration to help educate global citizens. The revised text, which is provided below, would be implemented as of the June 2013 convocation ceremonies.

*Ad profectum huius provinciae
huiusque magnae patriae,
et ad profectum omnium nationum omnibus
in terris coniunctarum,
ego,
ex auctoritate mihi et toti Universitati
commissa
admitto vos ad gradus varios
quorum iura vobis do
et peto quoque ut omnia conficiatis munera
quae ad illos gradus pertinent*

*To the benefit of this province,
This great country,
And to the worldwide community of nations,
I,
By the authority vested in me
And in the whole University,
Admit you to your various degrees,
Grant to you the rights,
And ask of you the responsibilities,
Of doing all those things
Which pertain to those degrees.*

Mr. Charpentier then spoke to the proposed *Guidelines on the Role and Appointment of University Ambassadors* and the proposed revisions to the *Policy on Presiding Officers for Convocation*. He pointed to the increasing demands placed on the Chancellor and others who were required to participate annually in the University’s 32 convocation ceremonies. The proposed revisions to the *Policy* would allow Chancellors Emeriti, Presidents Emeriti and University Ambassadors to serve as presiding officers in specific circumstances. The Chancellor would retain primary responsibility for presiding over the ceremonies, but other senior volunteers could be called upon to assist, when appropriate. An appendix summarizing the options for presiding offers had been added to the *Policy* for clarity.

The proposed *Guidelines* would allow for the establishment of a small corps of University Ambassadors, from which the President could invite individuals to fulfill specific ceremonial responsibilities from time to time. These volunteers, who would be drawn from the University community based on criteria outlined in the *Guidelines*, could serve a maximum of six consecutive years.

A member stated that she recognized the value of having the proposed University Ambassadors represent the University at external events, and she commented that, in her view, all students, and particularly University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) and University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) students, would be particularly keen for the Chancellor and the President to be present at their ceremonies. Mr. Charpentier acknowledged the importance to all students, including those at UTM and UTSC, of graduating in Convocation Hall. He explained that the option of drawing on University Ambassadors to preside over convocation was not intended to

2. Convocation Ceremonial Procedures – Revised Language for Admission to Degrees (cont'd)

be a usual practice and there were University officers who could be called upon to act on behalf of the Chancellor or the President. Following further discussion, the Committee agreed to place the proposed *Guidelines* and the proposed revised *Policy* on the May 2, 2013 Academic Board meeting agenda.

3. Reviews of Academic Programs and Units: Semi-Annual Report, April 16, 2013

Professor McDougall provided a brief overview of the discussion of the review of reviews of Academic Programs and Units that had occurred at the April 16th meeting of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs. Ten external reviews had been commissioned by the respective Deans. A member observed that for two of the reviews, reviewers had commented on the issue of time to degree completion by doctoral students. Professor Misak stated that the matter was being examined across the University with a view to ensuring that doctoral programs could be completed within an appropriate time frame. The Committee decided that Professor McDougall should provide an overview of the reviews at the May 3rd Academic Board meeting.

4. Academic Board

a) Education Session Topics

The Chair observed that the education sessions that had been presented at each Academic Board meeting for the year had been very well-received by members. Noting that the May 3rd Board meeting agenda was very full and that a presentation would be given by the Vice-President, Research and Innovation that day, the Chair suggested that the previously planned presentation on teaching excellence be removed from the agenda. Members agreed and suggested that it was best to have at most one presentation per meeting. The teaching excellence topic could be considered for a 2013-14 Board meeting.

b) Review and Approval of Agenda – Thursday, May 2, 2013

Members reviewed and approved the Academic Board agenda for the May 2nd meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted.

5. Approval of the Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 189
– March 12, 2013

Report Number 189 of the meeting held on March 12, 2013 was approved.

6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from Report Number 189.

7. Date of Next Meeting – Friday, May 24, 2013, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

8. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

9. Academic Administrative Appointments

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointments.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Prof. John Astington	Acting Director Centre for Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 (while Director is on approved leave)
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Professor Joshua Barker	Acting Chair and Graduate Chair Department of Anthropology July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (while Chair is on approved leave)
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Professor Joe Desloges	Principal Woodsworth College July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 (re-appointment)
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Professor Eva-Lynn Jagoe	Acting Director Centre for Comparative Literature July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (while Director is on approved leave)
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9. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE (cont'd)

Professor Stephen Julian	Chair, Department of Physics July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018
Professor Sheldon Lin	Acting Chair, Department of Statistical Sciences July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (while Chair is on approved leave)
Professor Peter Martin	Interim Director Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics (extension) July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, or until a new Director has been appointed, whichever occurs first.
Professor Kumar Murty	Chair Department of Mathematics (renewal) July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017 (includes a one-year approved leave)
Professor Jay Pratt	Vice-Dean, Research and Infrastructure July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2019 (includes a one-year approved leave)
Professor Nestor Rodriguez	Acting Chair and Graduate Chair Department of Spanish & Portuguese July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (while Chair is on approved leave)
Professor Paul Stevens	Acting Chair Department of English July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Professor Markus Bussmann	Vice-Dean, Graduate Studies July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018
Professor Christopher Yip	Director and Graduate Chair Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018

9. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Professor Howard Lipshitz Chair, Department of Molecular Genetics
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2016
(revised term of office)

LAWRENCE S. BLOOMBERG FACULTY OF NURSING

Professor Ann Tourangeau Associate Dean Academic
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018

ONTARIO INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES IN EDUCATION (OISE)

Professor Douglas McDougall Chair and Graduate Chair
Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, OISE
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018
(renewal)

ROTMAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Dr. Beatrix Dart Associate Dean, EMBA, Omnium and the Women's
Initiative
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018
(renewal)

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Professor Alan Bewell Chair, Graduate Department of English
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016
(renewal; includes one year approved leave)

Prof. Donald Jackson Chair, Graduate Department of Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2019
(includes one year approved leave)

Professor James Stafford Chair, Graduate Department of Statistical Sciences
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017
(renewal; includes one year approved leave)

9. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

Professor Shafique Virani Chair, Department of Historical Studies
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
(extension)

Professor Rebecca Wittmann Chair, Department of Historical Studies
July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

Professor Christine Bolus-Reichert Chair, Department of English
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017
(renewal; includes one year approved leave)

Professor George Cree Chair, Department of Psychology
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018
(includes one year approved leave)
and
Interim Chair, Graduate Department of
Psychological Clinical Sciences
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Dr. Karen McCrindle Director, Centre for French and Linguistics
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018
(includes one year approved leave)

Professor David Zweig Chair, Department of Management
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2019
(includes one year approved leave)

The Committee returned to closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Secretary
April 29, 2013

Chair