

# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## COLLEGE OF ELECTORS

Minutes of the College of Electors meeting held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, University of Toronto.

### **Present:**

Dr. Geeta Yadav (UTAA) (Chair)  
Mr. Oliver Jerschow (University College)  
(Vice-Chair)  
Mr. Dan Acheson (Woodsworth College)  
Mr. Mike K. Amos (UTM)  
Mr. Neville Austin (Faculty of Music)  
Ms Taleen Chouljian (Rotman)  
Ms Ann Clarke (UTSC)  
Ms Josephine L. Comegna (Victoria College)  
Ms Sandra Comisarow (Nursing)  
Dr. Perry Cooper (Medicine)  
Mr. David Drew (Kinesiology)  
Ms Beverley Giblon (Physical Therapy)  
Mr. Jason Glover (UTSC)  
Mr. Kevin Golding (UTM)  
Ms Sana Halwani (Law)  
Mr. Paul Haynes (Victoria College)  
Ms Nancy E. Hill (Engineering)  
Ms Nadine Ibrahim (Engineering)  
Ms Candice Jay (UTM)  
Ms Doris Kalamut (Pharmacy)  
Mr. Sean Kiefte (Woodsworth)  
Ms Tracey King (OISE)  
Mr. Joel Leon (Architecture)  
Ms Rachele Levin (Forestry)  
Mr. Paul Lindblad (New College)  
Ms Amy Matchen (University College)  
Mr. Robert A. Patrick (Innis College)  
Mr. David F. Poirier (Engineering)  
Dr. Peeter Poldre (Medicine)  
Dr. Lesley Pollard (Dentistry)  
Mr. Igor Siljanovski (New College)  
Ms Dorinda So (UTSC)  
Mr. Michael Stargiannis (Engineering)  
Ms J. Alison Stirling (Information)  
Mr. Ho K Sung (University College)  
Ms Joanne Thanos (Public Health)  
Ms Anne Venton (OISE)  
Mr. John Whittall (Trinity)

### **Secretariat:**

Ms Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council  
Mr. Patrick McNeill, Secretary

### **Regrets:**

Mr. Reza Hassanirad (OISE)  
Ms Sheila V. Neuburger (Social Work)  
Ms Nikoletta Papadopoulos (OISE)  
Ms Maureen L. Simpson (Trinity College)  
The Honourable Bryon Wilfert (UTSC)

### **Guests:**

Mr. David Bowden, Alumni Governor  
Mr. Gary Goldberg, Alumni Governor  
Mr. Keith Thomas, Alumni Governor  
Ms Barbara Dick, Assistant Vice-President, Alumni Relations  
Ms Julia Knapp, Director, Alumni Programs and Services

## **1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the first College of Electors meeting for 2017-18.

## **2. Orientation**

A three-part orientation was provided for members. Ms Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council, spoke about governance at the University and the role of the College within University governance; Ms Barbara Dick, Assistant Vice-President, Alumni Relations, provided an overview of alumni relations at the University, including alumni engagement activities; the Chair and Vice-Chair outlined the specific functions of the College and the milestones for the coming year.

The Chair emphasized that each member of the College played an important role in governance throughout the year. The College represented all University alumni, not just constituent alumni, and it was responsible for considering the needs of the entire University. The Chair also stated that members were responsible for contributing to an increased awareness within the University community of the College, the Governing Council, and the work of alumni members of the Governing Council. Members were encouraged to provide regular updates about the work of the College to their constituent alumni associations.

The Chair noted that at the next meeting, the Chair of the Governing Council, the President of the University of Toronto, and the President of the University of Toronto Alumni Association would address the College regarding the attributes being sought for the two Alumni Governor seats that the College would elect in 2018.

On behalf of the College, the Chair thanked Ms Drummond and Ms Dick for their presentations.

## **3. Call for Nominations for the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee for Alumni Governors**

The Chair explained that one of the College's standing committees was the Nominating Committee for Alumni Governors (NC-AG), which comprised of the 5 members of the Executive Committee and three members elected annually by and from among the College. The functions of the NC-AG included the assessment of potential alumni governors relative to existing or projected needs within governance, in consultation with the College; interviewing the candidates; and providing the College with a list and report of recommended candidates for election under the provisions of the College's Constitution.

The Chair stated that nominations from interested members would be accepted until Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The Executive Committee would review the nominations and prepare a recommended slate for the College, to be considered at the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR BOARD APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and items approved.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – May 2, 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2017 were approved.

### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

### **6. College of Electors – Schedule of Meetings 2017-18**

Members received the 2017-2018 meeting schedule for information.

### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting would be held on Monday, November 13, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### **8. Other Business**

#### **Governing Council Calendar of Business (Fall 2017)**

Members reviewed the highlights of the items of business that would be considered by the Governing Council's Boards, Campus Councils and Committees prior to the end of the year. The Chair encouraged attendance at the Governing Council (GC) meeting and noted that the entire calendar of business was posted on the GC website and was updated every Friday. The next Governing Council meeting would be held on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

#### **Establishment of Working Group (Development & Communications)**

Members discussed the recommendations contained in the *Ad Hoc Working Group on Communications Report (dated April 24 2017)* which were considered by the College at its May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 meeting. The Chair reminded members that the *Report* had focused on developing concrete tools for sharing information with alumni associations to help raise awareness of the work of the College and about the ongoing need for each division within the University to identify prospective future alumni governors.

Mr. Leon and Mr. Acheson commented that the next step in the process was to draw upon the expertise at the University (i.e. VP Communications group) to develop a tool kit to help members engage with their associations and to help associations in reaching out to recruit

applicants for Alumni Governors and for the College of Electors. The Chair invited two additional volunteers to be part of the ongoing process.

## **9. Adjournment**

The Chair invited members to a reception that followed the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Secretary

September 29, 2017

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Chair