

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 77 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

October 31, 2016

To the Executive Committee,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on Monday, October 31, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the King's College Room, Room 134, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Mr. Jeff Collins (Chair)
Professor Sal Spadafora
Mr. Andrew Szende
Ms Susan Froom

Regrets:

Mr. PC Choo

Secretariat:

Mr. David Walders, Secretary
Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Deputy Secretary of the Governing Council and Chief Returning Officer (CRO)
Mr. Patrick McNeill, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council and Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)
Ms Mariam Ali, Committee Secretary, of the Governing Council*
Ms Amorell Saunders-N'Daw, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council and Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)*

**Participated by teleconference.*

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Mr. Kazimi offered an update on recently held by-elections for the Governing Council for one Part-Time Undergraduate Student and one faculty representative from the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design. Ms Ali and Ms Saunders-N'Daw provided updates regarding recent elections at the UTM and UTSC campuses, respectively.

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1. Election Guidelines 2017

Mr. Anwar Kazimi provided an overview of the proposed revisions and update to the *2017 Guidelines*, outlining the following major proposed changes:

- Definition of “Administrative Staff”: clarity would be provided with respect to the definition of “Administrative Staff” to reflect the current operational definition of administrative staff.
- Eligibility - Member of Estate: candidates would be required to remain members of the estate and constituency from which they seek election from the nomination period until the end of term for the position - unless otherwise stated.
- Eligibility of Students: Professional Experience Year (PEY) Program: students participating in the PEY Program would be eligible to participate in the elections as full-time undergraduate students.
- Campaign Material: In order to ensure that all eligible voters and candidates be able to access campaign materials on a fair and equal basis, it was proposed that all campaign material be presented in either English and/or French.

Mr. Kazimi noted that in addition to these major changes there were several other changes that were administrative and editorial in nature.

In reply to comments from members, two editorial changes to the proposed revisions would be examined by the CRO and the Secretariat in advance of the proposed revisions being presented to the Executive Committee for approval. One change related to clarification that the proposed revision that campaign material be in either English or French pertain to written and printed campaign material. The second change related to timing for the delivery of the signed, original nomination forms to the office of the CRO.

2. Report of the Previous Meeting - Report Number 76 (September 29, 2016)

On motion duly made, seconded and carried

IT WAS APPROVED

THAT the report of the previous meeting be approved.

3. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

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4. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

5. Other Business

There were no items of other business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary
November 1, 2016

Chair