

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
**REPORT NUMBER 444 OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 6, 2012

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Mr. Richard Nunn, in the Chair
Ms Judy Goldring, Vice-Chair
Professor David Naylor, President
Mr. Brent S. Belzberg
Mr. P. C. Choo
Mr. Ken Davy
Professor William Gough
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk
Mr. Gary Mooney*
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak
Professor Elizabeth M. Smyth
Miss Maureen J. Somerville

Non-Voting Member:

Mr. Louis R. Charpentier

Secretariat:

Mr. Anwar Kazimi

Regrets:

Mr. Aly-Khan Madhavji

In Attendance:

Professor Ellen Hodnett, Chair, Academic Board and Member of the Governing Council
Mr. Christopher Lang, Director, Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances**
Professor Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations
Professor Cheryl Misak, Vice-President and Provost, and Member of the Governing Council
Ms B. Elizabeth Vosburgh, Chair, University Affairs Board and Member of the Governing Council
Mr. W. David Wilson, Chair, Business Board and Member of the Governing Council

1. Report of the President

a) Federal Government

The President informed the Committee that he had been a member of a delegation of research-intensive university presidents that had recently met with the Prime Minister, Mr. Stephen Harper. In light of likely impending budget cuts, the delegation had requested that the government sustain its support for research at post-secondary institutions and partners such as research hospitals. In the opinion of the President, Mr. Harper was aware of the importance of the granting councils. However, in the prevailing fiscal climate it was likely that the cuts to the federal budget, however modest, could impact all sectors. Further details would emerge with the announcement of the federal budget.

*Mr. Mooney participated by teleconference

**Mr. Lang was in attendance for item 11 only

1. Report of the President (cont'd)**b) Provincial Government**

The President reported on the Ontario Tuition Grant that had been announced by the provincial government. The grant provided post-secondary dependent students from families with a gross income \$160,000 or less up to \$1,600 per year as a bursary. The program would cost the government \$440 million and this amount was likely to escalate with any potential increase in tuition fees. The implementation of Ontario Tuition Grant had led to the elimination of Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS), a program where funds for low-income bursary enhancements raised by post-secondary institutions were matched by the provincial government. In addition, the Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship and Textbook and Technology Grant (TTG) had been discontinued.

It was hoped that any provincial budget cuts would not result in the proration of BIU (basic income unit) funding received by the universities from the provincial government. The President said that this was important in light of the expected growth in student enrolment numbers across the province.

The President reminded members that, in light of current fiscal challenges, the Government of Ontario had decided to cancel two rounds of the Ontario Research Fund – Research Excellence program, as well as the special round for the Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities. The potential impact of the cancellation of this funding on the University was approximately \$50 million. It was a matter of concern to the University as it affected faculty, as well as students who were also beneficiaries of this funding.

In closing, the President noted that low interest rates continued to be a challenge for the University in investments and pension commitments.

The Committee moved *in camera* .

The President briefed members on a confidential matter.

The Committee returned to closed session.

2. Consultation on *Towards 2030: The View from 2012*

The Provost informed members that she continued to engage the University community in providing an update to *Towards 2030*. A set of themes and sustained concerns had emerged as a result of the diverse input and advice received at over thirty meetings with various stakeholders across the University. The Provost intended to bring forward these themes to the Governing Council with a goal to engage with governors on the University's progress towards the objectives set out in *Towards 2030*. The themes would also form the basis of a document, an executive summary of which, would be brought forward to the Governing Council at a later governance cycle.

3. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

(a) Proposal for the Departmental Restructuring at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

(Arising from Report Number 177 of the Academic Board (January 26, 2012))

Professor Hodnett summarized the discussion at the Academic Board. Professor Misak noted that all stakeholders at OISE had worked successfully towards a collaborative process that had resulted in a well considered proposal.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT the Department of Adult Education and Counselling Psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education be disestablished effective July 1, 2012, and three of the four remaining units be renamed as follows:

- the current Department of Human Development and Applied Psychology to the Department of Applied Psychology and Human Development;
- the current Department of Theory and Policy Studies in Education to the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education; and
- the current Department of Sociology and Equity Studies in Education to the Department of Humanities, Social Sciences and Social Justice Education.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 177 of the Academic Board as [Appendix “B”](#).

(b) Capital Project: Project Planning Report for the University of Toronto Mississauga North Building Reconstruction, Phase A

(Arising from Report Number 177 of the Academic Board (January 26, 2012))

Professor Hodnett summarized the discussion at the Academic Board. In response to a question from a member, Professor Misak said that the proposed reconstruction of the North Building would allow for greater graduate activity and this had provided UTM with a rationale to use its allocation of the Graduate Expansion Fund towards this project.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

1. THAT the Project Planning Report for the University of Toronto Mississauga, North Building Reconstruction, Phase A, dated December 16, 2011, be approved in principle; and
2. THAT the project scope, covering 5,220 nasm, as identified in the Project Planning Report be approved in principle at a total project cost of \$56-Million with funding as follows:

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| Provincial Government | \$ 35.0M |
| Funds from borrowing | \$ 17.0M |
| UTM capital reserves | \$ 3.1M |
| <u>UTM Graduate Expansion Fund</u> | <u>\$ 0.9M</u> |
| Total | \$ 56.0M |

Documentation is attached to Report Number 177 of the Academic Board as [Appendix “C”](#).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that the items be approved.

3. **Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council** (cont'd)

(c) **Business Board: Revision to Terms of Reference**

(Arising from Report Number 194 of the Business Board (January 30, 2012))

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT section 1.1. of the Terms of Reference of the Business Board be amended to provide that there will be three voting administrative assessors selected by the President appointed *ex officio*.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 194 of the Business Board as [Appendix "C"](#).

4. **Reports of the Previous Meetings**

[Report Number 442](#) (December 5, 2011) and [Report Number 443](#) (December 15, 2011) - of the Executive Committee were approved.

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

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

6. **[Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting of December 15, 2011](#)**

The Minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on December 15, 2011 were placed on the table.

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Governing Council meeting.

8. **Reports for Information**

Members received the following reports for information:

- (a) [Excerpt from Report Number 177 of the Academic Board \(January 26, 2012\)](#)
- (b) [Report Number 193 of the Business Board \(December 12, 2011\)](#)
- (c) [Report Number 23 on Namings](#)

9. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday, March 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.**

10. Other Business

a) Update on the Implementation Task Force

Professor Gough, Chair of the Working Group on Tri-Campus Matters, informed members that he and the Secretary had attended two ‘town hall’ meetings at UTM – one with the faculty and alumni and the other with students. He noted that students had focussed on the composition and representation on the proposed campus councils. Overall, there had been an appreciation for and acceptance of the framework that had been presented. Professor Gough said that he and the Secretary had also met with UTM’s Governance Review Committee and that they were working with the Committee in the development of terms of reference for proposed governance structures

Professor Gough said that he and the Secretary had met with the new Chair of the UTSC Faculty Council. A meeting with the Executive of the UTSC Faculty Council had been planned in the near future to for the further consideration of the proposed governance process at that campus.

In closing, Professor Gough expressed hope that the Working Group would bring forward a proposal for the revised campus governance structure to the Governing Council for approval at its June 2012 meeting.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Professor Gough for his commitment in overseeing the implementation of the campus governance process.

b) Governing Council Meeting

The Committee agreed to grant the requests submitted by the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU) and the University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU) to address the Governing Council on the matter related to the Access Copyright.

c) Information Sessions for the Academic Board

Professor Hodnett informed the Committee that the Agenda Committee had considered suitable topics for future education sessions at the remainder of the 2012 calendar year meetings of the Academic Board. Professor Hodnett added that the Board had successfully adopted new procedures as a result of the approval of its revised terms of reference by the Governing Council.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT, pursuant to sections 28 (e) and 33 of *By-Law Number 2*, consideration of items 11-14 take place *in camera*, with the Board Chairs, Vice-Presidents, and Special Advisor to the President admitted to facilitate the work of the Committee.

11. Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: Recommendations for Expulsion

On individual motions duly moved, seconded, and carried,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT the President’s recommendations for expulsions, as outlined in the memoranda and supporting documentation from the Secretary of the Governing Council, dated January 30, 2012 for February 6, 2012, be confirmed.

12. External Appointments

(a) Hungarian Research Institute of Canada

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Professor Laszlo Endrenyi and Dr. Robert Austin be nominated as members and directors of the Hungarian Research Institute of Canada for three-year terms continuing until the 2015 annual meeting of the Institute and until their successors are appointed.

(b) University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation (UTAM)

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

- (a) THAT the following individuals be approved and nominated as members and directors of the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation for one-year terms until the 2013 annual meeting of the Corporation, and until their successors are appointed.

Ms Sheila Brown (*ex officio*)
Professor George Luste (UTFA)*, and
Mr. William W. Moriarty (*ex officio*)
Professor David Naylor (*ex officio*)

- (b) THAT Ms Catherine J. Riggall be approved and nominated as a member and director of the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation, and as Chair of its Board, effective immediately, for a term continuing to June 30, 2012, and until her successor is appointed.

The Vice-Presidents and Secretariat staff withdrew from the meeting.

13. Committee Members with the President

Members of the Executive Committee met privately with the President.

14. Committee Members alone

Members of the Executive Committee met privately.

The Committee returned to closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Acting Secretary

Chair

February 7, 2012

* Should the Faculty Association Council not approve Professor Luste's serving at the UTFA representative on the UTAM Board, another recommendation will be brought to the Executive Committee.