

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**REPORT 103 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

**February 14, 2003**

To the Academic Board,  
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Friday, February 14, 2003, at 12 noon in Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor W. R. Cummins, Chair  
Professor S. Neuman, Vice-President and Provost  
Professor A. Gotlieb  
Professor E. Hillan  
Mr. J. Hunter  
Professor P. Perron  
Professor J. J. B. Smith  
Professor C. Tuohy

Ms S. Girard, Secretary

Regrets: Professor B. Corman

**1. Report of the Previous Meeting**

The report of the previous meeting, Report Number 102 dated December 12, 2002, was approved.

**2. Academic Administrative Appointment**

Using the procedures approved by the Academic Board in October 1998 for expediting academic administrative appointments between meetings of the Board, the recommendation for an appointment had been circulated to Board members on February 6. All comments from Board members were supportive of the appointment.

On behalf of the Academic Board,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Professor Susan Horton be appointed Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean at the University of Toronto at Scarborough from February 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

It was noted during discussion that a member of the Board had expressed concern about the use of this process twice in a period of a little over seven days. The Chair undertook to ensure in future that the reasons for proceeding in a manner outside normal practice were compelling.

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**3. Academic Board Agenda – February 27, 2003**

The members discussed the agenda for the February 27, 2003 meeting.

The Chair noted that there were three items coming forward to the Board for approval, none of which was urgent. Because of the urgency of dealing with the clinical faculty issues before the end of March, Professor Neuman and the Chair had discussed holding a special meeting of the Board in March. It was proposed that the meeting of February 27 be cancelled and rescheduled to a date in March, at which time it was expected that a proposal concerning the dispute resolution mechanisms for clinical staff might be ready. Two dates were proposed: March 20 and March 24. A final decision would be made after a review of other commitments.

In response to a question, the Chair confirmed that there would be an opportunity at the March meeting to discuss the Report of the Provost's Accessibility and Career Choice Study in the Faculty of Law. It would appear on the agenda under items for information arising from the Report of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs.

**4. Procedural Matters**

**(a) Property Acquisition**

The Chair noted that because of time constraints, a proposal to acquire a property for use as a student residence had been dealt with in an expedited manner and had not been discussed by either the Planning and Budget Committee or the Academic Board in the usual course of business. The Executive Committee of the Governing Council had recommended that the proposal be debated by the Business Board and then proceed directly to the Governing Council. The Chair and Professor Gotlieb had discussed the procedure. Because of the planning implications of the proposed purchase, and because it was to be supported in a small part by operating funds, they agreed that the Planning and Budget Committee had a role to play and that it was important that its members be apprised of the planning and resource implications of such purchases and have an opportunity to comment on and debate the issues.

The Committee agreed to ask the Executive Committee to consider procedures for time-sensitive acquisitions in which the Planning and Budget Committee be delegated authority on behalf of the Academic Board to review the planning and resource implications of such purchases. The Committee could meet with the Business Board or separately, as time permitted.

**(b) Meeting Procedures**

In response to a member's concern, the Chair affirmed his intention to treat all members of the Board fairly and equally.

**5. Date of the Next Meeting**

The Chair noted that the next meeting was scheduled for March 24, 2003 at 12:00 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Secretary  
February 17, 2003  
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Chair