

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT 152 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

March 17, 2009

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the Forster Room, Room 229, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor Michael Marrus (Chair)
Professor Brian Corman
Professor Ragnar Buchweitz
Professor Cheryl Misak, Vice-President and Provost
Professor Rick Halpern
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair, Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Professor Avrum Gotlieb
Professor Edith Hillan
Ms Pamela Santora

In Attendance: Ms Sheree Drummond, Assistant Provost
Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost
Professor Wendy Rotenberg, Vice-Chair, Planning and Budget Committee

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 151 of the meeting held on February 12, 2009 was approved with a correction to the attendance list to add Professor Brian Corman.

2. Business Arising

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

3. Review of Academic Programs and Units 2007-08 - Annual Report Part I: Provostial Reviews

The Chair stated that the Agenda Committee was responsible for determining whether there were any issues of general academic importance arising from the Reviews of Academic Programs and Units that should be discussed at the Academic Board. Members had received Part I of the 2007-2008 summary of the reviews and the administrative responses. Members had also received the external reviews, as that documentation had been provided to the entire Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) this year.

Professor Sass-Kortsak reported that the reviews had been discussed at length at the AP&P meeting of March 3, 2009. AP&P had been satisfied that the summaries accurately reflected the

3. Review of Academic Programs and Units 2007-08 - Annual Report Part I: Provostial Reviews (cont'd)

complete reviews, and no issues of concern had been identified. Members of the Agenda Committee agreed that there were no matters arising from the reviews that required consideration by the Academic Board.

Members discussed the timing of submission of reviews and corresponding administrative responses to by governance bodies. In general, members were of the opinion that it was more beneficial for Governing Council to receive the administrative responses together with the reviews, even if that resulted in a delay of approximately one year, than to receive the reviews by themselves. During the year following the completion of the reviews, academic leaders were able to address any issues raised by the reviewers, and they could provide more meaningful responses. Professor Misak noted that one of the priorities of the incoming Vice-Provost, Academic Programs, would be to assess the process of reviews of academic programs and units. That would provide a further opportunity for the generation of recommendations to strengthen the process.

4. Academic Board Agenda – Thursday, March 26, 2009

Members reviewed the agenda for the March 26th Academic Board meeting. The Committee expressed a desire for the *Performance Indicators for Governance, 2008*, to be presented to the Board.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Forster Room.

6. Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

The Committee moved *in camera*.

7. Academic Administrative Appointments

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointments:

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Centre for Comparative Literature

Professor Neil ten Kortenaar

Director

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Medicine

Professor Wendy Levinson

Chair

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

7. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)

FACULTY OF MUSIC

Professor Gillian MacKay

Associate Dean, Graduate Education
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

LESLIE DAN FACULTY OF PHARMACY

The confidential recommendation for a senior academic administrative appointment presented by Professor Cheryl Misak, to be announced at a later date.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

Department of Computer and Mathematical Sciences

Professor Vassos Hadzilacos

Chair

April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012

The Committee returned to open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary
March 19, 2009

Chair