

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL meeting held on Wednesday,
March 30, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall.

Present:

Ms Rose M. Patten (In the Chair)	Professor Ian R. McDonald
Mr. John F. (Jack) Petch, Vice-Chair	Mr. Stefan A Neata
The Honourable Frank Iacobucci, Interim President	Dr. John P. Nestor
Ms Holly Andrews-Taylor	Ms Jacqueline C. Orange
Professor Mary Beattie	Mr. Andrew Pinto
Dr. Robert M. Bennett	Mr. Timothy Reid
Professor Pamela Catton	Ms Marvi H. Ricker
Dr. John R.G. Challis	Professor Arthur S. Ripstein
Mr. Shaun Chen	Professor Barbara Sherwood Lollar
Mr. P.C. Choo	Me. Stephen C. Smith
Professor W. Raymond Cummins	Miss Maureen J. Somerville
The Honourable William G. Davis	Ms Oriel Varga
Dr. Alice Dong	Professor John Wedge
Ms Susan Eng	Mr. Louis R. Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council
Dr. Shari Graham Fell	
Professor Vivek Goel	Secretariat:
Dr. Gerald Halbert	
Ms Shaila R. Kibria	Mr. Neil Dobbs
Ms Françoise Dulcinea Ko	Ms Cristina Oke
Mr. Ari David Kopolovic	

Absent:

Professor Philip H. Byer	Professor Michael R. Marrus
Professor Brian Corman	Mr. George E. Myhal
Dr. Claude S. Davis	Mr. Richard Nunn
Mr. Brian Davis	The Honourable David R. Peterson
Dr. Paul V. Godfrey	The Honourable Vivienne Poy
Dr. Joel A. Kirsh	Professor Jake J. Thiessen
Mr. Joseph Mapa	Mr. Robert S. Weiss
	Mr. W. David Wilson

In Attendance:

Mr. Husain Abogodieh, member-elect of the Governing Council
Mr. Ryan Campbell, member-elect of the Governing Council
Ms Coralie D'Souza, member-elect of the Governing Council
Mr. Ran Goel, member-elect of the Governing Council
Mr. Mahadeo Sukhai, member-elect of the Governing Council and President, Graduate
Students' Union

In Attendance (cont'd):

Professor Angela Hildyard, Vice-President, Human Resources and Equity
Ms Catherine Riggall, Vice-President, Business Affairs
Professor Carolyn Tuohy, Vice-President, Government and Institutional Relations
Mr. Andrew Drummond, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council
Ms Sheree Drummond, Assistant Provost
Professor David Farrar, Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost, Students
Dr. Beata Fitzpatrick, Assistant Vice-President and Director, Office of the President
Professor Edith Hillan, Vice-Provost, Academic
Ms Anne Lewis, Manager, Student Accounts
Ms Bryn MacPherson-White, Director of University Events and Presidential Liaison
(Advancement)
Ms Margaret McKone, Administrative Manager, Office of the Governing Council
Mr. Sam Rahini, Vice-President, External, Students' Administrative Council
Ms Silvia Rosatone, Manager of Convocations and Governance Committee Secretary
Mr. Howard Tam, Vice-President, University Affairs, Students' Administrative Council
Professor Ronald Venter, Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning
Professor Safwat Zaky, Vice-Provost, Planning and Budget

1. Chair's Remarks

(a) Welcome and Congratulations

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the meeting, and acknowledged the members-elect of the Governing Council who were in attendance at the meeting.

(b) Vice-Chair of Governing Council, 2005-06

The Chair announced that Mr. John F. (Jack) Petch had been acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Governing Council for 2005-06. The President congratulated the Chair on her acclamation as Chair of the Governing Council for 2005-06. On behalf of the University, he thanked her for her outstanding service and leadership. The University was very much in her debt. The President also expressed his congratulations and the University's gratitude to the Vice-Chair.

(c) Update on Presidential Search

The Chair referred members to the update on the Presidential Search, which was included on page 2 of Report 385 of the Executive Committee.

(d) Speaking Requests

The Chair informed members that five speaking requests had been received concerning tuition fees for international students, and she had granted all the requests. She would call on the speakers at the appropriate time in the meeting.

(e) Audio web-cast

The Chair reminded members that the meeting was being broadcast on the web, and that private conversations might be picked up and broadcast. She asked guests who were invited to speak to use a standing microphone so that their comments could be heard by those listening to the audio web cast.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings – February 10, 2005 and February 24, 2005

The minutes of the meetings held on February 10, 2005 and February 24, 2005 were approved.¹

3. Business Arising

There were no items of business arising.

4. Report of the President

The President reported on a number of matters.

(a) European Visit

The President described his recent trip to Europe. He had participated in a conference at the Canadian University Centre in Berlin, and had given a named lecture at the University of Genoa. He had been proud of the esteem in which the University of Toronto was held internationally, but he suggested that members of the University community think seriously of where the University of Toronto could improve its international record.

(b) National Institute for Evidence-Based Social Work

The President informed members of the announcement, earlier in the day, of the creation of a National Institute for Evidence-Based Social Work, which was a collaboration among the University of Toronto Faculty of Social Work, Bell Canada, the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and service providers. This partnership would focus attention on issues such as sexual solicitation, bullying and cyberstalking, and it would strengthen social work research by building on evidence-based methods common in medicine and other health disciplines. This initiative had the potential to revolutionize the social work profession in Canada.

(c) Agreement with the University of Toronto Faculty Association

The President stressed the importance of the agreement between the University and the Faculty Association to abolish the existing policy on mandatory retirement for faculty and librarians, effective June 30, 2006. The matter would be considered by Business Board on April 4, Academic Board on April 7, and by a special meeting of the Governing Council on April 13. The President congratulated both the Faculty Association, and the University's negotiating team led by Professor Goel and Professor Hildyard.

(d) Agreement with Stipendiary Instructors

The President congratulated Professor Hildyard and other individuals who had been involved in the negotiations that had resulted in a tentative agreement on a first contract with stipendiary instructors.

¹ After the meeting, the Honourable William Davis noted that he had been present at the meeting on February 10, 2005. The minutes were corrected accordingly.

4. Report of the President (cont'd)**(e) Rae Review and Advocacy Efforts**

The President informed members that he and his colleagues had been working diligently to present the issues to government officials and ministers, both provincial and federal. They had had a series of meetings with supporters and were receiving feedback on representations being made to members of the provincial legislature, including cabinet ministers. The University's public policy initiatives had included the following:

- Participation in the development of a full-page open letter to the Premier signed by 200 business and community leaders that had appeared in major newspapers across the province. Of the 200 signatures, 47 were from friends of the University of Toronto.
- The President's speech to the Canadian Club on March 7.
- A series of breakfast and luncheon meetings with friends of the University who were being asked to use their influence in communicating the University's message to the Premier and his Cabinet.
- A letter distributed to all the Ontario alumni of the University asking them to contact their Member of the Provincial Parliament (MPP).
- Planning for a colloquium on fiscal federation.

The President indicated that this was a crucial period as people of the province waited for the provincial budget. While he remained cautiously optimistic, he and his colleagues would continue to make every effort to put forward the strongest position for post-secondary education.

(f) Federal Government Relations

The President reported that members of the University's administration were working hard to present key issues to members of the federal government. The Rae Report had identified the federal government as one of the partners in post-secondary education, along with the province, the universities, students and parents, and it was important for the University to help identify how the partnership could be enhanced.

The President, Professor Challis and Professor Tuohy had been in Ottawa in mid-March and had met with the Honourable David Emerson, Minister of Industry; the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health; and the Honourable Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, as well as several deputy ministers, the Clerk of the Privy Council and the National Science Advisor. They were assured that there was a window of opportunity for thinking creatively for the next initiatives in federal investment in universities. Another Ottawa visit was scheduled for April 11 and 12.

On April 8 and 9, the University of Toronto would host a meeting of the Executive Heads of the G10, Canada's ten leading research universities, at which there would be a discussion of proposals for involvement and investment in post-secondary education that could be presented to the federal government in the future.

(g) Transitional Issues

The President informed members that the Committee to review the portfolio of the Vice-President and Chief Advancement Officer had held its first meeting and was hoping to have its report ready by mid-May. While the appointment would be made by the new President, the Advisory Committee to begin the search for a Vice-President and Chief Advancement Officer would be set up in the near future.

4. Report of the President (cont'd)

(g) Transitional Issues

The President also indicated that the Government and Institutional Relations portfolio would be reviewed in light of Professor Tuohy's decision to step down at the end of June 2005, after a lengthy record of distinguished service to the University.

5. Statement of Commitment Regarding International Students

Professor Cummins informed members that the proposed *Statement of Commitment Regarding International Students* (the *Statement*) reflected both the intent of the old *Policy on Foreign Students* and the University's strengthened commitment to improving the scholarship environment for international students. It had been noted at the Academic Board that the *Statement* did not refer to recruiting students from as many places as possible. Professor Farrar had explained to the Board that the specific reference to recruitment had been removed from the new statement because it had been considered self-evident.

A member commented that, after carefully reviewing the existing *Policy on Foreign Students*, she was not convinced that proposed *Statement* was an improvement. She noted that Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the *Policy on Foreign Students* had been removed.² She believed that the University needed to accept international students from economically disadvantaged countries. In her view, the only new provision in the *Statement* was the program of international admission scholarships.

A member emphasized the important contributions made by international students to the University, especially in increasing the University's cultural diversity.

A member asked for clarification of the reference to 'support services' in section 2 (d) of the *Statement*³

A member asked for elaboration on the University's commitment to students coming from developing countries. Professor Goel noted that section 1 (a) of the *Statement*, included a reference to 'The presence of outstanding students from all parts of the world'. The language in the *Statement* was deliberately broad and the section that had been added addressed those that had been deleted.

The member also asked why the proposal was a statement rather than a policy. Professor Goel explained that a statement was a broad statement of principles, while a policy was more detailed and included provisions for implementation of the principles on which it was based.

A member commented that the *Statement* reflected changes that members had requested the previous year, including the provision of funding for emergencies and scholarships. The member suggested that the reference to 'same' support in section 2 (d) of the

² 3. Faculties, Schools, Colleges, Departments, Centres and Institutes of the University of Toronto should enroll foreign students from as many different countries as possible, consistent with 2 above [academic merit is the primary criterion for admission]

4. The University of Toronto recognizes that as a result of cultural differences, financial burdens and legal constraints, many foreign students have special needs. These needs should be taken into account in all University academic divisions;

5. The University of Toronto should mitigate, wherever possible, the financial constraints which inhibit attraction and enrolment of outstanding foreign student applicants.

³ Once they are admitted to the University, international students will have access to the same range of courses and support services on the same basis as other students.

5. Statement of Commitment Regarding International Students (cont'd)

Statement be changed to 'support appropriate to needs'. Professor Goel thanked the member for her intervention, and drew her attention to section 1(c) which referred to the 'provision of services to address their [international students'] particular needs'.

The member noted that section 3(c) of the *Statement* included a requirement that data on support to international students be included in the annual report of the Vice-Provost, Students on Student Financial Support.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was Resolved

THAT the proposed Statement of Commitment Regarding International Students, a copy of which is attached to Report 133 of the Academic Board as Appendix "A", replacing the Policy on Foreign Students approved by the Governing Council on June 25, 1987, be approved.

6. Canada Research Chairs – New Financial Model

Professor Cummins explained that the proposed new financial model was intended to address the lack of indexation of the funds awarded by the federal government, to simplify the administration of the funds, and to provide a clear basis for the sharing of costs between the divisions and the central administration. No questions had been raised at the Academic Board.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was Resolved

That the new funding model for Canada Research Chairs, as described in the memorandum from the Vice-President and Provost dated December 20, 2004, a copy of which is attached to Report Number 133 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B", be approved.

7. Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs

Ms Orange informed members that the Business Board had reviewed two essential annual reports as part of its consideration of the tuition-fee proposal. The Enrolment Report had shown that enrolment was almost exactly on target. Enrolment by international students, notwithstanding the first phase of the fee increase, was at its highest level in two and a half decades. The University was not 'pricing itself out of the market'. The Board had also reviewed the report on student financial support. At the University of Toronto, accessibility was provided not by low fees for all students, rich and poor, but rather by financial support to students who needed it. The need-based financial support provided by the University, over and above the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), had amounted to \$1.5-million in 1992-93. In 2003-04, it had been \$43.7-million. The report showed that enrolment by students from families with below-Toronto-median incomes had not only been maintained over the years, it had increased.

Ms Orange reminded members that the tuition fee freeze for domestic students remained in place. The University proposed to implement the second phase of its increase in tuition fees for international students to better reflect program costs. The proceeds of the fee increases would be used primarily to maintain and improve

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program quality. In addition, they would support three important initiatives: an improvement of the international student recruitment program, a targeted scholarship program to attract some of the very best international students, and an emergency financial assistance program.

The Business Board had looked at the University's competitive position, and had been satisfied that the University's fees for international students would remain well within the range of those charged by comparable institutions. The Board had strongly supported the proposal before Council.

External Speakers

The Chair invited Mr. Mahadeo Sukhai, President of the Graduate Students' Union (GSU) to speak. Mr. Sukhai thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak against the proposed increases to the international student tuition fees for incoming students. He referred to the documentation from the GSU that had been distributed to members prior to the meeting, and highlighted the key points of the GSU submission, as follows.

- There was agreement that the presence of international students in the University's programs greatly enriched the academic experience of all students.
- International students felt that they were mired in a bureaucratic nightmare; they were asked to pay higher fees but believed they received little additional support or facilitation once they arrived at the University.
- It was the view of the GSU that the University should create a framework for internationalization and then find ways of funding it. The Association commended the Statement of Commitment to International Students as a first step along that path.
- It was particularly important for the University to provide support for the cohort of international students who did not have international, national or University scholarships. Even with the proposed admissions scholarships for international students, this cohort would find it much more difficult to finance their education at the University of Toronto.
- The GSU believed that a lack of support by the University would have an definite impact on where the University drew international students; it would skew admissions toward richer countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom, and Western Europe. Unless measures such as expanded financial aid programs and increased recruitment efforts were implemented, the University would lose good students to other institutions.
- The GSU was prepared to be a part of future discussions of the international student experience and internationalization of the University of Toronto.

The Chair thanked Mr. Sukhai for his remarks. She invited Mr. Husain Aboghodieh, the College Affairs Commissioner of the Erindale College Student Union, to speak.

Mr. Aboghodieh encouraged members not to support the proposed increase in tuition fees for international students. He expressed his concern that the fee increase would result in fewer international students being attracted to the University of Toronto. International students who attended the University took their Canadian experiences back to their

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External Speakers (cont'd)

homeland, and some became benefactors of the University. As a result of the fee increases, the University might lose support from such individuals.

The Chair thanked Mr. Aboghodieh for his comments, and invited Mr. Sam Rahini, Vice-President, External of the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) to speak.

Mr. Rahini expressed SAC's concern at the proposed tuition fee increase for international students. All other students were in the second year of a tuition freeze. Increasing tuition for international students to compensate for inadequate funding did not solve the problem of provincial and federal under-funding, but it restricted access to all but the wealthiest international students. Mr. Rahini stressed the importance of properly implementing the proposed financial support program for low-income international students.

The Chair thanked Mr. Rahini for his remarks. She invited Mr. Al-Majid, a member of the Erindale Bangladeshi Students' Association, to speak.

Mr. Al-Majid noted that, while the University of Toronto was going to implement admission scholarships for international students, other countries, such as Australia and the United States, had well established scholarship programs. He believed that other universities offered a comparable education to that offered by the University of Toronto, but at a more affordable tuition fee. He urged members to vote against the proposed tuition fee increase.

Discussion

A member thanked the external speakers and spoke against the proposed increase. He asked what kind of students would come to the University in light of the proposed tuition fees. He also asked why an emergency fund was being created. In his experience, most students were forced to borrow funds from banks, since OSAP and the University of Toronto Advance Planning for Students (UTAPS) program did not provide sufficient funding. He noted that the University had emphasized the importance of internationalization in its submission to the Rae Review, and he suggested that the University compare its written position with the impact of the proposed tuition fee increase. A member expressed his concern that international students had to contribute more in tuition for the same education as domestic students.

The following points were raised during the discussion.

- A member asked for clarification of the University's approach to recruitment beyond enrolment targets.
- Professor Goel replied that the University's recruitment efforts would continue to be selective. The University was developing an overall international strategy that would identify particular regional areas upon which the University would focus its recruitment. There was a recognition that it would be important for the University to focus on areas where there were excellent students who would otherwise not be able to access the University.

Invited to comment, Professor Farrar reported that recruitment activities had been reviewed in the fall. A partnership with the International Student Exchange office was being considered. In the next few months, international

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recruitment activities would be held in Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, China, Australia, Brazil, and Chile.

- Questions were raised concerning the countries represented by the University's international students. A member asked if enrolment figures for students from some countries had increased only temporarily because those students were not allowed to study in the United States. A member suggested that the proposed increase in tuition fees would result in ability to pay becoming the major driver in pursuing a university education. References were made to the scholarships available to international students at Australian and American universities.
- Professor Goel replied that the University had observed an increased interest in the University of Toronto (and other Canadian universities) from students (and faculty). The assumption was that this was a result of some individuals deciding that they would rather not live in the United States. As well, by keeping tuition fees low, the University had attracted students from wealthy countries who had decided to come to Canada to pursue higher education because it was less expensive for them here than in their own country. Australia and the United States were referred to by several students as offering larger scholarships, but tuition for international students in those countries was higher. New Zealand and Canada had the least expensive tuition fees for international students.
- A member asked for clarification concerning the provision of emergency funds to international students.
 - Professor Goel replied that emergency funds were intended to be available to students whose situation changed in the course of their program at the University. Incoming students were given information concerning the cost of their complete program.
- A member asked what the estimated tuition fee increase would be over four years, and how the increase would be used, particularly with respect to university-wide expenses.
 - Professor Goel replied that the additional revenue from the fee increase, which was projected to be about \$25 million by 2009-10, would go towards improving program quality, recruitment of international students, scholarships for the best international students regardless of their financial status as well as creating a new fund to help international students who may encounter financial emergencies. The University would not use the new money to cover its projected \$100-million budget shortfall at the end of the six-year budget cycle.
- A member asked what the impact would be on enrolment as tuition fees increased at the University of Toronto, especially with respect to other Canadian universities.
 - Professor Goel replied that enrolment had continued to increase at the University of British Columbia and the University of Alberta despite increased tuition fees. The University of Toronto's tuition fees for international students were currently at the mid or lower level of the G-10 universities. The proposed tuition fee increase would place the University's

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tuition fees for international students in the middle to top third of G-10 universities next year.

- A member asked what services would be provided specifically for international students.
- Invited to comment, Professor Farrar replied that support services for international students included a crisis response team, the University Health Insurance Program (UHIP), and co-curricular activities.

A member noted that there seemed to be significantly higher tuition fees for commerce and computer science students who entered their programs in 2002 and 2003 (\$8,000 for commerce and \$6,563 for computer science) compared to the fees for students who entered the programs in 2004 (\$4,185 for both programs). Professor Zaky said that he confirm the accuracy of the numbers and would advise the Governing Council.⁴ He would also communicate with the member the reason for the difference in the fees.

The President expressed his gratitude to his colleagues who had spoken. He reminded members that the University received no funding for international students. However, the University was planning to provide financial support to international students, and was working with the federal government to allow international students to obtain work permits.

A recorded vote was requested.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was Resolved

THAT the proposed tuition-fee schedules for publicly funded programs for 2005-06, copies of which are included in attachment "1" to Report Number 139 of the Business Board, be approved.

In favour	18
Opposed	7
Abstentions	0

8. Tuition Fee Schedule for Self-Funded Programs

The Chair reminded members that they had received documentation concerning revised tuition fees for the OISE/UT Laboratory School on March 29, 2005.

Ms Orange explained that the self-funded programs received no government funding, and their fees were set to recover at least their direct costs.

⁴ Secretary's Note: A memo from the Vice-President and Provost concerning Tuition fees for International Students is attached as 'Attachment A' to this report. The numbers in the tuition fee schedule approved by the Governing Council were confirmed to be correct.

8. Tuition Fee Schedule for Self-Funded Programs (cont'd)

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was Resolved

THAT the proposed tuition-fee schedule for self-funded programs for 2005-06, a copy of which is included in Attachment "2" to Report Number 139 of the Business Board, be approved.

9. Creation of an Assistant Vice-President Position

Mr. Petch advised members that, as a result of the end-of-term review of the scope and structure of the portfolio of the Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning, the Provost had recommended that a senior Professional Managerial position be created in order to develop long-term capacity in the area of institutional planning.

A member asked whether this position would result in additional costs to the University. Professor Goel replied that he expected that there would be no additional cost to the University because this position would replace the position of Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning, which was currently held by Professor Venter. Professor Hildyard added that the parameters of the Assistant Vice-President position would be set in accordance with the University's job classification system.

On behalf of the Business Board, Ms Orange recognized the contributions made by Professor Venter during his term as Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning. He had set up a capital planning framework, overseen the planning of almost \$1 billion in capital projects, and had exponentially improved the approval process for capital projects. Professor Cummins added that it would be a challenge to find an individual who could reach the standard that had been set by Professor Venter.

On motion duly moved and seconded

It was Resolved

THAT the creation of the position of Assistant Vice-President, Space and Facilities Planning, as described in Appendix "A" of Report Number 385 of the Executive Committee, be approved.

10. Reports for Information

Members had received the following reports for information

- (a) Report 133 of the Academic Board (February 21, 2005)
- (b) Report 138 of the Business Board (January 17, 2005)
- (c) Draft Report 139 of the Business Board (February 28, 2005)
- (d) Report 126 of the University Affairs Board (February 22, 2005)
- (e) Report Number 385 of the Executive Committee (March 10, 2005)

Arising from Report 126 of the University Affairs Board, Dr. Bennett commended Professor Farrar, the Deputy Provost and Vice-Provost, Students, and his colleagues in the administration, for the excellent start to their initiative to improve the student experience at the University of Toronto. That initiative was the highest priority of the Stepping UP planning process. Professor Farrar had provided a full report to the University Affairs Board on the outcome of the University's first participation in the U.S.-based National Survey of

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Student Engagement. The results of that survey had helped the University to recognize its strengths and, more important, the areas that needed work to improve the student experience.

Dr. Bennett said he was very much looking forward to hearing about the initiatives that would be taken over the next months. He also expressed his pleasure that the University Affairs Board was the first governance body to hear the report on this very important part of Stepping UP.

A member asked for an update on the consultation on research overhead rates that was referred to in Report Number 133 of the Academic Board. Professor Challis replied that he had discussed the increase in research overhead rates twice with the Research Advisory Board, and the subject would also be discussed with Principals and Deans (P&D), and with Principals, Deans, Academic Directors and Chairs (PDAD&C). The President added that the consultation would not only be on the current increase but also on future increases. The member commented that, in her opinion, consultation with researchers and research partners would lead to the best outcome.

11. Date of the Next Meeting

The Chair reminded members that a Special Meeting of the Governing Council had been called for Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. to consider a recommendation from the Academic Board concerning the policy on retirement age. The next regular meeting of the Governing Council was scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 4:30 pm.

12. Question Period

A member asked if the University was involved in any partnerships with low income countries. He noted that most international students came from Hong Kong, Singapore, China, Brazil, Europe, and Australia. Africa was not included on that list. Professor Goel replied that the administration would return to governance with additional details on the University's overall recruitment strategy. He noted that the University was involved in a research initiative concerning HIV in Africa.

13. Other Business

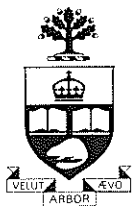
A member expressed her concern at the speech given at the University by Dr. Daniel Pipes on March 29, 2005. His comments on Muslims were worrying. The member asked if the University followed up on security issues that were raised at such events. Professor Goel replied that the University followed a consistent policy: it did not attempt to restrict anyone's right to free speech. It had not interfered with this event, as it had resisted pressure to interfere with a recent event entitled "Israeli Apartheid Week" sponsored by the Arab Students' Collective. With all such events, members of the administration worked with the organizing groups to assess the need for any necessary security and to complete any necessary follow-up.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

April 14, 2005



University of Toronto OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

VIVEK GOEL
Vice-President and Provost
Professor, Health Policy, Management and Evaluation

To: Members of Governing Council

From: Vivek Goel, Vice-President and Provost

Date: April 14, 2005

Re: Tuition fees for International Students

During the debate on Item 4 (d.) "Tuition Fee Schedule for Publicly Funded Programs" it was suggested that there was an error in the Tuition Fee Schedule. I would like to advise you that after a further careful review of the schedule I can confirm that there is no error. The Tuition Fee Schedule as approved by Governing Council is correct.

An issue has arisen, however, with regard to awareness of the 2005-06 increases for Computer Science, Commerce, Business Administration (UTSC), Communication Culture and Information Technology (UTM) and Management (UTM) among some international students who entered the University in 2004-05.

The University took its normal steps to communicate tuition fees to international students, namely their registration materials contained information about the fees for 2004-05. The 2004-05 approved fees and the 2005-06 proposed fees were also posted on the web (with a notation that the 2005-06 fees were subject to the approval of the Governing Council). In spite of these efforts, we have been advised that some international students who entered the University in September 2004 and at that time were admitted to the programs as listed above for their Second Year may not have been aware of the proposed fee increases for 2005-06.

The University believes that there was appropriate notice given of these increases and that they are enforceable and consistent with University policy. However, in view of the confusion that has arisen during this transition period, and the importance of acting in good faith, the University has decided in this instance to provide grants to offset the increase for those international students who in 2004-05 were admitted into the programs listed above for their Second Year in 2005-06. These grants will be provided to those international students in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08. The amount of the grant in 2005-06 will be the difference between the 2005-06 approved fee and the 2004-05 fee plus the 5% increase. These grants will only be offered to international students who entered the University in 2004-05 and who will be entering into Computer Science, Commerce, Business Administration (UTSC), Communication Culture and Information Technology (UTM) and Management (UTM) in 2005-06.

While it is the view of the University that our usual mechanisms for communicating to incoming students approved and proposed tuition fees were followed, we will undertake to review these mechanisms with the aim to further enhance them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Professor Safwat Zaky, Vice-Provost, Planning & Budget.