

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT 153 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

April 14, 2009

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Forster Room, Room 229, Simcoe Hall.

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

Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Secretary

Regrets: Ms Pamela Santora

In Attendance: Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the Vice-President and Provost
Ms Linda Vranic, Director, Operations, Office of the Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost

* Absented himself for the Committee's consideration of one appointment under item 7, Academic Administrative Appointments.

The Chair congratulated Professor Hillan on her appointment as Vice-Provost, Faculty and Academic Life, for a term from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 152 of the meeting held on March 17, 2009 was approved.

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 II: Divisional 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 considered by the Academic Board. Members had received Part II of the 2007-2008 summary of the reviews and the administrative responses.

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

Professor Sass-Kortsak reported that, at its meeting of March 31, 2009, the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) had considered twenty-five reviews of programs or units that had been commissioned by the University's academic divisions. In many cases, the external reviewers had declared the University's programs to be outstanding ones which were among the best in Canada, in North America, and internationally. Upon close examination, AP&P had been satisfied that, in every case, any issues that had been raised by the reviewers were being addressed appropriately by the divisions. Some of the issues which had been flagged included concerns about interdivisional teaching, workload and the need for a greater number of faculty members, and questions of tri-campus co-ordination. AP&P had concluded that there was no need for action by the Academic Board or the Governing Council.

Members discussed the advantages of having a protocol which would outline a framework for the reviews that might improve their utility. Such a protocol might provide direction for steps to ensure that a) the selection process of reviewers is satisfactory, b) individual and group meetings with key members of the division, including the financial officer, are arranged for the reviewers, c) all constituencies within divisions have an opportunity to contribute to the self-study report, and d) widespread distribution of the completed reviewers' report occurs within the division. One member commented that the heterogeneity of the University's academic programs and units might pose some challenges in the development of a protocol which could be consistently followed for all reviews. Professor Misak reiterated that a major priority of the incoming Vice-Provost, Academic Programs, would be to assess the review process, evaluating the manner in which reviews are conducted, as well as their outcomes. Members decided that there were no matters arising from the reviews that required consideration by the Academic Board.

4. Academic Board Agenda – Thursday, April 30, 2009

The Committee reviewed and approved the draft agenda for the April 30th Academic Board meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Forster Room. A reserve date of Tuesday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m had been set aside, and the Secretary would inform members at a later time as to whether or not a meeting on that date would be necessary.

6. Other Business

The Chair noted that the Committee had approved an academic administrative appointment to the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at the last meeting of March 17, 2009. At the request of the appointee, the details had not been reported at that time. The Chair read the approved motion in order to officially record the approval.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointment:

6. Other Business (cont'd)

LESLIE DAN FACULTY OF PHARMACY

Professor Henry Mann Dean
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

The Committee moved *in camera*.

7. Academic Administrative Appointments

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

the following academic administrative appointments:

JOHN H. DANIELS FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN

Professor Richard R. Sommer Dean
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Professor Robert Baker Vice-Dean, Graduate Education and Research
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011

Department of Political Science

Professor David Cameron Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012 (Re-appointment)

Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies

Professor Brenda Cossman Director
January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Centre of Criminology

Professor Anthony Doob Acting Director, Centre of Criminology
July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

FACULTY OF LAW

Professor Bruce Chapman Associate Dean, J.D. Program
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Department of Physiology

Professor Stephen Matthews Chair and Graduate Chair
April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

7. Academic Administrative Appointments (cont'd)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

Department of Geography

Professor Amrita Daniere Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Extension)

Professor Kathi Wilson Chair
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015

Department of Language Studies

Professor Michael Lettieri Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013 (Re-appointment)

Professor Michel Lord Acting Chair
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

Professor Rick Halpern Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean, UTSC
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014

Department of Management

Professor Jason Wei Acting Chair
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

The Committee returned to open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Secretary
April 20, 2009

Chair