

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT 105 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

April 25, 2003

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Friday, April 25, 2003, at 12 noon in the conference room, Room 109, Simcoe Hall.

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

Ms S. Girard, Secretary

Regrets: Mr. J. Hunter
Professor C. Tuohy

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

The report of the previous meeting, Report Number 104 dated March 24, 2003, was approved.

2. Business Arising

(a) Property Acquisition

The Chair recalled that at the last meeting the Committee had asked the secretary to prepare an amendment to the terms of reference of the Academic Board with respect to the consideration of time-sensitive business transactions. The Chair of Governing Council, Dr. Simpson, and the Secretary of Council had reviewed the proposed amendment and had advised that the amendment not be made. Dr. Simpson had suggested that time-sensitive arrangements for the consideration of business items were within the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee and should be made on a case-by-case basis. The Committee agreed that no change be made to the Board's terms of reference.

(b) Consultation on Interim Appointments

The Chair said that at a meeting of the Academic Board, a member had asked that the Provost consult with students before making interim academic administrative appointments. The *Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators* stated that the Vice-President and Provost would make a recommendation for an acting or an interim appointment "after appropriate consultation with the members of the division". Professor Neuman reported that in the case of the most recent interim appointment she had consulted a student organization. She said that she would consult student representatives as appropriate.

3. Academic Board Agenda – May 8, 2003

The members discussed the agenda for the May 8, 2003 meeting.

The Chair noted that at the April 10 meeting of the Board, he had undertaken to have the Agenda Committee consider one matter. A member had asked for documentation that had been given to the Ontario Human Rights Commission concerning a case before it from the University. When asked, Professor Goel had indicated that such documentation was not normally provided to the Board. To prepare written summaries of confidential documents would be time consuming. He had suggested that if the member was concerned about the use of LSAT by the Faculty of Law the matter be pursued with the Faculty.

4. Date of the Next Meeting

The Chair noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Secretary
April 28, 2003
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Chair