

# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## COLLEGE OF ELECTORS

Minutes of the College of Electors meeting held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, at which the following were present:

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| Mr. R. Scott MacKendrick (UTAA - In the Chair)             | Dr. Helen Pearman Ziral (OISE)               |
| Ms Jeannie An (Information)                                | Dr. Kirk Perris (OISE)                       |
| Dr. Alexandra Berezowskyj (Medicine)                       | Dr. Lesley Pollard (Dentistry)               |
| Professor David K. Bernhardt (Victoria College)            | Ms Ceta Ramkhalawansingh (New College)       |
| Mr. Bob Boeckner (University College)                      | Ms Lesley Riedstra (New College)             |
| Ms Mary Ellen Burns (St. Michael's College)                | Mr. Peter Rogers (St. Michael's College)     |
| Mr. Corwin Cambray (SGS)                                   | Ms Lindsay Shaddy (OISE)                     |
| Mr. Ken Davy (Woodsworth College)                          | Ms Mary Shenstone (Trinity College)          |
| Ms Tammy Fernandes (University College)                    | Ms Valerie Story (Victoria College)          |
| Mr. Stan Gasner (Engineering)                              | Dr. Edward Thompson (OISE)                   |
| Ms Marian D. Hebb (Victoria College)                       | Ms Joanne Uyede (Innis College)              |
| Mr. David T. Jaeger (Music)                                | Professor Emerita Judy Watt-Watson (Nursing) |
| Mr. Aly-Khan Madhavji (UTM)                                | Ms Lucinda Williams (Woodsworth College)     |
| Ms Sadia Mahmood (Medicine)                                | Mr. David Windross (Pharmacy)                |
| Mr. Paul Malozewski (Engineering)                          | Mr. W. Grant Worden (Law)                    |
| Dr. David Ouchterlony (Kinesiology and Physical Education) | Mr. Kenny Yu (UTSC)                          |

### Regrets:

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| Ms Fariba Anderson (Rotman)                    | Ms Christine Leduc (Forestry)                                |
| Ms Carol Bisnath (UTM)                         | Mr. David Lucatch (UTSC)                                     |
| Ms. Monifa Colthurst (University College)      | Dr. Ivan McFarlane (Trinity College)                         |
| Mr. Tye Farrow (Architecture)                  | Ms Margaret Shaw (Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy) |
| Rev. David J. Harrison (SGS)                   | Dr. Malcolm Stewart (Social Work)                            |
| Mr. Rodney Hurd (UTSC)                         | Mr. Mathew Szeto (Engineering)                               |
| Mr. Kristopher Kibsey (UTM)                    |  |
| Dr. Francesca La Marca (St. Michael's College) |  |

Secretariat: Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Secretary, College of Electors

### Guests:

Mr. Harvey Botting, member, Governing Council  
Mr. Gary D. Goldberg, member, Governing Council  
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk, member, Governing Council  
Ms Nancy C. Lee, member, Governing Council  
Mr. W. John Switzer, member, Governing Council  
Mr. Andrew Szende, member, Governing Council  
Mr. W. Keith Thomas, member, Governing Council  
Ms B. Elizabeth Vosburgh, member, Governing Council  
Mr. David Bowden, member-elect, Governing Council

The College met *in camera* to consider items 1 and 2

***In Camera Session***

**1. Report of the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee for the Executive Committee (NC-EC) of the College of Electors**

At the invitation of the Chair, Ms Sadia Mahmood, a member of the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee for the Executive Committee (NC-EC), presented the Committee's report.

(a) Vice-Chair

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

The College of Electors APPROVED

THAT Mr. Tye Farrow be re-appointed Vice-Chair of the College of Electors for 2014-2015.

(b) Executive Committee

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

The College of Electors APPROVED

THAT Mr. Aly Khan Madhavji, Ms Lesley Riedstra, and Ms Joanne Uyede be appointed to the Executive Committee of the College of Electors for 2014-2015.

The Chair congratulated the members of the 2014-2015 Executive Committee. On behalf of the College, the Chair extended thanks to the Nominating Committee for the care they exercised in identifying members of the Executive Committee.

**2. Selection of the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee for the Executive Committee (NC-EC)**

The Chair outlined the role of the NC-EC, which was composed of three individuals chosen by election or formed of volunteers from among members in their final year on the College. As the College had just seen, the NC-EC was responsible for recommending the Vice-Chair and three other members of the Executive Committee of the College. The NC-EC normally met once a year following the close of the Executive Committee nomination period to review the applications and to develop recommendations to the College. Mr. Paul Malozewski, Dr. Lesley Pollard, and Professor Judy Watt-Watson volunteered to serve on the 2014-2015 NC-EC.

The College returned to open session.

## Open Session

The Chair welcomed guests to the meeting.

### 3. Mental Health and Wellness Initiatives at the University of Toronto

On behalf of the College the Chair thanked the Ms Andrea Carter, Director, High Risk and *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), who had accepted the College's invitation to address the College at this meeting.

Ms Carter provided members with information on the mental health and wellness initiatives in place at the University of Toronto. In her presentation she highlighted the following:

#### *Focus of mental health network*

- Achieving and maintaining wellness;
- Increasing awareness and anti-stigma education;
- Training for staff and students;
- Providing professional services;
- Managing critical and crisis situations in a comprehensive manner.

#### *Continuum of Mental Health Experience*

- Work with local school boards to create a friendly, helpful, and informative transition for students from their secondary school environment into their new university settings.
- Outreach: Peer mentoring, professional counselling (including individual cyber-counselling), Monday meditations, massage and yoga classes to assist students.
- A wide range of projects are supported centrally to ensure equity across the University, but many programs and services are initiated and delivered locally to best meet the specific needs of each campus community.

#### *Mental Health Framework*

- a) establish the principles around which students are supported and faculty and staff are supported in their interactions with students;
- b) identify gaps in service and evaluate how they should be filled given overall strategy and institutional priorities;
- c) consider research on effective programming and training nationally and internationally;
- d) ensure tri-campus co-ordination and alignment of programming;
- e) communicate and encourage best practices across the University;
- f) assess and analyze the outcomes of existing programming; and
- g) recommend changes in existing policy and procedure.

### 3. **Mental Health and Wellness Initiatives at the University of Toronto** (continued)

#### *Faculty and Staff awareness*

- “Identifying and Referring Students in Difficulty” for staff and faculty - these sessions provide tips on how to recognize early signs of difficulty and introduce a comprehensive array of campus and community resources. Participants have an opportunity to practice simple strategies for ensuring students are connected to the resources that can assist them.
- “Understanding Student Mental Health”
- “Self-Care for Student Life Professionals”

#### *Services and Support*

- Academic Progress Coordinators
- Academic Success (Accessibility Services)
- Accessibility Services
- KPE
- Counselling and Psychological Services, Health Services, Counselling and Health Services
- Crisis Coordinators
- Deans of Students
- Registrars

#### *External Partnerships*

- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- Credit Valley Hospital / Trillium Health Centre
- Council of Ontario Universities

In the discussion that followed her address, Ms Carter provided the following additional information:

- Young males appeared to be at greater risk to experience their first mental health related episode while at a post-secondary institution.
- Certain groups tended to have less support system in place, e.g., international students, to help them with mental health related matters.
- With regards to sexual assaults on campuses, the University had assault counsellors available at all three campuses to provide assistance; the tri-campus Community Safety Office, an entity separate from Campus Police, worked in partnership with deans and dons and there was a protocol in place to address for any assaults reported.
- Access to timely support for mental health issues remained a challenge in Ontario. Health Service offices at the three campuses offered triage services to students while they waited to gain help through the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).
- Deans at residences provided support for students at residences while specific programs were in place to address mental health matters related to commuter students.
- Information on the assistance for mental health wellness at the three campuses was made available to all incoming students at Orientation and was stressed throughout the year through various communications.

The Chair thanked Ms Carter for her remarks to the College and this was greeted with applause by the members.

#### **4. Reflections of Alumni Members of the Governing Council**

The Chair thanked the incoming and serving alumni governors who attended the meeting and invited them to comment on their experience.

Among matters raised were:

- The time commitment in their service to Governing Council and its bodies varied for each individual. In addition to the assigned governance bodies, alumni governors were frequently consulted by administration on matters where they had specific expertise, and they also served on special *ad hoc* committees.
- The decentralized, but interconnected, structure of the administration at the University, in relation to its tri-campus model.
- The distinction between governance and administration of the University. The administration, under the leadership of the President, was delegated with the day to day management of the University.
- The University administration ensured that governors were informed of matters with broad community implications in a regular and timely manner.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair noted that of the items listed on the Consent Agenda, one (item 3) required approval and the others were for information only.

On motion, duly moved, seconded, and carried

It was RESOLVED

THAT the Consent Agenda be adopted and that the item be approved.

#### **5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – February 24, 2014**

The minutes were approved.

#### **6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

The Chair reported that the Secretary had provided information on the matter of the protocol in place for the presiding officers for convocation of the University. The Chair noted that the University's *Policy on Presiding Officers for Convocation* and the *Guidelines on the Role and Appointment of University Ambassadors* outlined in detail delegation in the absence of the Chancellor and the President at convocation ceremonies. The Guidelines provided for the appointment of individuals to serve as "University Ambassadors" in particular circumstances and for deputizing such individuals to act on behalf of the Chancellor in presiding at convocation from time to time. It also provided for deputizing others such as Chancellors and President Emeriti.

**7. 2014-2015 Meeting Schedule**

Members received an annotated meeting schedule for 2014-2015.

**8. Draft of the *U of T Magazine* Advertisement for Autumn 2014**

Members received for information the draft of the advertisement with the call for nominations for alumni governors to be placed in the autumn 2014 issue of U of T Magazine.

**9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

The Chair noted that the next meeting of the College of Electors was scheduled to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

**10. Other Business**

The Chair encouraged members to attend meetings of the Governing Council and its Boards and Committees in order to gain a better understanding of the types of business items considered by central governance bodies. The Chair noted that the next meeting of the Governing Council would be held on May 22, 2014 at UTSC.

The Chair thanked members of the Executive Committee and acknowledged their valuable input and advice during the past year. The Chair also thanked all members of the College for their service. The following members whose terms would end as of June 30, 2014 received certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Governing Council and the College:

- Dr. Alexandra Berezowskyj – Faculty of Medicine
- Ms Carol Bisnath – University of Toronto Mississauga
- Mr. Bob Boeckner – University College
- Mr. Corwin Cambray – School of Graduate Studies (Social Sciences)
- Mr. Ken Davy – Woodsworth College
- Rev. David Harrison – School of Graduate Studies (Humanities)
- Mr. David Lucatch – University of Toronto Scarborough
- Ms Sadia Mahmood – Faculty of Medicine
- Mr. Mathew Szeto – Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering

In closing, Chair once again thanked members and guests.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chair

March 28, 2014