

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 446 OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 7, 2012

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Mr. Richard Nunn, in the Chair
Ms Judy Goldring, Vice-Chair
Professor David Naylor, President
Mr. P. C. Choo
Mr. Ken Davy
Professor William Gough
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk
Mr. Aly-Khan Madhavji
Mr. Gary Mooney
Professor Andrea Sass-Kortsak
Professor Elizabeth M. Smyth
Miss Maureen J. Somerville

Non-Voting Member:

Mr. Louis R. Charpentier

Secretariat:

Mr. Anwar Kazimi
Ms Cristina Oke (Acting Secretary)
Ms Mae-Yu Tan

Regrets:

Mr. Brent S. Belzberg

In Attendance:

Professor Ellen Hodnett, Chair, Academic Board and Member of the Governing Council
Professor Cheryl Misak, Vice-President and Provost, Member of the Governing Council
Ms B. Elizabeth Vosburgh, Chair, University Affairs Board and Member of the Governing Council *
Mr. W. David Wilson, Chair, Business Board and Member of the Governing Council
Professor Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations
Dr. Anthony Gray, Special Advisor to the President
Mr. Christopher Lang, Director, Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances**

The meeting began *in camera*.

1. Report of the President

The President briefed members on a number of confidential matters.

The Committee moved into closed session.

* Ms Vosburgh joined the meeting via telephone conference

** Mr. Lang was in attendance for item 15 only.

2. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

a) Towards 2030: The View from 2012 – A Framework

Professor Hodnett informed members that, at the April 19th meeting of the Academic Board, there had been a very thorough presentation on the two *View from 2012* documents – the *Towards 2030: The View from 2012 – A Framework (Framework)* and the more in-depth assessment document. Professor Misak had informed members of the measures that had been taken in meeting specific goals set out in *Towards 2030: A Third Century of Excellence at the University of Toronto (Towards 2030)* and of the challenges being faced by the University.

Following the presentation, a member had asked about the development of College activities in addition to the expansion of the first-year Foundational Year Programs. Professor Misak had replied that the Colleges were continuing to evolve and that their relationships with the Faculty of Arts and Science were becoming even stronger.

One member had passionately expressed the view that greater prominence should be given to the contributions of teaching stream members in the *Framework*. Another member had commented on the University's focus on professional graduate programs and asked whether targeted funding for such programs had been contemplated. Professor Misak had confirmed that a number of options were being considered and developed.

Professor Misak informed members of the Executive Committee that she had been impressed with the quality of the discussion in the Academic Board. Professor Misak noted that no members had abstained from voting and that the motion had passed without dissent. She also informed members that a copy of the *Framework* had been given to the University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA) for comment and that the content of the *Framework* had been shared with student groups. She noted that she had revised the longer document in light of the request to make more mention of the teaching stream.

A member asked what approval in principle of the *Framework* would mean. Professor Misak replied that the *Framework* was a progress report on *Towards 2030*, and it happened to be the case that there was nothing in it that contradicted *Towards 2030*. It was important to regularly review the University's progress with respect to *Towards 2030* so that new faculty and students were made aware of the directions of the University and so the University could change its course if circumstances required it. The *Framework* would be given to all those responsible for implementing the recommendations of *Towards 2030*, for example, new Deans and Chairs, and they would be encouraged to build the directives from *Towards 2030* into their goals and objectives. The President undertook to build the *Framework* into summer priority-setting discussions with the Vice-Presidents, and to embed it in the September Orientation for members of the Governing Council.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

THAT *Towards 2030: The View from 2012 – A Framework*, dated March 28, 2012, be approved in principle.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that the items be approved.

2. **Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council** (cont'd)

b) Proposal to Disestablish the Existing Centre for Environment (EDU: B) and to Establish the School for the Environment as an EDU: B

((Arising from Report Number 179 of the Academic Board (April 19, 2012))

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED to the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation

- (a) THAT the Centre for Environment be disestablished, effective July 1, 2012; and
- (b) THAT the School of the Environment be established as an Extra-Departmental Unit B (EDU: B), effective July 1, 2012.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "C".

3. **Items for Confirmation by the Executive Committee**

a) New Constitution: Dalla Lana School of Public Health

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the proposed Constitution of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health be approved, effective July 1, 2012.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "A".

b) Constitutional Revision: Faculty of Dentistry

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the amended Constitution of the Faculty of Dentistry, which was approved by the Faculty of Dentistry Council on March 29, 2012, be approved.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B".

3. Items for Confirmation by the Executive Committee (cont'd)

c) Constitutional Revision: Faculty of Information

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the amended Constitution of the Faculty of Information, which was approved by the Faculty of Information Council on March 8, 2012 be approved.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B".

d) Constitutional Revision: Faculty of Music

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the amended Constitution of the Faculty of Music, which was approved by the Faculty of Music Council on March 27, 2012, be approved.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B".

e) Constitutional Revision: Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the amended Constitution of the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, which was approved by the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing Council on March 21, 2012, be approved.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B".

f) Constitutional Revision: Innis College

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the amended Constitution of Innis College, which was approved by the Innis College Council on April 10, 2012, be approved.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B".

3. Items for Confirmation by the Executive Committee (cont'd)

g) Constitutional Revision: Woodsworth College

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the amended Constitution of Woodsworth College, which was approved by the Woodsworth College Council on March 27, 2012, be approved.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "B".

h) Faculty of Arts and Science: Proposed Name Change from the "Department of Geology" to the "Department of Earth Sciences"

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the name of the existing "Department of Geology" be changed to the "Department of Earth Sciences", effective immediately.

Documentation is attached to Report Number 179 of the Academic Board as Appendix "D".

4. Revised Executive Committee and Governing Council Meeting Dates, 2012-13

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

The following changes in the 2012-13 meeting schedule:

THAT the Governing Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2012 be re-scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2012.

THAT the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2013 be re-scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 12 noon.

THAT the Governing Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2013 be re-scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

5. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 445 (March 29, 2012) of the Executive Committee was approved.

6. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

7. Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting of April 11, 2012

Members received for information the Minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on April 11, 2012.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting

There was no business arising from the minutes of the Governing Council meeting.

9. Reports for Information

Members received for information the following Reports:

- (a) Report Number 179 of the Academic Board (April 19, 2012)
- (b) Report Number 196 of the Business Board (April 2, 2012)

10. Date of Next Meeting – Monday, June 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

11. Update on the Implementation of the Program Fee in the Faculty of Arts and Science

Professor Misak reminded members that, at its meeting of May 19, 2011, the Governing Council had approved a resolution that the Program Fee Monitoring Committee continue its work for 2011-2012 and that its report and the administration's recommendations concerning its findings be presented by the Vice-President and Provost to the Governing Council during the 2011-2012 academic year. Professor Misak observed that more students were taking five or more courses and accelerating their degrees. She indicated that she would report at the next meeting of the Governing Council.

A member expressed his concern for the one or two percent of students who had to take on additional debt to pay the program fees, and asked if an application form could be developed for those students who required financial assistance. Professor Misak replied that the University's financial aid programs were designed to assist students in dealing with unforeseen events, and agreed to advise the Registrar of the Faculty of Arts and Science of the member's concern.

A member asked whether it was necessary to continue to monitor the program fees. Professor Mabury replied that it was helpful to have the second year's report of the Committee, as the data provided a compelling case for continuation of program fees and would help to inform the debate in Ontario universities. Professor Mabury agreed with the member that it was perhaps time to cease the monitoring.

A member suggested that the number of positive results of the program fees be stated earlier and more strongly in the report.

A member asked if there were any plans to expand program fees. Professor Misak replied that there were no such plans at present.

A member noted that the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) had not implemented program fees due to a lack of space as well as the socio-economic demographic of the students on the campus. The President added that the recommendations of the Drummond report¹ had included offering trimesters, which UTSC was doing.

¹ *Report of the Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services (Drummond Report). Recommendation 7-29:* Compel post-secondary institutions to examine whether they can compress some four-year degrees into three years by continuing throughout the summer. (<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/reformcommission/index.html>)

12. Other Business

a) Update on the Implementation Task Force

Professor Gough reported that consultations at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) and the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) had been completed, and that changes suggested during the discussions on each campus had been incorporated into the Terms of Reference where appropriate. The final documents would come through governance during Cycle 6 to Committees and Boards for information and to the Governing Council for approval. He also invited members of the Executive Committee to comment on the proposals.

The Chair thanked Professor Gough for his work and commitment to this important process.

b) Governing Council Meeting at UTSC

The Chair advised members that the Vice-Chair would chair the meeting of the Governing Council on May 17, 2012, as he would be out of the country.

Speaking Requests

The Chair informed members that three speaking requests had been received for the meeting – one from the University of Toronto Mississauga Students' Union (UTMSU) and two from the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU). The Committee granted the requests.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

IT WAS RESOLVED

THAT, pursuant to sections 28 (e) and 33 of *By-Law Number 2*, consideration of items 13-20 take place *in camera*, with the Board Chairs admitted to facilitate the work of the Committee.

13. Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: Recommendation for Expulsion

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the recommendation for expulsion contained in the Memorandum from the Secretary of the Governing Council dated April 30, 2012, be confirmed.

14. Board and Committee Assignments for Members of the Governing Council

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the proposal from the Chair for Board and Committee assignments for 2012-13 be recommended to the Governing Council for approval; and

THAT, pursuant to Section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, this recommendation be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

15. Committee Assignments: Chair of Elections Committee

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

It was Resolved

THAT, subject to the approval of the membership of the Elections Committee by Governing Council on May 17, 2012, the recommendation in the Memorandum from the Secretary of the Governing Council dated May 7, 2012, be approved.

16. Committee for Honorary Degrees: Membership 2012-13

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the recommendation for membership on the Committee for Honorary Degrees for 2012-13 be recommended to the Governing Council for approval, and

THAT, pursuant to Section 38 of By-Law Number 2, this recommendation be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

17. External Appointment: West Park Healthcare Centre

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT Professor Molly Verrier be proposed to the Nominating Committee of the Board of Governors of the West Park Healthcare Centre for appointment to the Board for a one-year term, with her appointment to continue until the 2013 Annual General Meeting, and until a successor is appointed.

18. Senior Appointments

a) Senior Appointment

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE ENDORSED AND FORWARDED

To the Governing Council for consideration the recommendation for a senior appointment contained in the memorandum from the President dated May 7, 2012.

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT, pursuant to Section 38 of By-Law Number 2, this recommendation be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

18. Senior Appointments (cont'd)

b) Senior Appointment

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the recommendation for a senior appointment be placed on the agenda of the Governing Council, and

THAT, pursuant to Section 38 of By-Law Number 2, this recommendation be considered by the Governing Council *in camera*.

19. Committee Members with the President

Members of the Executive Committee met privately with the President.

20. Committee Members alone

Members of the Executive Committee met privately.

The Committee returned to closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Acting Secretary

Chair

May 16, 2012