

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 171 OF
THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD

October 3, 2012

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it met on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Ms B. Elizabeth Vosburgh, In the Chair
Mr. Chirag Variawa, Vice-Chair
Professor Jill Matus, Vice-Provost, Students
Ms Lucy Fromowitz, Assistant Vice-President,
Student Life
Ms Denisse Alborno
Ms Alexis Archbold
Professor Robert Baker
Mr. Daniel DiCenzo
Ms Kimberly Elias
Mr. Aidan Fishman
Mrs. Renu Kanga Fonseca
Professor Bruce Kidd
Mr. Sammy Lau
Mr. Samuel Oduneye
Professor Elizabeth M. Smyth
Ms Gina Trubiani

Mr. Andrew Szende

Non-Voting Assessors:

Mr. Jim Delaney, Director, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students
Ms Gail Milgrom, Director, Campus and Facilities Planning
Mr. Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs, University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM)
Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs, University of Toronto Scarborough

Secretariat:

Ms Cristina Oke (Acting Secretary)

Regrets:

Mr. Andrew O.P. Drummond
Professor Ira Jacobs
Mr. Gary P. Mooney
Ms Arlen Orellana

In Attendance:

Mr. Andrew Girgis, member of the Governing Council
Ms Maina Rambali, member of the Governing Council
Ms Anita Comella, Assistant Dean, Co-Curricular Physical Activity and Sport
Ms Joan Griffin, Special Projects Officer, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students
Ms Shannon Howes, Co-ordinator, Student Policy Initiatives, Office of the Vice-Provost, Students
Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Committee Secretary, Office of the Governing Council
Ms Rita O'Brien, Chief Administrative Officer, Hart House
Mr. Munib Sajjad, University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU)
Ms Mae-Yu Tan, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council

ALL ITEMS ARE REPORTED FOR INFORMATION.

DRAFT REPORT NUMBER 171 OF THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD – October 3, 2012**1. Chair's Welcome and Orientation to the Board**

The Chair welcomed members to the first meeting of the University Affairs Board for the 2012-13 governance year, and invited them to introduce themselves. The Chair provided an overview of the composition, role and responsibilities of the Board and its members.¹

2. Orientation to the Vice-Provost, Students' Portfolio, and the Student Affairs / Life Divisions

Professor Matus provided an overview of her portfolio and priorities for 2012 – 13. She invited representatives from Student Affairs and Services, University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC); Student Life Programs and Services, St. George; Student Affairs and Services, University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM); the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, Co-curricular and Physical Activity Programming; and Hart House to present a brief summary of the services and priorities of their units.²

The Chair thanked Professor Matus and the representatives from the various student life portfolios for their work.

3. Report of the Senior Assessor**a) Institutional Email for Students**

Professor Matus reminded members that last year the University had begun to provide a much improved email service for students called UTmail+. The service included email and a variety of other software applications. The University had chosen Microsoft's Live@EDU platform for the new system. As of October 1st, over 100,000 UTORmail student and alumni UTORmail users had migrated to the new system while fewer than 500 people had opted not to use the new system. For those who had opted out, a U of T email address had been provided, but it was forwarded to a third party system (such as Gmail). Positive feedback was being received for the new service.

Professor Matus noted that discussions were beginning with respect to similar services for staff and faculty.

b) Ground-breaking for University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) Athletics Facilities

Professor Matus informed members that the ground-breaking ceremony for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House had taken place last week at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) campus. The facility would house two Olympic-sized swimming pools, a diving tank, and dry-land training facilities, as well as flexible gym space and a track and fitness area. In 2015, it would host the aquatics, fencing and modern pentathlon components of the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games. When the Games were over, the centre would be owned and operated by UTSC and the City of Toronto, and would create a powerful legacy of inspiration, recreation, education and transformation, both for the University and the entire region.

c) Orientation

Professor Matus reported that orientation and transition activities this fall had taken place with very few incidents and controversial pranks. Progress continued on transforming orientation to a more welcoming experience which met the particular needs of new students joining the University of Toronto community. This year, on the St. George Campus, the orientation activities organized by the University of Toronto Student Union (UTSU) had featured a street festival for which St. George Street was closed for the day. Professor Matus stated that positive feedback had been received about the street festival and her office would continue to discuss this and future event possibilities with UTSU.

¹ <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=9061>

² <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=9062>

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Professor Matus explained that, in cooperation with universities across the country, the University of Toronto had taken part in "Terry's CAUSE on Campus", an event inspired by Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. The event had taken place at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) on October 3, 2012. Buses had been provided for St. George and University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) students who wished to participate in the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried,

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

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

4. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report Number 170, May 30, 2012

Report Number 170 (May 30, 2012) was approved.

5. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

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

6. Report on Approvals under Summer Executive Authority

There had been no approvals within the Board's terms of reference during the summer of 2012.

7. Calendar of Business for 2012-13

Members received for information the Board's Calendar of Business for 2012-13.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.**9. Other Business****a) Statement on Human Rights**

The Chair informed members that the University's Statement of Human Rights had been amended in July 2012 to accurately reflect the list of prohibited grounds under Ontario's *Human Rights Code*.

The amendments had included i) the replacement of the word "gender" with the word "sex", ii) the addition of "gender identity" and "gender expression", and iii) the revision of the order in which the prohibited grounds of discrimination are listed to mirror the order in which the grounds are listed in the *Code*.

b) Call for Nominations for Striking Committee and Service Ancillaries Review Group (SARG)

The Chair informed members that a call for nominations for the Board's Striking (Nominating) Committee and for the Service Ancillaries Review Group (SARG) would be issued in the next few days.

9. Other Business (cont'd)

c) Board Evaluation

The Chair provided a brief summary of the self-assessment that had been completed in June 2012:

- 13 of 25 members, or 52%, had responded to the survey;
- Most responses concerning the Board and its operations had been positive.
- The most valuable aspects of Board meetings had been identified as the assessor's reports; reports from various student support services; the opportunity to assess and question the implementation of incidental fees; presentations and Question and Answer periods.
- The least valuable aspects of Board meetings had been identified as the length of some of the questions that were asked.

d) Engineering Students and Microsoft Windows 8

The Vice-Chair thanked the staff of the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students for their support in arranging an opportunity for students in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering to be involved in the testing of Microsoft Windows 8.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

October 23, 2012