

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

REPORT NUMBER 34 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

To the University Affairs Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on October 17, 2003 at 3:15 pm in the Governing Council Boardroom, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Professor Michael Marrus (In the Chair)
Ms. Shirley Hoy
Ms. Karen Lewis

Secretariat:

Ms. Cristina Oke, Chief Returning Officer
Mr. Andrew Drummond (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:
Ms. Susan Scafe
Mr. Adam Watson

ITEM 2 IS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. ALL OTHER ITEMS ARE FOR INFORMATION.

1. Reports of the Previous Meetings

The Reports of September 17 and October 3 were approved.

2. *Election Guidelines 2004*

The Chair indicated that the main purpose of the meeting was to review and approve the *Election Guidelines 2004* to be recommended to the University Affairs Board for its consideration at the October 28, 2003 meeting.

The Chair invited the Chief Returning Officer to highlight the proposed changes to the *Guidelines*. Ms. Oke reviewed the document that had been circulated with the Agenda, noting amendments from the previous year's guidelines and explaining their genesis.

During discussion, two editorial amendments were noted. The first of these was to add reference on page 34 to the *Statement on Prohibited Discrimination and Discriminatory Harassment* in the last sentence of the first paragraph.. The second change made was on page 35 of the material before members, to change the word 'candidate' to 'complainant' in point 13 (f)(i).

On motion duly moved and seconded

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

THAT the *Election Guidelines 2004*, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, be approved.

3. Other Business

At the request of the Chair and the other members of the Committee, the Chief Returning Officer provided a report on her investigation into the feasibility of offering a ballot box alternative to web voting. The Committee concurred with her report that to offer such an alternative would limit the security of the elections process by dramatically increasing the likelihood of 'double-voting'.

In addition, the Chief Returning Officer reported that, as instructed by the Committee, she had investigated a possible loophole that might limit individuals' ability to vote on the web. It was alleged that this could occur by entering a student identification number into the web voting system and deliberately entering false pass codes, thus excluding legitimate entry into the system. This problem has been resolved through the introduction of a secure reactivation system.

The Committee thanked the Chief Returning Officer for her report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Secretary
October 20, 2003

Chair