

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT 115 OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE

October 28, 2004

To the Academic Board,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting of Thursday, October 23, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. in the Falconer Room, Room 102, Simcoe Hall.

Present: Professor W. Raymond Cummins, Chair
Professor Brian Corman
Professor Vivek Goel, Vice-President and Provost
Professor Avrum Gotlieb, Chair, Planning and Budget Committee
Professor Edith Hillan, Senior Assessor, Committee on Academic
Policy and Programs
Professor Diane Massam
Professor Paul Perron

Ms C. Oke, Secretary

Regrets: Mr. Bruce Cameron
Professor J.J. Berry Smith

In Attendance: Mr. Andrew Drummond, Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council
Ms Helen Lasthiotakis, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of the
Vice-President and Provost
Professor Cheryl Regehr, Vice-Chair, Committee on Academic Policy
and Programs

1. Report of the Previous Meeting

Report Number 114 dated September 23, 2004 was approved.

2. Business Arising

There was no business arising.

3. Reviews of Academic Programs and Units

The Chair reminded members that, under the *Framework for Accountability of Reviews of Academic Programs and Units*, the Agenda Committee was responsible for determining whether there were any issues of general academic importance arising from the reviews that should be discussed at the Academic Board. Members had received the summary of the Reviews and the Report of the meeting of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs (AP&P) at which the reviews had been discussed.

Professor Goel reported that there were no issues of concern raised at AP&P to bring forward to the Academic Board. There had been a good discussion at AP&P.

A member commented on the length of time it had taken for some of the reviews to come forward. Professor Goel replied that two years of reviews had been brought forward in June, mainly as a result of the transition in various administrative offices. Processes were being developed to ensure that reviews would be brought forward in timely fashion on an annual basis. It had also been suggested that members of the Committee be assigned to read the complete review of particular units. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee would develop an appropriate process for a more comprehensive consideration of reviews at AP&P. Professor Goel also reported that a Policy for Review of Academic Programs and Units was under development and would be presented to governance this fall.

4. Academic Board Agenda – November 11, 2004

Members reviewed the agenda for the November 11 meeting. Professor Goel explained the documentation that would be provided for the Policy for Clinical Faculty. The Chair suggested that the Dean of Medicine be invited to comment on the Policy,

It was noted that several items on the November 11 agenda would be considered by the Planning and Budget Committee on November 10. Since there would not be sufficient time to prepare a draft excerpt of the Report of that meeting, the Chair of Planning and Budget would provide a summary of the discussion of the items being recommended to the Board for approval. It was suggested that Professor Misak be invited to comment on the departmental restructuring and name change at the University of Toronto at Mississauga.

Professor Goel indicated that his report would include updates on capital projects, including Varsity, academic planning, and the Academic Initiatives Fund.

5. Academic Board Agenda – December 9, 2004

Members reviewed the agenda for the December 9 meeting. It was noted that this meeting had been planned as a reserve meeting for academic administrative appointments. A number of appointments would be coming forward to this meeting. In addition, the final Project Planning Reports of two capital projects would be considered at this meeting.

6. Change in Meeting Date in February 2005

It was agreed that the Academic Board meeting scheduled for February 24, 2005 be rescheduled to February 21, 2005 to accommodate the schedule of the Chair.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting of the Agenda Committee was scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Secretary

Chair

November 4, 2004