

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**  
**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**REPORT NUMBER 67 OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**October 4, 2012**

To the Executive Committee,  
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it met on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Scarborough Room (room number 129), Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Professor William Gough (Chair)  
Mr. P.C. Choo  
Mr. Michael A. Donnelly  
Ms Shirley Hoy  
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk

Secretariat:

Mr. Anwar Kazimi, Acting Secretary, Chief Returning Officer (CRO)

In Attendance:

Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council

### **1. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. He provided an overview of the Committee's functions, noting that its four main roles were:

- To review and recommend for approval the *Policy on Elections*.
- To develop guidelines for the procedures to be used in the elections of Governing Council bodies – Governing Council itself, Academic Board, and the new UTM and UTSC Campus Councils and their standing committees that were to be implemented as of July 1, 2013.
- To receive for information the annual report on the elections process from the Chief Returning Officer (CRO).
- To serve as Election Overseers, considering any appeals of a decision of the CRO or any other question that could arise out of the conduct of the elections.

With respect to the last mentioned role, the Chair emphasized that only in the event of a possible failure of quorum should a member of the Elections Committee who was standing for election, involved in an election campaign, or endorsing a candidate, sit as an Election Overseer. In such a case, that member could not consider matters arising from his constituency. By abstaining from serving as an Election Overseer, a Committee member would avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest.

## **2. Approval of the Report of the Previous Meeting**

Report Number 66 (October 3, 2011) was approved.

## **3. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting**

### Item 3) Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

The Chair recalled that at its previous meeting on October 3, 2011, the Committee had agreed to study the matter of appropriate distribution within the internal estates represented on the Governing Council bodies and had asked the Secretariat to provide some options for the Committee's consideration. The Committee would consider this under item 5 – Future Directions.

## **4. Report of the 2012 Governing Council and Academic Board Election Process**

In presenting his report, Mr. Kazimi noted that he had exercised his judgement while investigating allegations of campaign violations. He was pleased to report that had not been necessary to call upon the Election Overseers to hear any complaints about matters relating to the 2012 election process. Members discussed the continuing need to ensure greater participation in the elections across all the estates. A copy of the Report is attached hereto as [Appendix "A"](#).

## **5. Future Directions**

The Committee commenced its discussions on two matters:

- The distribution of elected seats on the Governing Council and the Academic Board; and
- Election matters related to the implementation of the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) and the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) Campus Councils and their Standing Committees.

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair stated that the next regular meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.

## **7. Other Business**

There were no items of other business

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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Secretary  
November 5, 2012

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Chair