

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT NUMBER 496 OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

To the Governing Council,
University of Toronto.

Your Committee reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, Simcoe Hall, with the following members present:

Claire M.C. Kennedy, Chair Meric S. Gertler, President David Bowden* Susan Froom Gary D. Goldberg Brian D. Lawson Catherine Riddell Salvatore Spadafora Janice Gross Stein Steven J. Thorpe Twesh Upadhyaya	Regrets: Catherine Bragg Janet L. Ecker N. Jane Pepino Non-Voting Member: Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council Secretariat: Anwar Kazimi
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* *participated by teleconference*

Harvey Botting, Chair, Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson, 2017-2018 (for items 14(c) and 14(d)(i))

Jeff Collins, Chair, Audit Committee (for item 13)

Andrea Sass-Kortsak, Chair, Academic Board and Member of the Governing Council

Andrew Szende, Chair, University Affairs Board and Member of the Governing Council

Keith Thomas, Chair, Business Board and Member of the Governing Council

Cheryl Regehr, Vice-President and Provost and Member of the Governing Council

Scott Mabury, Vice-President, University Operations

Nadina Jamison, Assistant Vice-President, Strategic Initiatives, Office of the President (for items 1 to 12)

Bryn McPherson, Assistant Vice-President, Officer of the President and Chief of Protocol (for items 1 to 12)

Nora Gillespie, Legal Counsel to the Offices of the Vice-President and Provost; and Human Resources and Equity (for item 16b.)

Anthony Gray, Director, Strategic Research, Office of the President (for items 1 to 12)

Tracey Gameiro, Associate Director, Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances (for item 16b.)

Christopher Lang, Director, Appeals, Discipline and Faculty Grievances (for item 16b.)

Simon Pratt, Director of Policy and Analysis, Planning and Budget Office (item 3)

Pursuant to section 28 (e) and 38 of By-Law Number 2, consideration of items 14-18 took place in camera.

The meeting was held in closed Session.

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

The Chair noted that the College of Electors had elected Dr. Rose Patten as the new Chancellor. Dr. Patten had been elected for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2018. The Chair remarked that Dr. Patten was a longstanding and prolific volunteer at the University; and that she looked forward to working with Dr. Patten in advocating for the University's priorities.

The Chair congratulated the administration and Dean Cristina Amon at the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering for the opening of the Myhal Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship on April 27, 2018.

In closing her remarks, the Chair paid tribute to Mr. W. John Switzer, who had died on April 27, 2018. She described Mr. Switzer as a very proud and inspirational member of the University community; and stated that he had left behind a rich legacy – the impact of which would continue to be felt for many years to come.

2. Report of the President

In his opening remarks, the President echoed the sentiments of the Chair regarding Mr. Switzer. The President had been out of town on University business when the memorial and celebration of Mr. Switzer's life was held on May 5, 2018. In his place, President Emeritus David Naylor brought remarks on behalf of the University. President Gertler asked that President Emeritus read the following passage at the event:

John Switzer exemplified the very best of what it means to be a part of the university family. Those of us who had the privilege of knowing him will fondly remember his wisdom, his wry sense of humour, and his profound contributions to making the university a better place for us all. He will be greatly missed.

Provincial and Federal Investment Matters

The President noted that the Province was approaching an election. The University would continue to focus on the platforms of all the political parties on the matter of higher education and advanced research.

The President noted that the Honourable Reza Moridi, Minister of Research, Innovation and Science, had attended the launch of the Niagara supercomputer hosted at SciNet. The project is jointly funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Government of Ontario, and the University of Toronto. With this launch, the University now housed the nation's most powerful research computer for supporting many fields including biomedical, astrophysics, engineering, and climate science research. Though the computer is hosted by the University of Toronto and operated by the SciNet, the university's high-performance computing centre, the system will be open to researchers across Canada.

The Federal government had recently redistributed chairs within the Canada Research Chair (CRC) program, with the Chairs being reallocated across the Tri-Councils. The University had received new funding for 30 Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) CRCs. However, the University had had to surrender 10 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Chairs. There had been no gains or losses for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) CRCs. The President noted that these reallocations had not resulted in the unseating of any sitting Chair at the University and praised the Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation for their planning and preparation.

Mexico visit

The President had led a large delegation from the University to Mexico City with a focus to recruit graduate students and to explore the potential of recruiting undergraduate students. Among the many highlights of the visit was the President's keynote address to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City; and a well-attended reception for University of Toronto alumni and prospective students that was held at the Canadian Embassy. At that reception, Professor Ted Sargent had interviewed Professor Alan Aspuru-Guzik, the University's latest Canada 150 Research Chair and a leading researcher in theoretical and computational chemistry.

The President noted that the trip had been a great success and had met a goal of the University's international strategy to broaden the reach of international undergraduate student recruitment.

New York trip

In New York City, the President had hosted a reception featuring Professor Mark Kingwell (Department of Philosophy). At the event, Professor Kingwell had delivered a lecture on "What it means to be human in the age of artificial intelligence". A highly engaged audience of over two hundred University of Toronto alumni based in the US participated in the discussion that followed Professor Kingwell's lecture.

The President had hosted the second meeting of the East Coast International Leadership Council. At that meeting, University of Toronto alumni had provided helpful feedback on specific matters such as student recruitment and establishing partnerships.

Two foundations based in New York City had shown interest in collaborating with the University's recently-launched School of Cities. The President had also been interviewed by the higher education reporter for the Wall Street Journal.

G7 Foreign Ministers Meeting

The President said that the University had been the site for the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, hosted by the Honourable Chrystia Freeland (Minister of Foreign Affairs). Chancellor Wilson had greeted the Ministers upon their arrival at Simcoe Hall. Over two days, the Foreign Ministers had held their plenary sessions in the Council Chamber where they had discussed 'building a more peaceful and secure world.'

The President commended the efforts of staff from across several portfolios at the University who had contributed considerable time and energy to ensure the success of this summit.

Toronto attack and vigil

The President recalled that that on April 23, 2018, there had been a van attack in Toronto in which 10 people were killed, including one University of Toronto student. The list of 16 others who were injured in this incident also included two University of Toronto students. On April 29th, the President and many University of Toronto students, staff, and faculty had joined thousands of people from across the GTA in a march down Yonge Street to Mel Lastman Square for the #TorontoStrong Vigil. The dignitaries who had attended the vigil included the Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette; the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Justine Trudeau; the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; and His Worship, John Tory, Mayor of Toronto. The President noted that the event had highlighted how the community had come together at a time of distress and had responded with dignity and courage.

Tri-Campus Review

At the invitation of the President, the Provost presented the highlights of the Tri-Campus Review. In her presentation, the Provost highlighted the scope of the following areas that would be addressed by the Review:

- Academic Planning and Academic Change
- Graduate Units
- Student Service
- Administrative Structure
- Budget Relationships

3. 2017 Performance Indicators for Governance

The Chair invited the Provost to introduce the *2017 Performance Indicators for Governance* report. The Provost pointed to the Executive Summary to the Report, which focused on key University accomplishments and how the University of Toronto was doing with respect to key performance indicators.

In the discussion that followed, the Provost highlighted the following:

- The University continued to demonstrate tremendous strength in research and innovation.
- The University was focused on increasing the number of students from underrepresented groups through enhancing and expanding outreach and access programs. This included additional supports to the Transitional Year Program (TYP).
- The University will continued to focus on programs and interventions to improve six-year graduation rates.
- New awards had been established for both junior and senior faculty, which are proving effective in scaffolding nominations for external teaching awards.

Professor Mabury added that the cost of providing accessibility services had continued to rise exponentially, with the Provincial government now paying for less than half of this expense.

4. Item for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

a. Proposal to establish the Institute for Studies in Transdisciplinary Engineering Education and Practice as an EDU: A, effective July 1, 2018, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering

Professor Sass-Kortsak reported that at the meeting of the Academic Board, a member had sought clarification on the designation of the Institute as an Extra-Departmental Unit: A (EDU:A). The Provost had explained that the designation would allow for the appointment of faculty members to the Institute and for it to manage its own budget.

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the following recommendation be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council

THAT the proposal to establish the Institute for Studies in Transdisciplinary Engineering Education and Practice as an Extra-Departmental Unit Type A, be approved effective July 1, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

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

5. Items for Confirmation

a. Program Closure – Specialist (Joint) Program in Applied Microbiology

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the proposed closure of the Specialist (Joint) program in Applied Microbiology undergraduate program, to which admissions have already been suspended, as described in the attached proposal from the University of Toronto Scarborough dated February 14, 2018, be approved effective as of the academic year 2018-19.

b. Program Closure – Specialist (Joint) Program in Environmental Science and Technology

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

THAT the proposed closure of the Environmental Science and Technology undergraduate program, to which admissions have already been suspended, as described in the attached proposal from the University of Toronto Scarborough dated February 14, 2018, be approved effective as of the academic year 2018-19.

c. Renewals of the existing affiliation agreements between the University of Toronto and the Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) Associate member hospitals; and Revisions from the 2013 Template

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE DECISION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

- (a) THAT the revised template for affiliation agreements between the University of Toronto and the Toronto Academic Health Science Network Associate member hospitals be approved, effective immediately;
- (b) THAT the President, or designate, be authorized to sign such agreements on behalf of the Governing Council, provided that the agreements conform to the approved template; and
- (c) THAT the agreements signed under the provisions of this resolution be filed with the Secretary of Governing Council.

6. Report of the Previous Meeting of the Executive Committee

Report Number 495 (March 27, 2018) was approved.

7. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meetings.

8. Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting – April 5, 2018

Members received the Report of the April 5, 2018 Governing Council Meeting for information.

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

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

10. Reports for Information:

Members received the following Reports for information:

- a. Report on the Reviews of Academic Programs and Units – Part 2
 - i. Semi-Annual Report: October 2017 to March 2018
 - ii. Follow-up Report from Previous Reviews: Dalla Lana School of Public Health and its Programs
- b. Report Number 215 of the Academic Board (April 19, 2018)
- c. Report Number 240 of the Business Board (April 23, 2018)
- d. Report Number 206 of the University Affairs Board (April 30, 2018)
- e. Report Number 29 of the University of Toronto Campus Council (April 17, 2018)
- f. Report Number 29 of the University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council (April 18, 2018)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

11. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair advised members that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday June 14, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

12. Other Business

The Chair recalled that at the previous meeting of the Executive Committee a member had raised the matter of administration's initiatives to increase pedestrian safety on the St. George campus. In response, Professor Mabury noted that the University continued to work closely with the City of Toronto to put in place measures to improve pedestrian safety. Specifically, the University had harmonized the movement of vehicular traffic around King's College Circle and Convocation Hall. The Campus Secondary Plan and the Master Plan included additional cross walks across the campus. The University was in ongoing discussions with the City for other measures such as modified timings of traffic lights around class hours with an aim to favour pedestrian movement.

On the matter of the proposed *University-Mandated Leave of Absence Policy*, Professor Regehr noted that the administration continued to seek feedback from the University community. A member suggested that proposed *Policy* be brought forward by the administration in the fall for its consideration by governance. In the opinion of the member, this would allow for the administration to engage in further consultation with the newly-elected student government organizations.

a. Governing Council Meeting

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting of the Governing Council was to be held at the University of Toronto Scarborough on May 17, 2018 and discussed the arrangements surrounding that meeting.

The Committee Moved *In Camera*.

In Camera Session

13. Risk Assessment Report 2017

The Committee received the *Risk Assessment Report, 2017* for information.

14. Items for Endorsement and Forwarding to the Governing Council

a. Members of the Governing Council to the UTSC and UTM Campus Councils and their Standing Committees, 2018-19

The Chair provided an overview of the process that informed the proposed 2018-19 assignments of members of the Governing Council to governance bodies.

On motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. THAT the following motion be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council:

THAT the proposed Assignments of members of the Governing Council to Boards and Committees for 2018-19, be approved; and

2. THAT, pursuant to section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the Governing Council consider this item *in camera*.
3. THAT, subject to the approval of the membership of the Elections Committee by the Governing Council on May 17, 2018, Professor Salvatore Spadafora be appointed as Chair of the Elections Committee for a one-year term effective July 1, 2018.

b. Appointments: Membership of the Committee for Honorary Degrees, 2018-19

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

THAT the following motion be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council:

THAT the proposed membership of the 2018-19 Committee for Honorary Degrees be approved; and,

THAT pursuant to section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the Governing Council consider this item *in camera*.

c. Report of the Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson 2017-2018

Mr. Harvey Botting, Chair of the Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson, provided a detailed overview of the work of the Committee and the recommendations contained in its Report.

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

THAT the *Report of the Committee to Review the Office of the University Ombudsperson (2017-2018)* be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council for approval in principle.

THAT, pursuant to section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the Governing Council consider the item *in camera*.

d. Senior Appointments

i. On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

(1.) THAT the following recommendation be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council for approval:

THAT the recommendation for the Senior Appointment, as outlined in the memorandum dated May 1, 2018, from Professor Meric Gertler be approved.

(2.) THAT, pursuant to section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the Governing Council consider the proposed appointment *in camera*.

ii. On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

(1.) THAT the following recommendation be endorsed and forwarded to the Governing Council for approval:

THAT the recommendation for the Senior Appointment, as outlined in the memorandum dated May 1, 2018, from Professor Meric Gertler be approved.

(2.) THAT, pursuant to section 38 of *By-Law Number 2*, the Governing Council consider the proposed appointment *in camera*.

15. Items for Approval by the Executive Committee

a. External Appointments

(i) Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (SHSC) Board of Directors

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

THAT the following individuals be appointed to the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre (SHCS) Board of Directors for one-year terms, effective the Sunnybrook's AGM on June 11, 2018 to the AGM in June 2019 of the SHSC:

Mr. Rags Davloor
Ms Donna Duncan
Mr. Thomas E. Flynn
Ms Helen Hayward
Mr. Donald G. Lang
Ms Martha Tory
Ms Linda Mantia
Dr. Trevor Young

(ii) Banting Research Foundation Board of Directors

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

THAT Mr. Donald Guloien be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Banting Research Foundation for a three-year term from effective June 14, 2018 until the Foundation's annual general meeting in 2021, or until his successor is appointed.

(iii) University of Toronto Asset Management (UTAM) Appointments

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE RESOLVED

- (a) THAT the following individuals be approved and nominated as members and directors of the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation for one-year terms until the 2019 annual meeting of the Corporation or until their successors are appointed;

Ms Sheila Brown (*ex officio*)
Professor Meric Gertler (*ex officio*)
Mr. Richard B. Nunn
Mr. Daren Smith (*ex officio*)
Mr. Alan White (UTFA)

- (b) THAT Mr. Richard B. Nunn be approved and nominated as a member and director of the University of Toronto Asset Management Corporation, and as Chair of its Board, for a one-year term until the 2019 annual meeting of the Corporation or until his successor is appointed.

b. Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters: Recommendations for Expulsion

On a motion duly moved, seconded and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the President's recommendations for expulsion, as outlined in the memorandum and supporting documentation from the Secretary of the Governing Council, dated May 1, 2018 be confirmed.

16. Committee Members with the President

Members of the Executive Committee, with the Board Chairs, met with the President.

17. Committee Members Alone

Members of the Executive Committee, with the Board Chairs, met privately.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary
May 16, 2018

Chair