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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 1 OF THE CAMPUS COUNCIL

October 8, 2013

Professor William Gough (Chair)  
Ms Judy Goldring (Chair of the Governing Council)  
Professor Meric Gertler (President-Designate)  
Professor Franco Vaccarino (Vice-President & Principal)  
Mr. Preet Banerjee  
Mr. Asher Chohan  
Mr. Luki Danukarjanto  
Mr. Adrian De Leon  
Professor Suzanne Erb  
Ms Kathy Fellowes  
Ms Sue Graham-Nutter  
Mr. Roshan Gunapalasundaram  
Dr. Brian Harrington  
Mr. John Kapageridis  
Dr. Elaine Khoo  
Mr. Mark Krembil  
Ms Nancy Lee  
Mr. Hussain Masoom  
Ms Alyssa Moses  
Dr. Christopher Ollson  
Professor Stephen Rockel  
Dr. Effie Sauer  
Ms Elaine Thompson  
Mr. Andrew Arifuzzaman (Chief Administrative Officer)  

Secretariat:  
Ms Amorell Saunders N'Daw  
Ms Rena Parsan  

Absent:  
Ms Sara Allain  
Ms Marilyn Kwan  

In attendance:  
Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council  
Mr. Jim Delaney, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Governing Council  
Ms Sheree Drummond, Deputy Secretary of the Governing Council  
Professor Malcolm Campbell, Vice-Principal, Research  
Ms Lesley Lewis, Assistant Dean  
Ms Kim Richards, Director, Human Resources Services  
Mr. Desmond Pouyat, Dean of Student Affairs  
Ms Georgette Zinaty, Executive Director, Development and Alumni Relations  
Professor Bernie Kraatz, Chair, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences  
Professor Julian Lowman, Associate Professor of Physics and Astrophysics and Associate Chair of Physics, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences  
Professor Kristen Menou, Associate Professor of Physics and Astrophysics, Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences  
Mr. Guled Arale, Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, Vice-President, External
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Mr. Amir Bashir, Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, Executive Director
Mr. Tahsin Chowdhury, Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, Vice-President, Student Life
Ms Yusra Khogali, Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, Vice-President Equity
Ms Alice Lu, Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, Vice-President, Operations
Ms Ranziba Nehrin, Scarborough Campus Students’ Union, Vice-President Academic
Ms Sarah Worku, Scarborough Campus Student’s Union, President and CEO

1. Chair’s Remarks
   The Chair, Professor William Gough, welcomed guests to the inaugural meeting of the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Council meeting. He emphasized that this was a special moment in governance at the University of Toronto Scarborough. The Chair introduced the Assessor, Non-voting Assessor, and the University of Toronto Scarborough Secretariat. A special introduction was given to the Chair of Governing Council, Ms Judy Golding and President-Designate, Professor Meric Gertler. The Chair called upon each of them to give brief remarks.

2. Orientation
   The Chair along with the Secretary of Governing Council, Mr. Louis Charpentier, gave an orientation presentation, highlighting the following:
   - The Origin of the Campus Council and its Standing Committees;
   - Mandate and Terms of Reference;
   - The Distinction between Administration and Governance;
   - Responsibilities of Members;
   - The Rules of Order; and
   - The Calendar of Business

3. Report of the Vice-President and Principal
   The Chair invited the Vice-President and Principal to give his report. The Vice-President and Principal welcomed and thanked members for attending the meeting. He welcomed the student leaders from the Scarborough Campus Students’ Union (SCSU) and invited Sarah Worku, President of the SCSU to address the Council. Ms Worku thanked the Chair for the opportunity to speak and provided a brief overview of the SCSU, including their mandate, the organizational structure, and their priorities and victories. Ms Worku also introduced the SCSU Executive team. The Vice-President and Principal thanked Ms Worku and her team for the work that they are doing on behalf of UTSC students. He commented that in keeping with the inaugural theme that he would discuss UTSC in a broader context. Great emphasis was placed on UTSC’s history of looking forward and investing in directions that are on the forefront of new thinking and ideas. The two historical examples he offered were the International Development Studies program and Co-op Education. The Vice-President and Principal highlighted the strategic direction of UTSC and focused on five key points:

   - Incubating and creating new and emerging fields of scholarship that cut across traditional disciplinary boundaries;
   - Creation of experiential and international learning opportunities;
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- Sustainable growth by developing the Northern part of the UTSC campus;
- Community engagement and valuable partnerships that “lift” the campus and help it achieve goals and mandates; and
- Building global identity as a campus

The Vice-President and Principal concluded by stating that the creation of the Campus Councils solidifies the tri-campus system, and properly connects the University of Toronto Scarborough and University of Toronto Mississauga with central governance.

There were no questions for the Vice-President and Principal.

4. Proposal to Establish the Centre for Planetary Sciences as an Extra Departmental Unit (EDU: C)

The Chair welcomed the faculty members from the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, and invited Ms. Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee, to introduce the item.

A thoughtful discussion emerged and one member asked how the Centre would fall into the long term plan for the University of Toronto Scarborough. A faculty member from the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences explained that it was a tri-campus initiative, and the Vice-President and Principal commented that the Centre fits into the Environmental Sciences continuum at the University of Toronto Scarborough and is an emerging field of scholarship. A member raised the question regarding at what point the Centre would transfer from seed funding to their own fundraising initiatives. The Vice-President and Principal responded by stating that there is an institutional process in place for fundraising and that a timeline could not be determined. One member asked if there were other examples of Centres that received seed funding, and the Chair said that the Centre for Ethnography and the Centre for Neuroscience received seed funding. A member asked what an Extra Departmental Unit was, and the Chair explained the term and provided examples (Appendix 1).

Another member asked what would be the downside of not approving the Centre, and a faculty member from the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences responded that three faculty members had already been hired, and that this Centre would unite Physicists and other scientists on all three campuses.

On motion, duly moved and seconded,

YOUR COUNCIL APPROVED

THAT the creation of the Centre for Planetary Sciences be approved effective immediately.

5. Revisions to the Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects

At the invitation of the Chair Mr. Louis Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council, outlined the governance path for the proposed revision to the Policy. He explained that capital
projects with a project budget over $3 million and up to $10 million (Approval Level 2) would be considered by the Campus Affairs Committee rather than by the Planning and Budget Committee, following this they would proceed to the Academic Board for final consideration. For capital projects with a project budget above $10 million (Approval Level 3), the same process would occur but projects would proceed to Governing Council following the Academic Board. There were no proposed changes to the approvals for capital projects with a project budget under $3 million (Approval Level 1). Mr. Charpentier indicated that projects that required borrowing would continue go to the Business Board for consideration. All projects above $3 million would require approval of the Business Board for execution.

6. **Calendar of Business, 2013-14**
   The Chair advised members that the proposed Calendar of Business for 2013-2014 had been included in the agenda package. He emphasized that it was a dynamic document and that items would be added or removed as appropriate. Members were encouraged to review the calendar of business on a regular basis. The UTSC Campus Council’s Calendar of Business was updated weekly (on Fridays)

7. **Reports for Information**
   Members received the following reports for information:
   a. Report Number 1 of the Academic Affairs Committee (September 10, 2013)
   b. Report Number 1 of the Campus Affairs Committee (September 17, 2013)
   The Chair invited Ms Kathy Fellowes, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and Ms Sue Graham-Nutter, Chair of the Campus Affairs Committee, to provide a brief summary of the meetings that took place in September. Ms Kathy Fellowes reported that the Academic Affairs Committee had one item of business for approval, which was the Academic Appeals Subcommittee Establishment. Ms Sue Graham-Nutter reported that the Campus Affairs Committee recommended for approval to the UTSC Campus Council the Proposal to establish the Centre for Planetary Sciences as an EDU: C. She also highlighted the presentation made by the Chief Administrative Officer on the governance structure of the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre (TPASC).

8. **Date of the Next Meeting- Tuesday December 10, 2013**
   The Chair reminded members that the next scheduled meeting of the Council was Tuesday December 10, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the University of Toronto Scarborough Council Chamber, Arts and Administration Building.

9. **Question Period**
   There were no questions raised.
10. Other Business

No other business was raised.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Secretary                                  Chair

October 11, 2013