

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA CAMPUS COUNCIL

MAY 23, 2017

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAMPUS COUNCIL held on May 23, 2017 at 4:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, William G. Davis Building, University of Toronto Mississauga.

Professor Hugh Gunz, Chair
Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk, Vice-Chair
Professor Ulli Krull, Interim Vice-President
& Principal
Professor Amrita Daniere, Vice-Principal
Academic & Dean
Dr. Kelly Akers
Mr. Jeff Collins
Mr. Paul Donoghue, Chief Administrative
Officer
Mr. Simon Gilmartin
Ms Shelley Hawrychuk
Professor Angela Lange
Professor Joseph Leydon
Mr. Jay Nirula
Mr. Alex Paquette

Professor Judith Poë
Professor Holger Syme
Dr. Laura Taylor
Mr. Glenn Thompson
Mr. Douglas Varty
Mr. Jose Wilson
Ms Samra Zafar

Regrets:

Ms Megan Alekson
Ms Teresa Bai
Mr. Tarique Khan
Ms Farah Noori

In Attendance:

Ms Maya Tomkiewicz, VPUA, UTMSU
Ms Andrea Carter, Assistant Dean, Student Wellness, Support & Success

Secretariat:

Ms Cindy Ferencz Hammond, Director of Governance, UTM, Assistant Secretary of the
Governing Council
Ms Mariam Ali, Governance Coordinator, UTM

The meeting began *in camera*.

**1. Appointments: 2017-18 University of Toronto Mississauga Campus Council Members
Standing Committee Assignments**

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED,

That the recommended appointments of members of the UTM Campus Council to the Standing Committees and related leadership roles, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, and as specified in the documentation dated May 15, 2017, be approved for one year terms, effective July 1, 2017.

The Committee moved into open session.

2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the last meeting of the academic year. He thanked members for their continued interest in governance and for their valuable advice and oversight to administrators on matters of importance to UTM.

3. Report of the Interim Vice-President & Principal

The Chair invited Professor Krull to provide his report.

Research Funding

Professor Krull announced that UTM faculty had achieved grant success rates of 47% from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and a 93% success rate from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, noting that these rates are much higher than the national averages. He added that the Canada Council for the Arts granted its largest award this year of \$375,000 to Professor Christine Shaw and the Blackwood Gallery at UTM for a project entitled Earth, Sea and Air, a thought provoking show connecting to sustainability and human impact. This project will connect across Port Credit, the UTM campus and the Pearson Airport, and will provide UTM and opportunity to contribute to arts and culture beyond our campus. Professor Krull commended the work of faculty on this campus and applauded their success.

Community Partnerships

Professor Krull announced that the Amgen Foundation had some years ago created the Amgen Biotechnology Experience program as a high school outreach program, which trains and supports teachers in bringing high level STEM lab experiments into under resourced high schools. In looking for a partner in Canada, UTM has been selected by Amgen for this first of its kind program in Canada. The program has been active in the USA, Europe, and Puerto Rico and UTM will to serve as the Canadian entry point with initial funding for a three-year program. UTM students will support teachers in high schools and teachers would come to UTM for training, with equipment purchased by Amgen.

Professor Krull further reported that UTM will partner with CivicAction, an organization based in Toronto, and the Healthy City Stewardship Centre, for a GTA-wide initiative on mental health. The City of Mississauga also held a *Building Skilled Talent Together* workshop in which UTM participated, with the goal of stimulating cooperation between the advanced manufacturing sector and education partners to consider how to deliver training. In addition, Trillium Health Partners announced the addition of more than 600 beds at the Mississauga and Etobicoke sites. Professor Krull noted that this would allow the organization an opportunity to look to

research and teaching opportunities and expand interactions with UTM. He added the Peel Region Science Fair was also hosted at UTM this year.

Other matters

UTM recently hosted Professor Joshua Barker who was leading the consultation process for the School of Cities initiative, and Mr. Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo, Director of Indigenous Initiatives to discuss indigenous investments.

Professor Krull added that planning for a Science building was under way and preliminary plans indicated that the building would be 360,000 gross square feet making the scale of this project 50% larger than Phase 2 of the North Building. He indicated that current plans were to have occupancy as early as the end of 2020.

Professor Krull brought members' attention to a great story of innovation and commercial impact that also highlighted the effectiveness of the Master of Science in Sustainability Management Program. The graduate student team of *Just Vertical* brought hydroponic food production to an accessible level and was designed for the urban space, time, and capital constrained consumer. Professor Krull invited Mr. Conner Tidd and Mr. Kevin Jakiela, co-founders of *Just Vertical* to present^[1].

Mr. Tidd noted that *Just Vertical* represented a resurgence of local decentralized food production that allowed consumers to produce in excess of 10 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables a month in less than 6 square feet. There were installations at a local Mississauga high school and the pilot initiative had been installed in the IMI Lobby. Mr. Tidd noted that they were grateful to Professor Shashi Kant who had supported their thesis, and helped move the idea into a tangible product. They thanked the MScSM program, IMI and I-CUBE for support and for cultivating an ecosystem of innovation at UTM. In response to a member's question, Mr. Tidd explained that the company had completed their soft launch and that their products were commercially available online.

4. UTM Academic Plan: Framework, Goal Setting, and Progress

The Chair invited Professor Amrita Danieri, Vice-Principal Academic & Dean to present. Professor Danieri provided an overview of the vision statement and the Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF). Professor Danieri informed members that common topics that had surfaced during the consultation period included the following:

- Focusing on student success through evidence-based program and curriculum development, the development of foundational competencies, and the enhancement of experiential learning opportunities;

^[1] The presentation is attached as Attachment A.

- Educating global citizens by integrating global content into the curriculum and hiring full-time faculty working on global topics as well as the expansion of international opportunities for students;
- Improving outreach and collaboration with different stakeholders to create more work-integrated learning opportunities as well as enhancing the availability of arts and culture on campus. In addition, this requires improved communication to help the public know what UTM does;
- Strengthening the research culture at UTM by attracting diverse, world-class faculty and supporting their research efforts;
- Directing resource allocation towards pedagogical infrastructure and the prioritization of equity and diversity.

A member asked whether current negotiations for the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) had bearing on the direction of the academic and strategic plans, and whether they aligned with SMA metrics. Professor Daniere explained that the plans for UTM and the strategic mandate agreement were aligned in that, for example, supporting research is a priority regardless of the SMA. She added however that the Task Force did not focus on current SMA discussions and future potential metrics as part of their discussions.

In response to a member's comment, Professor Daniere clarified that although the documentation was a reflection of the aspirations of the collective internal community at UTM, there was a great deal of emphasis on connecting and communication to the external community. Professor Daniere noted that there was a balance between recognizing existing areas of excellence and finding areas of opportunity, such as students' writing skills, or becoming world leaders in specific areas of research.

Professor Daniere also clarified for members that the Strategic Plan would not have budgets attached to it, and that specific parts of the plans would come through as individual proposals for consideration in governance, or would potentially go through the academic budget review process.

Professor Daniere noted that the draft Academic and Strategic Plans would be sent out to the UTM community for feedback in June or July, 2017.

5. Report from the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee

The Chair invited Professor Judith Poë, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC), to provide a report¹ to Council members on its business. Professor Poë provided an overview of items the AAC had considered and the decisions made within the last year. These included the addition of over 100 new undergraduate courses, a new Certificate program in Curatorial Studies and the Business, Science and Entrepreneurship Minor program. Professor Poë noted that there had been a greater emphasis on experiential learning courses, as well as greater academic rigor

¹ The presentation is attached as Attachment C.

required for non-mathematics programs. She added that the Committee had recently approved a change in timing for students to utilize the credit/no credit option.

Professor Poë explained to members the process surrounding external reviews and summarized the findings of the reviews as they were presented by the Dean, Professor Amrita Daniere for the Departments of Mathematical and Computational Sciences, Visual Studies and Language Studies. Professor Poë also noted that strategic topics for information relayed to the Committee including presentations on the Vision statement, initiatives of the Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre, UTMSU activities and interests and academic accommodations. Professor Poë expressed her thanks to Professor Amrita Daniere, Vice-Principal Academic and Dean, the Secretariat and Committee members for their contributions in facilitating the work of the Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion duly moved, seconded, and carried

YOUR COMMITTEE APPROVED

THAT the consent agenda be adopted and that Item 8 - Report of the Previous Meeting, be approved.

6. Report on UTM Capital Projects – as at March 31, 2017 (for information)

7. Reports for Information

- a. Report 24 of the Agenda Committee (May 11, 2017)
- b. Report 21 of the Academic Affairs Committee (April 25, 2017)
- c. Report 23 of the Campus Affairs Committee (April 24, 2017)

8. Report of the Previous Meeting: Report 23 - April 19, 2017

9. Business Arising from the Report of the Previous Meeting

10. Date of the Next Meeting – Monday, June 19, 2017 at 4:10 p.m. (reserve)

The Chair reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017 at 4:10 p.m. at 4:10 p.m., which was a reserve date that likely would not be required. He advised that the Secretariat would provide notice if the reserve meeting dates were to be cancelled.

11. Question Period

There were no questions for assessors.

12. Other Business

The Chair thanked the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Standing Committees, Professor Judith Poë, Professor Angela Lange, Dr. Laura Taylor, Professor Joseph Leydon and Mr. Tarique Khan for their contributions throughout the year. He also thanked the assessors to the bodies for their diligence in bringing business forward for governance consideration, namely Professor Amrita Daniere, Professor Bryan Stewart, Mr. Paul Donoghue, Mr. Mark Overton and Professor Ulli Krull. He additionally thanked all those members who had served on Council over the past year and those whose had completed their terms.

The Chair went on to note that governance was a vital task, especially so when governing an institution as big and as complicated as the University of Toronto. It was a large enterprise, that required a large administrative function and it was members' job in governance to be informed and provide oversight to ensure that proposals adhered to the core mission of the University of Toronto. Professor Gunz noted that in his experience, that effort and commitment from members was rewarding and ultimately appreciated. He noted that UTM Campus Council consistently impressed everyone who came to present to it or to ask something of it. It impressed with its thoughtful questioning, its energetic discussion, and its evident passion for UTM. The Chair again thanked members for their contributions to making Council the success that it had become. The Chair also thanked the Secretariat for their many contributions.

Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect, Mr. Nykolaj Kuryluk thanked the Chair for his dedication to the University of Toronto. He noted that Professor Hugh Gunz had served as Governor since 2011, and in that time had been a member of the UTM Campus Council since 2013. Professor Gunz also served on the Agenda Committee, the Campus Affairs Committee and the Executive Committee. Mr. Kuryluk presented Professor Gunz with a chair in recognition of his outstanding service and spoke of his commitment to governance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Secretary
May 27, 2017

Chair