



MASSEY COLLEGE
in the University of Toronto
4 Devonshire Place,
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MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
June 22, 2020 | 1-2pm
By Zoom / Teleconference

Present:

Aubie Angel, Joshua Barker, Alan Broadbent, David Cameron, Tim Casgrain, Nathalie Des Rosiers, Colleen Flood, Paul Gooch, Seshu Iyengar, Jennifer Jenkins, Pankaj Mehra, Sarianna Metso, David Robertson, Jonathan Rose, Barbara Sherwood Lollar, Brian Silverman, David Smith, Olivier Sorin, Craig Thorburn, Peter Tovell

Staff:

Emily Mockler

Regrets:

Edith Hillan, John Massey, Raymond Massey, Beverly McLachlin, Liz Smyth

There being a quorum of members of the Governing Board present, the Vice Chair called the meeting to order. The Vice Chair thanked all members for their attendance and informed the board that he would be chairing the meeting in the absence of the Chair, Liz Smyth, who is on a summer break. He then delivered brief introductory remarks on the principal item of business for this meeting of the Governing Board, namely, to consider the matter of the appointment of Ms. Margaret Wenthe as a member of the Quadrangle Society, the response of members of the Massey community to the appointment and a plan for the College to consider and address the issues raised.

The Vice Chair then invited the Principal to provide background information and remarks on the matter.

Principal Des Rosiers notified the board that Ms. Wenthe had submitted a letter of resignation from the Quadrangle Society. The Principal then asked the board to consider the following:

- i. *The appointment has given rise to significant divisions in the community and has been a very difficult time for many. However, disagreements from time to time are inevitable in every community. The important thing is to discuss and address divisions and disagreements to resolve and heal them through meaningful change. The Massey community is committed to this process.*
- ii. *Review our nominations procedure so the process is seen as legitimate and transparent so that the community trusts that future appointments are done fairly and competently. We may not always agree on individuals chosen, but they must be seen as legitimate.*
- iii. *Our work around anti-Black racism and equality at Massey College must and will continue.*



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Massey College was built on the concept of intergenerational and interdisciplinary dialogue and support for Junior Fellows. Sometimes this is difficult, but we need to press forward.

The Principal then proposed a course of action to consult with the Massey community to develop measures to address the issues identified in a spirit of mutual cooperation and respect as an integral part of the ongoing larger project of a revisioning of the College.

The Vice Chair then opened the floor for remarks from the Governing Board, and a candid conversation followed, with many Board Members giving their advice and thoughts on the best way to communicate and engage with the Massey Community. The broad consensus of the meeting was strongly in favour of the Principal's suggested approach.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.