

Senate Operations Review Committee (SORC)

Report to Senate
October 30, 2012

As SORC has had an opportunity to meet and review its work plan for the 2012-2013 year I would like to take this opportunity to apprise the members of Senate of our timelines and anticipated activities. SORC will be addressing four referrals. We have determined that in order to keep the composition of Senate and Senate Committee Review work moving forward we would hold two separate meetings of SORC to address the referrals. With the exception of December, SORC anticipates meeting twice monthly until March 2013 in order to accomplish an ambitious amount of work.

At this point we anticipate that until December, the work of the Committee will be as follows:

- Meet with the VP (Post-Docs) for PSAC 901 to receive feedback regarding PDFs on Senate or Senate standing committees;
- Meet with Brenda Brouwer and Monica Corbett regarding the School of Policy Studies and School of Urban and Regional Planning and the opportunities for faculty within those schools to serve on Senate;
- Meet with Janice Hill, Four Directions Aboriginal Centre;
- Meet with Patrick Oosthuizen regarding the Senate Nominating Committee;
- Meet with the Provost and Deans regarding the ex-officio complement on Senate;
- Develop a website for feedback from the university community on the proposed standing committee structure of Senate and ultimately the composition of Senate;
- Prepare for an informal session at Senate in the new year in order to solicit further feedback on refined proposals;
- Continue to work with standing committees of Senate as they review their terms of reference and composition in light of the [Functions of Senate](#) adopted by Senate in April 2011;
- Review the revised terms of reference submitted by various committees; and
- Address the referral from Senate on the matter of Minutes and alternatives regarding the May meeting of Senate.

In response to its request to review terms of reference and composition of standing committees, SORC has received proposed modifications to terms of reference from the Senate Educational Equity Committee; Senate Operations Review Committee and Senate Committee on Academic Development and anticipates responses in the fall from Creative Arts and Public Lectures, Senate Library Committee, Senate Information Technology Committee, and the Senate Advisory Research Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senate Operations Review Committee

Members of the 2011/2012 Committee
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