



Senate Operations Review Committee

Senate Meeting of November 25, 2010

Notice of Motion

Introduction

The Senate Operations Review Committee (SORC) is presenting a notice of motion to revise the Functions of Senate.

Analysis and Discussion

Upon referral of Senate, the Operations Review Committee is undertaking a review of the composition of Senate in the 2010/2011 year. Following an informal session of Senate on September 23, 2010 in which members discussed the functions of Senate and provided feedback regarding priorities of Senate; SORC reviewed Senators' input and engaged in discussion of the Functions of Senate, which were last amended in 1982.

SORC also took into consideration the recent establishment of new committees and processes (i.e. QUPC, IQAP) and the impact of these on the existing statement of Senate functions. Other university statements of Senate purposes and functions were researched and examined as background information.

With the approval of a revised set of "Functions of Senate", SORC will continue its work regarding the composition of Senate by mapping a committee structure best suited to a revised set of "Functions of Senate". SORC is aiming to bring a proposed Committee structure to the Senate in early winter, following consultation with existing committees. A revised set of "Functions of Senate" and a revised committee structure will then assist SORC in taking the next step of determining the overall number of Senators required to fulfill its operational mandate.

Conclusion/Recommendation

The Senate Operations Review Committee recommends that the revised Functions of Senate as offered in Appendix A be presented as a notice of motion at the November 25th meeting in anticipation of a discussion and vote at the January 2011 meeting of Senate.

Respectfully submitted

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APPENDIX A: PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF SENATE (PROPOSED REVISIONS)

Senate Purpose:

The Senate determines all matters of an academic character that affect the University as a whole, and is concerned with all matters that affect the general welfare of the University and its constituents.

Functions of Senate:

Legislative Functions:

1. To approve, subject to the ratification of the Board of Trustees, any faculty, school, centre or institute.
2. To approve, subject to ratification of the Board of Trustees, the establishment of named and funded chairs and professorships.
3. To approve and review cyclically all programs of study leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate,

APPENDIX B: FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE (as amended November 1982)

1. To determine all matters of an academic character which affect the University as a whole, and to be concerned with all matters which affect the welfare of the University.
2. To participate in planning the development of the University.
3. To establish, subject to the ratification of the Board of Trustees, any faculty, school, institute, department, or chair.
4. To approve, on the recommendation of the respective Faculty Boards and Schools and the Queen's Theological College, all programs of study leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate, together with the conditions of admission thereto and the qualifications and standards required.
5. On the recommendation of the respective Faculty Boards, Schools and the Queen's Theological College to publish the University calendars.
6. On the recommendation of the respective Faculty Boards, Schools and the Queen's Theological College to conduct examinations, and to decide finally all matters relating thereto.
7. To establish the terms of all fellowships, scholarships, medals, and prizes; and to award all fellowships, scholarships, medals and prizes which are offered in open competition throughout the University.
8. To grant all honorary degrees, and to grant on the recommendation of the respective Faculty Boards, Schools, and the Queen's Theological College, all earned degrees, diplomas, and certificates awarded by the University.
9. To review the main elements of the approved operating budget of the University so as to advise the Board of Trustees and to meet the needs of the University and in what order of priority.
11. To have respect to the following: (a) the interests of the University as a whole; (b) the interests of the several faculties, schools, and departments; (c) the interests of the students; (d) the interests of the staff; (e) the interests of the community; (f) the interests of the Province; (g) the interests of the Empire; (h) the interests of the Commonwealth; (i) the interests of the world.