



Conflict of Interest – Senate and Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (FGSC)

Category: Governance and Legal;

Jurisdiction: General Counsel and University Secretary; Senate Organization Committee;

Approval Authority: Senate;

Established on: December 1, 2006;

Amendments: None.

RESOLUTION OF POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SENATE AND FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES COUNCIL

Policy Statement by Senate:

Any proposals originating with the Graduate Studies Council be referred by Senate to the Senate Academic Committee, preferably to a standing sub-committee with a mandate to consider such proposals, and/or where appropriate, to the Senate Budget Committee.

Rationale:

The Faculty of Graduate Studies Council, in matters of governance, is equivalent to a Senate standing committee. In its relationship to Senate, its role in governance is to receive, consider and make recommendations on referrals from Senate on graduate studies matters. Usually, these would be proposed program or calendar changes related to graduate studies which have originated in one of the academic faculties. So as to avoid real or perceived conflict of interest, where circumstances require that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council *initiate* a proposal for a policy or regulation change pertaining to graduate studies that requires Senate approval,

the matter would be proposed to Senate for referral to a standing committee other than FGSC for consideration and eventual recommendation to Senate for approval.

Review Period: 7 years;

Date for Next Review: 2021-2022;

Related Policies and Procedures: To be determined;

Policy Superseded by this Policy: None.

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