



## MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate  
From: Craig MacKinnon - Chair, Senate Organization Committee  
Senate Meeting Date: 23 January 2017  
Subject: Senate Organization Committee Report

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The Senate Organization Committee (SOC) met on 16 November 2016 to consider the following items.

1. The University Secretariat has received a request from the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) **requesting that all student appointments to Senate and to Senate Committees be made for 2 years** (with staggered start dates in the cases where there are multiple student representatives). The executive of LUSU feels that one-year terms are too short to learn the duties and make effective contributions.

- (a) In the case of student Senators, SOC will instruct LUSU to request 1-year or 2-year terms, as appropriate, for new Senators starting in September 2017 (there is no Senate by-law determining student Senator term limits).
- (b) In the case of Senate Committees, we ask that the chairs of each committee seriously consider the request, and to provide feedback to SOC. If there is general agreement with the concept, SOC can prepare an omnibus motion to change all Terms of Reference for Senate Standing Committees to reflect the increase in term from 1 year to 2 years for student members.

2. Regarding the workflow for the new Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, the following motion was passed:

**MOVED** to recommend that Senate instructs the Chairs of the Senate standing committees affected by the establishment of the newly constituted Senate Teaching and Learning Committee to submit a report to the May 15, 2017 Senate meeting that outlines the details of all outstanding items that need to be addressed at the Senate standing committee level.