

MEMORANDUM

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To: Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary

From: Mark Gallagher, Chair, Senate Organization Committee

Subject: Report of the Senate Organization Committee

The Senate Organization Committee met on Monday January 16th to consider a number of items including:

1. Appointment of Chair, Education Programs (Orillia) to Senate.

Senate Org discussed the addition of the recently appointed Chair, Education Programs (Orillia Campus) to the membership of Senate. A lengthy debate followed concerning the practice of appointing program chairs to Senate. Dr. Rod Hanley reported that his office looked into Senate memberships, particularly appointments in Orillia. Ms. Maria Dufresne, Executive Assistant to the Provost and Vice President (Academic) provided a list to the Senate Organization Committee of the Chairs and Directors currently on Senate.

History showed that there was precedence for the appointment and the committee approved the adding the Chair, Education Programs (Orillia Campus) to the membership of Senate. During the debate the consensus view was that a comprehensive review of Senate composition is needed.

2. Joint Senate Committee for NOSM Terms of Reference (referred from Senate meeting of December 7th, 2011).

Based on a letter outlining the proposed changes from Dr. Joey Farrell, Chair of the JSC and following further clarification from Dr. Farrell, Senate Org. approved the following changes to the Lakehead Composition of the JSC.

From:

- 1 Vice President Academic
- 1 Faculty Senator elected by Lakehead Senate
- 1 delegate from the Senate Budget Committee
- 1 delegate from the Graduate Studies Council
- 1 delegate from the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee

1 student selected by the Lakehead University Student Union
Secretary of Senate (non-voting)

To:

1 Provost and Vice President (Academic)

1 Chair or delegate from the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (appointed for the year by SUSC, if different from the chair)

1 Faculty Senator elected by Lakehead Senate (3 year term)*

1 Faculty member, recommended to Senate through the Senate Nominating Committee (3 year term)*

1 individual from Lakehead University with expertise in a health related area, elected by Lakehead Senate. The individual may qualify through a teaching or research specialization (3 year term)

1 student selected by the Lakehead University Student Union

Secretary of Senate (non-voting)

*** Terms staggered**

3. Senate Academic Committee Terms of Reference (referred from Senate meeting of December 7th, 2011).

The committee approved the changes as submitted to senate after correcting item 3 to read as follows:

3. Secretary: Executive Assistant to the Provost & Vice President (Academic).

4. Senate Academic- Quality Assurance Sub-committee Terms of Reference (referred from Senate meeting of December 7th, 2011).

The committee endorses the changes to the sub-committee as previously approved by the Senate Academic Committee with the following changes:

i) The committee discussed that adding the wording "sub-committee" to the Senate Academic Committee - Quality Assurance Committee's title would be beneficial.

ii) It was noted that in the Organization section item number one should be corrected to read as follows:

Deputy Provost (non-voting)

5. Senate Representation and Grand Parenting of External and Internal Adjuncts

Dr. Livingston appeared before the committee to outline transitional issues that have arisen as a result of the MPH program being housed within the Department of Health Sciences, namely:

i) A senate seat was granted to the Department of Health Sciences while the seat for MPH still exists.

ii) There are numerous external and internal adjuncts appointed to the MPH program. Dr. Livingston requested that these individuals be "grand parented" as adjuncts within the Department of Health Sciences.

The committee approved a motion to rescind the MPH Senate representation, and also approved the grand parenting of adjunct appointments.

The Senate Organization Committee makes the following recommendations to Senate:

MOVED that the Chair, Education Programs (Orillia Campus) be added to the membership of Senate.

MOVED that the Senate Academic Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

MOVED that the Senate Academic Committee- Quality Assurance Sub-Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

MOVED that the Joint Senate Committee for NOSM Terms of Reference be approved.

MOVED that the MPH Senate representation be rescinded to avoid duplicate representation for the academic program/unit effective immediately.

MOVED that those individuals currently holding external and internal adjunct appointments with the MPH program have their appointments transferred to the Department of Health Sciences.

Mark Gallagher, Chair.