
NORTHERN ONTARIO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE JOINT SENATE COMMITTEE FOR NOSM

Report to Lakehead and Laurentian University Senates

From: Joint Senate Committee for NOSM

June 22, 2011

The Joint Senate Committee for NOSM met on June 13, 2011. At the Joint Senate Committee meeting the following item was approved for submission to the Senates.

Based on this approval and the attached documentation:

1. MOVE that the Academic Council Constitution - Section Membership 4. B) vi) be revised as follows:

vi) Four (4) undergraduate students. Two undergraduate students shall be elected each calendar year, one from year 1 and one from year 3. Elections will alternate annually between the East and the West, with both students elected from the same campus in a given year.

The student representatives will be elected by the NOSMSS. ~~One elected from each year of the MD program. two (2) elected from year 1 and two (2) elected from year 3~~

2. MOVE that the Academic Council Constitution - Section Membership 4. C Election Procedure and Terms of Office of Elected Members iv) be revised as follows:

iv) The term of office shall be three (3) academic years (July 1 to June 30), with the exception of the undergraduate students, postgraduate trainees and the dietetic intern which shall be two (2) years.

Background/Rationale:

There are four seats on the Academic Council for student representation. Each position is held by the student for a two-year term. Two new students are elected to the Academic Council each academic year. The students are elected to the Academic Council through the NOSMSS elections.

The proposed change to the student election process will ensure there will be representation from each UME academic year on Academic Council at any given time. The necessity of this became apparent the 2010 Academic Council retreat during round table discussions.

In the past, the NOSMSS would elect two year 2 students in the Spring election to sit on Academic Council. The next year they elect two year 1 students in the Fall election. This format was developed by the Charter Class, prior to having students registered in all four years of the Academic Program.

The end result of this format gives the Academic Council representation from only 2 undergraduate years at any given time.

The amendment also ensures that there is geographic balance of two students elected from each campus.

The second amendment identifies the term duration for the undergraduate students, postgraduate trainees and the dietetic intern