



MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate
From: Dr. Craig MacKinnon - Chair, Senate Organization Committee
Senate Meeting Date: December 2, 2019
Subject: Senate Organization Committee Report

The Senate Organization Committee (SOC) met on November 12, 2019 and conducted the following business:

1. Policy Governance Framework
 - The SOC reviewed section 3.d) of the Policy Governance Framework and adopted the following motion:

Whereas the Policy Governance Framework approved by the Executive Team includes the following provision:

“In the case of policies for which the Approval Authority is the Senate or the Board of Governors, this paragraph 3.d) shall take effect if and when such Approval Authority so authorizes, and immediately for any other policy.”

MOVED to recommend that the Senate approves section 3.d) of the Policy Governance Framework, as attached.

The attachment is included with the associated motion on the Senate agenda.

2. Student Position Criteria for the Senate and Senate Standing Committees
 - The Committee reviewed the responses from other universities regarding student eligibility criteria to serve on governing bodies and their committees. Discussion ensued, and the Committee determined that they were satisfied with the criteria and process used to determine the student position eligibility to serve on the Senate and its standing committees. It was agreed that Senate and its committees have opportunities to amend the criteria when reviewing the bylaws and terms of reference.

3. Proposed Senate Bylaw Amendments

- The SOC reviewed the proposed amendments to Article 4 of the Senate Bylaws and adopted the following motion:

MOVED to recommend Senate approval of the attached Senate Bylaw amendments.

The associated attachment is included with the motion on the Senate agenda.

4. Consideration of Policy Approval Authorities

- The SOC held a discussion regarding the Approval Authority for the Code of Computing Practice and Email Policy of Lakehead University with respect to alignment with the Lakehead University Act, 1965. The SOC decided to suggest that the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee recommends referring consideration of this matter to the Senate Organization Committee. This would allow the SOC to conduct additional research, and make a recommendation to the Senate.

The next SOC meeting will be held on January 24, 2020.