



## MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate  
From: Senate Organization Committee  
Senate Meeting Date: March 2, 2020  
Subject: Senate Organization Committee Report

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The Senate Organization Committee (SOC) met on January 24, 2020 and conducted the following business:

1. Proposed Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference Amendments
  - The SOC reviewed the proposed amendments to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference pertaining to the addition of a Privileges section and adopted the following motion:

MOVED to recommend Senate approval of the attached Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference amendments.

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

2. Senate Committee Chair Discussion
  - The Committee received a request from a Senator to consider the current practice that permits faculty members to hold more than one seat on the Senate (e.g. chairing more than one Senate committee).

This item was postponed until the next SOC meeting so that the Chair of SOC could be present for the discussion.

3. December 2, 2019 and January 20, 2020 Senate Meetings
  - The SOC was provided an update on their Policy Governance Framework recommendation to the Senate. The Committee reviewed the Senate Bylaws and determined that Article 3 – Powers of the Senate Executive Committee, could be used to address the type of scenario contemplated in section 3.d) of the Policy Governance Framework.
  - The SOC was updated on the adoption of the proposed Senate Bylaw amendments at the January 20, 2020 Senate meeting. In addition, Dr. Dawood updated the SOC on the associated discussion when this item was being considered at the Senate meeting.

4. Senate Organization Committee 2019-2020 Workplan Progress Update
  - The SOC received an update on their workplan progress to date. The workplan was implemented so that the committee could track their progress with respect to the responsibilities outlined in their terms of reference.

The next SOC meeting will be held on April 3, 2020.