

## JOINT SENATE COMMITTEE FOR NOSM

Report and Submission to the Lakehead and Laurentian University Senates

Chair: Dr. David MacLean (Laurentian University)

September 17, 2019

On September 16, 2019, the Joint Senate Committee met. This report summarizes the items presented and the recommendations approved by the Committee.

For Information:

- Dr. David MacLean (Laurentian University appointed member) was confirmed Chair of the JSC for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. Dr. Michael Stevenson (Lakehead University appointed member) was confirmed as Vice Chair of the JSC for the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

The following 2 recommendations are submitted for approval by the Senates:

**NOTE: Per the Lakehead University process, recommendation #1 was forwarded to the Senate Organization Committee for consideration.**

### Recommendation #1 – Revised Joint Senate Committee Terms of Reference

MOVED the revised Joint Senate Committee for NOSM Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

### SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

- Revised Terms of Reference, clean version (for approval)
- Revised Terms of Reference, track changes version (for information)

### Background:

Revisions and recommendations made by the Lakehead Governance office.

Recommendation to add a Vice Chair with the request that the Chair and Vice Chair be appointed one from each of the Universities was to provide succession if one of the individuals was not able to Chair the meeting, it will also allow for a representative from each of the Universities to appear at the Senates to present any items from the JSC.

### NEXT STEPS:

Once approval has been obtained from all bodies, the Secretary post and confirm with both Universities.

## **Recommendation #2 – Revised Academic Council Constitution**

MOVED the revised Academic Council Constitution be approved as presented.

### **SUPPORTING MATERIALS:**

- Revised Constitution, clean version (for approval)
- Revised Constitution, track changes version (for information)

### **Background:**

Revisions and recommendations made by the Academic Council and approved at the June 2019 meeting. The draft document was circulated for review and recommendations to the Academic Council and GNC. Several comments were made regarding membership and structure.

Overall, the series of amendments provide for consistency and clarity in language, aligning process with to current practices and made recommendations to the overall membership.

The changes are consistent with the principles and the social accountability mandate, the Academic Council through the GNC will continue to monitor changes and apply them accordingly.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

Once approval has been obtained from all bodies, the Secretary post and confirm with both Universities.