

**Lakehead**  
UNIVERSITY

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate  
**FROM:** Batia Stolar, Chair  
Senate Honorary Degrees Committee  
**RE:** Report of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee  
**DATE:** November 25, 2008

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**REVISION: TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Senate Honorary Degrees Committee met on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to determine the rank order of candidates who have met Senate approval and select candidates for convocation ceremonies. The selected candidates are presently being contacted to confirm their acceptance of an honorary degree and their availability to attend convocation.

As the second convocation ceremony at Orillia will be held in 2009, the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee made a motion to award one Honorary Degree at each of the three upcoming ceremonies, two of which will be held in Thunder Bay and one which will be held in Orillia. The motion was successful.

The Senate Honorary Degrees Committee also reviewed the Terms of Reference, and is recommending amending two items.

MOVE that Senate refer to the Senate Organization Committee the recommendations from the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee to approve the revised Terms of Reference as follows:

*4. A candidate will have made a substantial contribution to the University and/or Northwestern Ontario.*

As the Orillia campus is also part of Lakehead University, the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee discussed the necessity of updating this item. The amended item should read:

4. A candidate will have made a substantial contribution to the University and/or the region(s) in which its campuses are located.

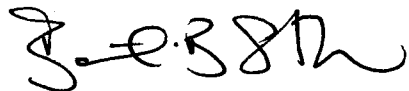
*b) Except under exceptional circumstances active politicians will not be considered for an honorary degree.*

In its discussions over the eligibility of the nominees, the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee felt it was necessary to clarify the condition of eligibility and amend this item as follows:

Active politicians and university employees currently employed at Lakehead University will not be considered for an honorary degree.

Respectfully Submitted,

Batia Stolar, Chair of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Stolar', written in a cursive style.