

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
Report of the Senate Organization Committee

13 January 2009

Submitted by Dr. G. Colton (Chair), for Mr. G. Boyle, Dr. R. Delaney, Dr. R. Farrell, Dr. L. Hayes, Dr. R. Pulkki, Ms. K. Roche (Secretary) and Dr. N. Sayed.

A meeting of the Senate Organization Committee was held on December 16, 2008 in the Vice-President's Conference Room.

The Committee considered requests to revise the Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council, the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee, the Joint Senate NOSM Committee, and the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee. These changes were approved as follows:

- 1) Revision of the Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council. These were primarily "housekeeping" changes to ensure that the titles in the Terms of Reference reflect those currently in use. For example, the "Vice-Dean (Research) NOSM" was changed to "Senior Associate Dean West NOSM," "Graduate Studies Officer (non-voting)" changed to "Manager, Graduate Studies (non-voting)."
- 2) Revision of the Terms of Reference for the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee. The wording was revised to reflect the fact that the Orillia campus is also a part of Lakehead University. The previous wording, "A candidate will have made a substantial contribution to the University and/or Northwestern Ontario," was therefore revised as follows: "A candidate will have made a substantial contribution to the University and/or the region(s) in which its campuses are located (Northwestern Ontario and Central Ontario)."
- 3) Revision of the Terms of Reference for the Joint Senate NOSM Committee. These changes were designed to ensure that wording in the Terms of Reference reflects the wording currently in use (e.g. "1 delegate from the Senate Graduate Studies Committee" changed to "1 delegate from the Graduate Studies Council"), to clarify the means by which a non-voting representative from NOSM will be appointed to the Committee (appointed by the Dean of the Medical School) and to ensure that the wording is consistent with the language in Lakehead University's Quorum for Committees of Senate and Lakehead University By-laws.
- 4) Revision of the Terms of Reference for the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee. These changes were designed to update and clarify the committee's membership (e.g. the addition of the Associate Vice-President (Academic) to the composition of the Committee) and purpose (e.g. Item 5 in the Committee's Terms of Reference, "to review the annual performance of the Director of the Instructional Development Centre in planning and delivering services and activities which promote excellence in teaching and support the teaching activities of instructors, academic units and programs," modified as

follows: “to review the effectiveness of the Instructional Development Centre in the planning and delivery of services and activities which promote excellence in teaching and support the teaching activities of instructors, academic units and programs.”)

Motions to approve each of these changes will be brought forward to the January 23, 2009 meeting of Senate, as indicated in the agenda for that meeting.

The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2009.

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(on behalf of the Senate Organization Committee)