

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 29, 2009

To: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

From: Jane Nicholas, Chair, Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

Subject: Report of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

The Senate Honorary Degree Committee met on Friday November 13, 2009 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. Four honorary degrees will be given out this year – three in Thunder Bay and one in Orillia.

The Senate Honorary Degree Committee also passed a motion to revise the terms of reference in regard to the composition of the committee and the revocation of honorary degrees.

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:

Composition

2. Five full-time faculty members elected by Senate on the recommendation of the Senate Nominations Committee, one of whom must be a full-time faculty member at the Orillia campus

Revocation of Honorary Degrees

On recommendation of the Committee, the Senate may revoke an honorary degree if any of the following occurs, becomes known to the Committee, and it is satisfied that

- (a) a recipient has been convicted of a indictable offence; or
- (b) a recipient has been removed for misconduct by a properly constituted legal authority from any official register or roll of members of the profession to which s/he belongs
- (c) a recipient behaves in such a way that brings the reputation of that person or the University, or both, into disrepute

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Nicholas