

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
Report of the Senate Organization Committee

20 January 2010

Submitted by Dr. G. Colton (Chair), for Dr. Q.L. Dang, Dr. R. Delaney, Dr. L. Hayes, Mr. R. Hewitt, Dr. S. Islam, Dr. J. O'Meara, and Ms. K. Roche (Secretary).

A meeting of the Senate Organization Committee was held on January 8, 2010 in the Vice-President's Conference Room.

The Committee discussed proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Senate Executive Committee regarding the usage of the wording "shall not *typically* be included in the total when quorum is counted" (my italics). Upon the recommendation of the Senate Organization Committee, a motion had previously been passed at Senate to remove the word "typically" from the Terms of Reference of all other Senate committees for clarity of interpretation. In the case of the Senate Executive Committee, it was noted that in certain instances it has been necessary to count Deans in quorum in order to conduct the business of setting the Senate agenda. Without quorum, the deadlines in the Senate By-laws could not be met for posting and distributing the agenda, and therefore, it might become necessary to cancel the Senate meeting. The Senate Organization Committee discussed ways to address the Senate Executive Committee's issue, which the Chair then brought forward to the Senate Executive Committee for discussion and feedback at the November 20, 2009 meeting of the Senate Executive Committee. After careful consideration of feedback provided by members of the Senate Executive Committee, the Senate Organization Committee decided to retain the original wording ("shall not typically be included in the total when quorum is counted") in the Terms of Reference of the Senate Executive Committee.

The Committee considered requests from the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee and the Senate Research Committee to revise their respective Terms of Reference. The SUSBC proposal involved extensive revisions that included changes to the composition and organization of the committee, while the SRC proposal pertained to the inclusion of 2 CIHR-eligible faculty representatives.

After discussing both requests, the following motions were unanimously approved:

MOVED (R. Delaney/S.S. Islam) that the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee be approved.
CARRIED

MOVED (Q.L. Dang/S.S. Islam) that the Terms of Reference for the Senate Research Committee be amended to reflect the inclusion of 2 CIHR-eligible faculty representatives in addition to the current 4 NSERC and 4 SSHRC faculty representatives.
CARRIED

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2010.

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(on behalf of the Senate Organization Committee)