

## REPORT OF THE SENATE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

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

7 May 2010

A meeting of the Senate Organization Committee was held on Thursday, May 6, in ATAC 5037.

The Committee reviewed an amended proposal from the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee to amend its Terms of Reference pertaining to the Revocation of Honorary Degrees under extraordinary circumstances, as well as a proposed process for the Revocation of Honorary Degrees.

SOC approved both the amended Terms of Reference and the process and a motion to that effect was unanimously passed. A motion to approve these changes will be brought forward to the May 14, 2010 meeting of Senate.

The Committee also reviewed a proposal from the Senate Research Committee to delete Article #10 from its Terms of Reference pertaining to Animal Care. The rationale presented was that this issue is more properly addressed by the Animal Care Committee and the Office of Research. A supporting letter from the Chair of the Animal Care Committee was provided.

SOC approved this request and a motion to that effect was unanimously passed. A motion to approve this change will be brought forward to the May 14, 2010 meeting of Senate.

It must be noted in this regard that this request was submitted to SOC directly from the Senate Research Committee and not through a referral from Senate. The rationale presented for this procedure was that SRC would like the changes to take effect in the Fall of 2010 and the May 14 meeting is the last meeting of Senate for 2010-11. Given the timelines involved and the nature of the proposed changes, SOC is agreeable to the process in this instance provided that meets with the approval of Senate.

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