



MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate
From: Mark Gallagher - Chair, Senate Organization Committee
Senate Meeting Date: March 21, 2016
Subject: Senate Organization Report

The Senate Organization Committee (SOC) met on February 29th, 2016 to consider a number of items including:

1. Senate Library Committee Terms of Reference

The committee discussed modifications to the Senate Library Committee (SLC) terms of reference that were originally referred to the SOC at the October 26th, 2015 meeting of Senate. Following further consultation with the SLC the committee approved the proposed changes with additional amendments to the composition as follows:

1. Provost & Vice-President (Academic), **if the Provost is absent, the Deputy Provost may attend meetings as a voting member****
2. Vice-President (Research & Innovation), **if the Vice-President is absent, the Associate Vice-President may attend meetings as a voting member****

2. Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee discussed the proposed revisions to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference as referred from the February 22, 2016 meeting of Senate. SOC approved the changes with one additional amendment under the 'Exclusions' section as follows:

- b) Active politicians will not be considered for an honorary degree. For greater **clarity**, "active politicians" includes **but is not limited to** currently elected Indigenous, municipal, provincial or federal government officials.

3. Senate Academic Committee (SAC) and SAC Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee decided to defer a decision on the proposed changes pending further consultation with SAC.

The Senate Organization Committee makes the following recommendations to Senate:

MOVED that the proposed revisions to the Senate Library Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

MOVED that the proposed revisions to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

Mark Gallagher, Chair.