

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Terry Wotherspoon
Chair, Governance Committee

DATE OF MEETING: June 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Annual Report to Council

PURPOSE: For information only

INTRODUCTION

The governance committee reports regularly to Council on changes to the Council Bylaws, changes to the membership of faculty councils, and the number of student appeals under Council's regulations governing academic misconduct and academic appeals. Each September the committee reviews and approves a yearly work plan which may include new initiatives or work on projects begun previously.

During 2020-21, the governance committee met once each month for about two hours, with the exception of January, February, and April. The major matters considered by the committee during this period include:

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ITEMS:

The committee presented the following items to University Council for approval:

- the *Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy* (October 15, 2020)
- College of Education Faculty Council Membership (November 19, 2020)
- changes to Planning and Priorities Committee Terms of Reference (addition of standing subcommittee on centres) (November 19, 2020)
- School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) Faculty Council Membership (January 28, 2021)
- revisions to the *Postdoctoral Fellowship Policy* (April 15)
- nomination of members for the Nominations Committee (May 20)
- the *Inventions Policy* (June 17)
- the *Living Our Values Policy* (June 17)

OTHER ITEMS:

The committee considered several other matters, many of which are likely to be presented to future meetings of University Council. These include:

- potential changes in Council Bylaws
- membership in membership for selected Colleges/Schools
- *Academic Misconduct Regulations* (undertaken in relation to consultation on *Responsible Conduct of Research Policy*)

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I wish to thank our committee co-chair, Tamara Larre (Law) and all members of the committee for their time and effort. The contributions of all committee members, and their thorough preparation, solid insight and guidance into committee matters throughout the year, ensured that all actions could be presented with confidence to Council and/or other appropriate bodies, as appropriate. I am especially grateful for the strong input and support from Chelsea Willness (University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer) and her team in the University Governance Office, and in particular to Jacquie Thomarat (Associate Secretary, Governance Office) for her extensive contributions and capacity to ensure that committee decisions were informed by solid advice and support both during meetings and behind the scenes throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Wotherspoon, Chair, Governance Committee