

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Terry Wotherspoon
Chair, Governance Committee

DATE OF MEETING: June 16, 2022

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. The full terms of reference for the Governance Committee can be found at:

<https://governance.usask.ca/council/committee/governance/index.php#Responsibilities>

Each September the committee reviews and approves a yearly work plan which may include new initiatives or work on projects begun previously.

During 2021-22, the committee met once each month for about two hours, with the exception of January, February, and June. The major matters considered by the committee during this period included the following.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ITEMS

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

- revisions to University Council Bylaws for Program Approval Process (October 21)
- revisions to Student Academic Misconduct Regulations (November 18)
- renaming of Executive Committee of University Council (previously Coordinating Committee) (November 18)
- revisions to University Council Bylaws (April 21)
- revisions to College of Pharmacy & Nutrition Faculty Council Membership (May 17)
- nomination of members and chair for the Nominations Committee (May 17)
- revisions to Edwards School of Business Faculty Council membership (June 16)
- Peer Review of Teaching Policy, in conjunction with TLARC (June 16)

OTHER ITEMS

The committee considered several other matters. These included:

- consideration of options for USask Rules of Order
- summary of Kerr and King common procedures for University Council (prepared by Jacquie Thomarat)
- ongoing review and proposed changes to Council Bylaws
- review of Microcredentials Policy
- discussion and consultation on process to revise Inventions and Enterprise Creation Policy
- discussion of Duty to Accommodate Policy
- support, guidance, and interpretation of University bylaws with respect to College of Nursing (with additional strong support from Governance Office personnel)
- membership for selected College/School Faculty Councils

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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 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 (Director, Academic Governance) 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