

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Committee Name:** Governance Committee, University Council

**Date:** January 29, 2026

**Presented by:** Susan Detmer, Chair, Governance Committee

**Subject: *Council Bylaws and Regulations* Amendments – Membership of PPC**

## MOTION

It is recommended by the Governance Committee that Council approve the changes to the *Council Bylaws and Regulations* to change the voting membership of the Planning and Priorities Committee, effective immediately.

## CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

Revisions to the *Council Bylaws and Regulations* require approval by University Council at the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council. At the December meeting of University Council, the Governance Committee presented a notice of motion to amend the *Council Bylaws and Regulations* to allow grant the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) voting rights on the Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC).

Since the time of the notice of motion and the posting of this report, no concerns or questions were raised to the Governance Office about these proposed changes.

Over the past few years, the university has undergone a number of structural changes, including the establishment of the CFO position. Traditionally, the individual responsible for overseeing the university's budget has served as a voting member of PPC. In light of this precedent, the Chair and Vice-Chair of PPC proposed that the CFO position be granted voting rights on this committee, and a motion to this effect was passed at the PPC meeting on November 19, 2025.

This proposal was presented to the Governance Committee at its meeting on December 2, 2025. During this meeting, the Governance Committee raised questions about the implications for quorum of the committee and about the prospect of conflicts of interest with this position, and these questions were addressed by the Chair of PPC to the satisfaction of the committee.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Track Changes – Planning and Priorities Committee Membership

# **Planning and Priorities – Terms of Reference from *Council Bylaws and Regulations***

## **Membership**

- Eleven members of the General Academic Assembly, at least six of whom will be elected members of Council, normally one of whom will be Chair. At least one member from the General Academic Assembly with some expertise in financial analysis will be nominated.
- One Dean appointed by Council
- One undergraduate student appointed by the USSU
- One graduate student appointed by the GSA
- One Sessional Lecturer\*

## **Ex Officio Members**

- Provost and Vice-President, Academic or designate
- Vice-President, Administration and Chief Operating Officer or designate
- Vice-President, Research or designate
- Vice-Provost, Indigenous Engagement or designate
- Chief Financial Officer, Office of the President (non-voting member)
- President (non-voting member)
- Chair of Council (non-voting member)

## **Resource Officers (Non-voting members)**

- Resource Officers are to be identified at the end of each academic cycle for the following year (May committee meetings) by the Committee, and in consultation with the Governance Office.

## **Committee Coordination**

- Governance Office

**\*If there is no immediate interest in the Sessional Lecturer position, it will remain vacant.**