Criteria for Assessing Eligibility for Membership of Organizations on the University of Saskatchewan Senate

Excerpts from *The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995*

24(1) The senate is composed of:
(f) one representative from each professional society or other organization designated pursuant to subsection (3).

24(3) For the purposes of clause (1)(f) the members of the senate mentioned in clauses (1)(b) and (c) may designate professional societies or other organizations that, in the opinion of those members:

- *(a) contribute in a significant way to the social, economic and cultural welfare of Saskatchewan; and*
- *(b) have a demonstrated interest in furthering the goals of higher education and research at the university.*

24(4) At least once every five years, the members of the senate mentioned in clauses (1)(b) and (c) shall:

- *(a) review the status of professional societies or other organizations having representatives in the senate to determine whether they should continue to send a representative to be a member of the senate; and*
- *(b) consider applications by professional societies or other organizations wishing to have representatives in the senate to determine whether they should be allowed to send a representative to be a member of the senate.*

Criteria for Membership and Continued Membership

1) Licensing and professional bodies for professions that are taught at the University, or for professions for which the University provides preparatory study, should be invited to send a representative to Senate, on the advice of the relevant dean(s). In general where there is both a national or international and a provincial association, the provincial association will be invited to send the representative.
   a) Where both a regulatory authority and a professional association exist in relation to a profession or group and both express a desire to sit as members of Senate, the regulatory authority will ordinarily be selected as the member representing that profession or group
2) The alumni associations for the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina will each be invited to send a representative.
3) Educational institutions are not themselves eligible for membership but may be represented by associations such as the CEO Council of Regional Colleges or the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.
4) Cultural and business organizations may be considered for membership if they meet the criteria in the act and
   a) Their members represent a significant constituency of stakeholders within Saskatchewan, and
   b) The goals and aims of the organization are consistent with the strategic directions of the university.
5) An organization whose delegate misses two consecutive senate meetings or whose delegate position remains vacant for two consecutive senate meetings will be notified by the University Secretary, with a copy to the delegate, that should their delegate miss the next meeting following, their membership will be revoked unless a special exemption is granted to accommodate continued membership. Organizations may designate an alternate in accordance with Bylaw XXII.3 if their delegate will be unable to attend a meeting. Any organization whose membership is revoked may re-apply for membership after one year.

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