UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Report of Executive Committee

FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Peter Stoicheff, Vice-Chair, Executive Committee

DATE OF MEETING: April 20, 2024

SUBJECT: **Report on Activities**

SENATE ACTION: For information.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Members of the Executive Committee are:
- Grit McCreath (chair)
- Peter Stoicheff (vice-chair)
- Three appointed members: Max Bilson, Keisha Caplette, Brenda Mishak
- Three elected members: Kelley Moore, Michelle MacDonald, Rhonda Gough
- Two ex officio members: Jane Alcorn, Angela Jaime
- One student member: Abhineet Goswami
- Chief Governance Officer: Julian Demkiw (non-voting member)

Since the last Senate meeting, the Executive Committee met on January 29 and March 26, 2024. This report summarizes the highlights of these meetings for Senate's information.

Senate Elections to the Board of Governors

The Executive Committee has numerous responsibilities around the Senate elections to the Board of Governors. First, the *Senate Bylaws* require the Executive Committee to "present at least one nomination to the Nominations Committee" (V.2.d.viii) for election to the Board of Governors by the Senate, and this was completed.

Second, the *Senate Bylaws* require that: "Each Candidate [for a Senate-elected Board of Governor position] shall be allowed up to ten (10) minutes of the floor [of a Senate meeting]. Candidates will be asked to address, during their presentations, questions that have been provided at least one week in advance of the Senate meeting by the Senate Executive Committee. The questions at a given election will be the same for all Candidates" (Appendix E, clause 1.1). This was also completed, and the committee chose to emphasize in these questions the qualities and qualifications that the Board of Governors is interested in having on the Board.

Finally, the Executive Committee saw and approved of changing the *Senate Bylaws* that are contemplated in item 3.1 at this meeting. There was discussion on the logistics and timing for how this would be implemented, but was unanimous support in moving forward with these changes to have the election be more accessible, simpler to participate in, and less intrusive on the time of the Senate meeting itself.

Senate Engagement

The Executive Committee received updates and provided input on various elements of Senate engagement, including:

- The location and logistics of the upcoming meeting, including a report on a survey sent to Senate members on the logistics of the November 2023 meeting.
- Updates on the upcoming Senate elections for members-at-large and district representatives.
- Feedback from the Education Committee on potential topics for education sessions at Senate meetings.

The Governance Office has informed the Executive Committee that Senate Engagement will become a more prominent priority in the coming months.

Senate Agenda

The *Senate Bylaws* instruct the Executive Committee to set the agenda for each Senate meeting. This process is facilitated by the Governance Office and is informed by the input from the Education Committee because this committee is responsible for providing opportunities for education and exploration at each Senate meeting – for this time, the topic selected was sustainability.