UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Report of Nominations Committee

FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Rhonda Gough, Chair, Nominations Committee

DATE OF MEETING: April 20, 2024

SUBJECT: **Report on Activities**

SENATE ACTION: For information.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Members of the Membership Committee are Rhonda Gough (chair), Chancellor Grit McCreath, Barb Gustafson, Aaron Genest, and Jordan Robertson. Since the date of the last Senate meeting, the committee met on March 25, 2024.

Nomination Process

The Nomination Committee's recommendations for populating committees are outlined in the subsequent report. In the committee's discussions, there was an attempt to balance continuity of membership on committees with a desire to distribute the committee assignments equitably.

The committee was very pleased with the number of Senators who put their names forward to serve on various committees – the Governance Office noted this year marked an unprecedented level of interest.

Senate Elections to the Board of Governors

The *Senate Bylaws* say that the Nominations Committee is responsible for, among other things:
> "To receive nominations from the members of Senate and from the Executive Committee for members of the Board of Governors to be elected by Senate, and to present the nominees for election by the Senate, and to establish procedures for presenting background information on the nominees to Senators prior to the election." (V.1.d.vi)

As such, the Nominations Committee received these nominations, decided how nominees would be presented to Senate, and decided how background information would be provided to Senators.

Upcoming Considerations

The *Senate Bylaws* instruct the Nominations Committee to populate the Senate appointees on the Joint Nomination Committee for Chancellor at the fall meeting of the year of the Chancellor's final term, so this will be happening in fall of 2024. More information will be coming from the Governance Office to Senators on this in the coming months.

The committee will also be pursuing opportunities to incorporate the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in its decision making, in line with USask's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy. This is in line with recent efforts made by USask's other governing bodies.