

## Report of Membership Committee

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### FOR INFORMATION

<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Tamara Buckwold, Chair, Membership Committee
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	April 20, 2024
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Report on Activities</b>
<b>SENATE ACTION:</b>	For information.

#### **BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:**

Members of the Membership Committee are Tamara Buckwold (chair), Chancellor Grit McCreath, Robert Henderson, Rob Maguire, and Wade Hainstock. Since the date of the last Senate meeting, the committee met on March 27, 2024.

#### *Five-Year Review of Organizational Memberships*

Pursuant to section 24(4) of *The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995*, once every five years, the Senate is to review the status of professional societies or other organizations having representatives in the Senate to determine whether they should continue to send a representative. The committee is responsible for completing this review and to make recommendations as to whether or not these representative associations should remain on Senate.

Although this review remains on schedule to be completed within the statutorily required five-year time frame, there has been a slight delay in getting this completed due to competing priorities. The Membership Committee anticipates sending its recommendations to Senate on the results of this review prior to the 2024 fall Senate meeting.

#### *Diversity and Representation Initiatives*

The Membership Committee seeks to enhance diversity and representation in the membership of Senate. Its outreach in that regard led to nomination of the University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association (USRA) as an organizational member. The Committee's recommendation for acceptance of the nomination is before this meeting of Senate.

The Membership Committee continues to be interested in pursuing different avenues to increase the opportunities and decrease the barriers to Indigenous representation on Senate. The Governance Office will be arranging a dialogue between the Membership Committee and President Stoicheff to emphasize this point and to discuss various approaches to achieving the goal of increased Indigenous representation.