

## **STATUTORY POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SENATE**

*The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995*

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**23** The senate may:

- (a) regulate the conduct of its meetings and proceedings;
- (b) determine the quorum necessary to transact business;
- (c) hear any reports that may be provided for by this Act and the bylaws of the senate;
- (d) consider and take action on all matters reported to it by the board, council or assembly;
- (e) appoint scrutineers for the counting of the votes for the election of the elected members of the senate;
- (f) make bylaws respecting the discipline of students for any reason other than academic dishonesty, including bylaws providing for the admonishing, dismissing, suspending or expelling of students or the imposition of fines on students;
- (g) appoint examiners for, and make bylaws respecting, the conduct of examinations for professional societies or other bodies if the university or any of its agencies is required or authorized by any Act to do so;
- (h) establish any committees of its members that it considers necessary;
- (i) provide for the granting of honorary degrees;
- (j) receive proposals respecting the establishment of any college, school, department or institute and recommend to the board and the council whether or not the proposed college, school, department or institute should be established;
- (k) receive proposals respecting the affiliation or federation of any educational institution with the university and recommend to the board and the council whether or not the proposed affiliation or federation should be made;
- (l) consider and recommend to the board and the council whether or not any college, school, department or institute should be disestablished or any affiliation or federation of the university with another educational institution should be dissolved because of lack of relevance to the province;

- (m) authorize the establishment of an advisory council for any college, school or department and prescribe or alter the composition, duties and powers of an advisory council, whether established before or after the coming into force of this Act;
- (n) discontinue an advisory council for any college, school or department;
- (o) recommend to the board or the council any matters or things that the senate considers necessary to promote the interests of the university or to carry out the purposes of this Act;
- (p) request the board or the council to report to it on any matter over which the senate has authority;
- (q) appoint members to committees composed of members of the senate and members of all or any of the board, council and assembly;
- (r) subject to sections 24 to 28, make bylaws governing the election of members of the senate;
- (r.1) subject to section 17, make bylaws governing the nomination and appointment of the chancellor;
- (s) make bylaws respecting any matter over which it has responsibility; and
- (t) do any other thing that the senate considers necessary, incidental or conducive to exercising its powers, to promoting the best interests of the university or to meeting the purposes of this Act.

**Senate's Authority over academic matters (excerpts)**

**62(3)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the following decisions of the council are to be reported to the senate at its next meeting and are not to be implemented until either the senate confirms the decision or 12 months have passed following the end of the fiscal year in which the decision was made, whichever is the earlier:

- (a) a decision to change academic and other qualifications required for admission as a student;
- (b) a decision to change the number of students who may be admitted to a college or a program of study;
- (c) a decision to authorize the disestablishment of any college, school, department, chair, institute or endowed chair;
- (d) a decision to authorize the dissolution of any affiliation or federation.