

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

There will be a meeting of the Senate Governance Committee

**on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 2:30p.m.**

**Room 209/211 Assumption Hall**

**A G E N D A**

- 1 Approval of Agenda**
  - 1.1 Unstarring agenda items
  
- 2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2017.** SGCm170508
  
- 3 Business arising from the minutes**
  
- 4 Outstanding Business/Action Items**
  - 4.1 Committee Membership** **Alan Wildeman-Approval**  
Sa170919-4.1
  
  - 4.2 Sessional Lecturers Standing in Bylaws** **Alan Wildeman-Discussion**  
Sa170919-4.2
  
- 5 Bylaw Business**
  
- 6 Question Period/Other Business**
  
- 7 Adjournment**

Please carefully review the 'starred' (\*) agenda items. As per the June 3, 2004 Senate resolution, 'starred' items will not be discussed during a scheduled meeting unless a member specifically requests that a 'starred' agenda item be 'unstarred', and therefore open for discussion/debate. This can be done any time before (by forwarding the request to the secretary) or during the meeting. By the end of the meeting, agenda items which remain 'starred' (\*) will be deemed approved or received.

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Senate Governance Committee**

4.1: **Committee Membership**

Item for: **Approval**

Forwarded by: **Nominating Committee**

**MOTION 1: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of the following Senate Standing Committees memberships.**

**Dr. Cheryl Collier – Social Science Representative – Academic Policy Committee.**

**Dr. Danielle Soulliere - – Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences – Social Science Representative – Senate Governance Committee**

**MOTION 2: That the Senate Governance Committee approve the name of Dr. Maria Cioppa as a faculty representative on the Nominating Committee.**

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**4.2: Sessional Lecturers Standing on Councils**

Item for: **Discussion**

Several AAUs have Sessional Lecturers either on permanence-track or with permanence, however, these faculty positions are not yet accounted for in the Senate bylaws. Therefore, individuals holding these positions have no standing in the governance of their AAU other than where they are permitted to serve on Council under 4.1.4 “such other persons related to the functioning of the unit, whether or not holding an appointment in the University, as the Council may admit to membership, subject to the limitations of 4.1.5.” In all cases, Sessional Lecturers are not permitted to participate in appointments or RTP procedures.

Similar to other ranking faculty, Sessional Lecturers either on permanence-track or with permanence have a long-term interest in the directions and decisions of their AAU, yet their participation and voting rights are less than those granted to their peers and even their students. Students on AAU councils may participate in appointments and RTP procedures. The Senate Governance Committee is asked to rectify this inequality. To quote one Sessional Lecturer: “It's very important to me that my voice be recognized as equal to my colleagues and students when we're making long-term decisions that will affect the department I work in.”

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

If the Senate Governance Committee agrees that changes to the bylaws to provide standing to Sessional Lecturers should be pursued, it would task the Bylaw Review Committee to further investigate the matter and determine whether and how this could be accomplished, taking into account their significant role in the teaching and learning objectives and outcomes of their department and the university, while being mindful of any limitations that may occur as a result of their being eight-month positions.