



NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Senate Governance Committee

on Monday, November 20, 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 September 19, 2017** SGCm170919
- 3 Business arising from the minutes**
- 4 Outstanding Business/Action Items**
 - 4.1 Convocation 2018 – Honorary Degrees** **Alan Wildeman-Approval**
(In-camera)
- 5 Bylaw Business**
 - 5.1 Bylaw 1 – Review of Composition and Size** **Alan Wildeman-Approval**
SGCa171120-5.1
- 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.

**University of Windsor
Senate Governance Committee**

5.1: **Bylaw 1 – Review of Composition and Size**

Item for: **Information**

Forwarded by: **SSG Bylaw Review Committee**

Bylaw 1 requires that Senate's composition and size be reviewed every 5 years. The last review (2012/2013) resulted in the maintenance of the status quo.

Members are reminded that the 2009/2010 review resulted in an extensive proposal, which sought to restructure and reduce the size and composition of Senate, keeping in mind the requirements of the Act and based on a strict interpretation of the purpose and role of Senate as the ultimate academic decision-making body. Senate rejected this proposal.

For the 2017/2018 review, the Bylaw Review Committee once again sought feedback on whether:

1. the size of Senate should be reduced, maintained, or increased;
2. some *ex-officio* positions should be eliminated or added, keeping in mind the requirements of the Act;
3. some positions should be designated non-voting members, allowing those without strict academic functions within the university to maintain a liaison service to Senate and their constituencies.

Eight responses were received from faculty members, staff, students, UWSA, and WUFA. Responses were mixed between reducing, increasing and maintaining the size of Senate. Some favoured reducing the number of *ex-officio* positions, others called for a more significant decrease overall – in *ex officio*, faculty and student numbers, and others still suggested maintaining or increasing the composition. Opinions were also mixed regarding designating some positions as non-voting. This mirrors the feedback from the last review.

Given this lack of consistency and direction, the Bylaw Review Committee is not recommending any change to Senate's composition and size at this time.