

Senate Executive Committee Priorities 2019-2020

Status as of January 2020

Item	Commentary	Process	Status
1. Labour Disruption Follow-up Initiatives:			
i. Process for the determination of responsibilities in a disruption	Following the decision last year to set aside the joint Board-Senate working group on this matter, a new approach is being discussed by the Chairs of Senate and Board.		In Progress Meeting of the Chairs, Provost and Secretary in the new year.
ii. Review relevant Senate policies to address questions and need for clarity on matters that emerged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy on Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes • Class Cancellation Policy • Sessional Dates and the Scheduling of Examinations 	The review will address implementation questions raised about vague or broad language in the policies. Enhancements to the policies will better position the University to respond to any future disruptions.	Approach to be confirmed. Coordinate with ASCP's planned review of the Sessional Dates policy.	Planned as the second stage of the item 1(i) above. Review of the Sessional Dates policy to be coordinated with ASCP.
iii. Create a comprehensive record of remediation options and actions taken by the Executive Committee and Senate during the disruption; evaluate the effectiveness of	Post-strike reflections resulted in a recommendation to create a comprehensive record of the decisions taken by Executive. It will detail each action taken and identify	Senate Executive to receive and discuss an annotated record of Executive and Senate decisions made during the disruptions.	Begun in 2018-2019; continues in progress. Chronology of Executive and Senate actions finalized, transmitted

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the actions; create a formal reference document of options for future use.	some of the advantages and disadvantages of each. From the analysis of the record, a concrete reference document - informed by past practice and experience - will be prepared to assist decision-making in any future disruptions.		to Senate September 2018. Creation of a formal reference document of options for future use to be completed.
iv. Conclude remediation from the FW2017-2018 Labour Disruption	Executive established a process to address the cases of outstanding Provisional Grades assigned in courses during the labour disruption.	A temporary sub-committee of Executive established with a mandate to make decisions on the remaining cases of students with Provisional Grades. 5-person sub-committee struck to act.	Nearing finalization. The sub-committee met in September; decisions transmitted to students and Deans' Office in October. 3 cases remain pending; including one active appeal.
2. Senate Rules and Membership Review:			
i. Senate's Rules, Procedures and Guidelines review	Senate's Rules, Procedures and Guidelines are published every three years which normally occasions a thorough review. The Rules were last published in February 2016.	Led by the Nominations Sub-committee. Minutes of meetings in 2018, survey results and correspondence from Senators identified rules and issues for review.	Completed. Several revisions were approved by Senate as recommended by Executive. Two subsequent changes to Senate in December.
3. Oversight of Senate Policies Review Exercise	The Secretariat is engaged in an exercise to review all Senate policies to determine those in need of updating.	Policies identified in the first instance in need of revision, rescission or merging with another policy will	In Progress.

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	They are divided in groups ranging from quite old to more recent policies.	be flagged for consideration by Senate Executive, for referral to the relevant Senate committee for substantive review.	
4. Review of Principles Governing a Presidential Search	Executive committed to follow through on a commitment to have a Senate discussion of the <i>Principles to Govern Presidential Search Committees</i> , delayed the item of business from previous year.	Senate Executive to prepare the framing of the discussion.	<p>Executive to determine next steps; report back to Senate in January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Senate discussion of the Principles scheduled held in November. -E-survey conducted in December to gather Senators' opinions on whether to conduct a review of the Principles. -Executive to review survey results and commentary from the November Senate discussion. -Report back to Senate in January on status.
5. Appointment of a Vice-Chair Senate	With the term of the Chair of Senate concluding 31 December 2019 and the Vice-Chair moving into the role as of 1 January 2020, a new Vice-Chair needs to be appointed by Senate for the term of 1 January 2019 – 30 June 2020.	The Nominations Sub-committee will develop a slate of candidates for election to the position by Senate.	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Senate approved in November Mario Roy as the next Vice-Chair / Chair-Election.</p>