Senate Executive Committee Priorities 2020-2021

Item	Commentary	Process	Status
Monitoring the Disruption	With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, the Senate Policy on Academic Implications of Disruptions or Cessations of University Business Due to Labour Disputes or Other Causes continues to be in effect. Consequently, Executive will continue to discharge its mandate of monitoring the impact of the pandemic on academic activities at the University.	The Provost to provide regular reports to Executive on the impact to academic activities. Executive works in collaboration with the Provost to manage the impact, identify and bring to Senate as appropriate adjustments to academic regulations, deadlines and schedules.	Ongoing
Senate Membership Review	The Rules of Senate require the committee to review changes in structures, faculty complements and student enrolments every two years and recommend to Senate that seats be reallocated as necessary. The last membership review was done in 2018-2019. An item will also be the determination of the academic leadership at the Markham Centre Campus on Senate.	Input to be sought on needed changes with the establishment of the Markham Campus.	COMPLETED. Membership for 2021-2023 approved by Senate in February. A related item is the determination of the academic leadership at the Markham Centre Campus on Senate, and other campus representation.
Review of Principles Governing a Presidential Search	Carried forward from 2019- 2020. Executive committed to follow through on a commitment to have a Senate discussion of the <i>Principles to Govern</i> <i>Presidential Search</i> <i>Committees</i> , year delayed the item of business. A consultation on the review was held between the Chairs of Senate and Board in Fall 2019 on conducting a review and the process.	Senate Executive to prepare the framing of the discussion.	Pending It was agreed there is value in the review; however, given other initiatives in progress and the pandemic, the item is deferred, return to it in the future.

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Chancellor Search	Deferred from last spring due to the pandemic, the search for the next Chancellor of the University is planned to commence this year to induct them by June 2021.	The <i>York Act</i> provides for the appointment of the Chancellor "by the Board, after consultation with the Senate".	In Progress
		Three members of Senate Executive will be chosen to participate on the search committee, in addition to the Chair of Senate.	
Appointment of a Vice-Chair Senate	With the term of the Chair of Senate concluding 30 June 2021, and the Vice-Chair moving into the role as of 1 July 2021, a new Vice-Chair needs to be appointed by Senate for the term of 1 July 2021 – 31 December 2021.	The Nominations Sub- committee will develop a slate of candidates for election to the position by Senate.	In Progress