Standing Committee Report to Senate

Senate: **February 25, 2014**
Committee Name: **Senate Governance and Nominating Committee**
Date of Meeting: **February 3, 2014**

Discussion:

- Members reviewed background material and created a small working group of members to draft an effectiveness survey for Senate and its standing committees. The working group will provide the draft to the full committee at its March 3, 2014 meeting.
- On referral from the Senate, the committee received a notice of motion from Senator Beauchemin regarding public posting of standing committee minutes and a requirement to publish the Senate Agenda one week prior to the meeting. The committee anticipates providing a recommendation in March to the Senate regarding these motion as well as Senator Notash's motion regarding whether standing committee reports should be approved by standing committees before they appear on the Senate agenda, which has a relationship to any potential decision regarding the publication of committee minutes.
- Considered a staff application for the Senate Activities Review Board and a faculty senator application for the Senate Committee on Non-Academic Discipline.
- Discussed the implications of a consent agenda for the Senate.
- Discussed the matter of Senate composition and mechanisms for the appointment of Senators across various constituencies on campus.

Decisions :

- Agreed to the recommendation to the Senate for the interim appointment of a staff member to SOARB to cover for a staff member's leave and a recommendation of a faculty senator for SONAD.

Reminders:

- There are a number of vacancies on Senate standing committees and applications are due by March 21st, 2014.
- There are immediate vacancies for Senators on the Ad hoc Committee to review the Safe Disclosure Policy and on the Planning Committee for the Board/Senate retreat. Please apply by February 27, 2014.

Sincerely,

Lynda Colgan, Chair of the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee

Members: E. Berkok; M. Blennerhassett; G. Dueck; P. Hart; I. Reeve; P. Martin; A. Tierney