

**Senate Governance and Nominating Committee
Report to Senate
Revision to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Library Committee
April 29, 2014
Motion**

Rationale:

The proposed revised terms of reference set out below reflect the work that the Senate Library Committee (SLC) has done for the past several years. The members of the SLC were of the view that the Committee should continue to exist as a standing committee of the Senate to provide a direct link between the library and the Senate, given the Senate's function of determining matters of an academic character that affect the University as a whole, while recognizing that the University Librarian is also a member of the Senate.

The SLC asked the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee (SGNC) to consider the proposed revisions and to make a recommendation to the Senate in relation to the ongoing review of the structure and governance role of all Senate standing committees.

At its meeting of March 31, 2014, the SGNC reviewed the requested revisions and determined that they met the requirement that a standing committee of the Senate have a governance role (oversight or policy development responsibilities) that relates to the discharge of the responsibilities of the Senate. The strengthened and more focussed mandate of the Senate Library Committee better reflects necessary linkages between initiatives occurring within the Library and the Senate's central function to determine matters of an academic character that affect the University as a whole.

Current	Proposed
<p>To recommend to the Senate policies for the operation and development of the University Library System;</p> <p>To advise the Chief Librarian in all matters of policy relating to the University Library System which are of academic significance;</p> <p>To advise the Chief Librarian on the preparation of the Library's annual budget and on any proposed change in the approved annual budget of the Library which involves a change in Library policy on matters of academic significance;</p> <p>To make regulations on matters of academic significance with respect to the operation of the University Library system.</p>	<p>1. To provide advice to Senate regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. continuing matters and broad policies relating to the Library's support for the academic needs of the University; b. strategic planning for the Library, including but not limited to the budgetary process; c. Senate policies that affect the Library. <p>2. To support Senate in serving as a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas among the members of the University community in all matters of an academic character relating to Library services and resources.</p> <p>3. To provide a written report annually to Senate, and to report at such other times as may be necessary or appropriate.</p>

Motion

That the Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Senate Library Committee as recommended by the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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