Senate Governance and Nominating Committee
Report to Senate
Revision to the Rules of Procedure for Appointing Standing Committee Chairs
May 27, 2014
Motion

Rationale:

The Chair of the Senate requested that the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee evaluate the mechanism for appointing standing committee Chairs in response to a suggestion from the former AMS President, Eril Berkok, that the Chairs of Senate committees be appointed by the Senate rather than the Chair of the Senate. Members of the Committee reviewed the rationale and determined that the proposed revision to the process for the selection of Committee Chairs would be in keeping with the ongoing practice of enhancing structures supporting transparent governance processes. Accordingly, the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee is proposing the following change to the Rules of Procedure:

Current	**Proposed**
26. Committee Chair The Chair of the Senate shall appoint the chair of each committee, and shall do so from the membership of the committee unless otherwise directed by the regulations or by motion of establishment. The chair shall serve for one year and shall be eligible for reappointment.	26. Committee Chair The Chair of each standing and special committee of the Senate, unless otherwise provided for by the Committee Terms of Reference and with the exception of the Senate Committee on Academic Development and the Honorary Degrees Committee, shall be appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee. Prior to bringing forward such recommendations the Governance and Nominating Committee shall seek the advice of the Chair of the Senate. Committee Chairs shall serve for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reappointment. The Senate Committee on Academic Development and the Honorary Degrees Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of the Senate or delegate.

<u>Motion</u>

That Section 26 of the Rules of Procedure of the Senate be deleted and the following inserted in its place:

The Chair of each standing and special committee of the Senate, unless otherwise provided for by the Committee Terms of Reference and with the exception of the Senate Committee on Academic Development and the Honorary Degrees Committee, shall be appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee. Prior to bringing forward such

recommendations the Governance and Nominating Committee shall seek the advice of the Chair of the Senate.

Committee Chairs shall serve for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reappointment. The Senate Committee on Academic Development and the Honorary Degrees Committee and the Agenda and Summer Advisory Committee shall be chaired by the Chair of the Senate or delegate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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