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FOR APPROVAL

1. **Revision to Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University: P. Associate Vice-President (Research)**

Recommended: That, subject to approval by the Senate on September 23, 2011, the change to the term of the Associate Vice-President (Research) as shown in **Annex 1** be approved.

Background:

It is proposed that the current language guiding the search process for the Associate Vice-President (Research) be amended to allow for the appointment of either a faculty member or staff person to fill this role. Staff AVPs (Research) are now in place at a number of U-15 research universities, including the University of Toronto and Queen's. An external review of Western's current practice in this regard was undertaken by Dr. Kerry Rowe late in 2010. This review determined that the staff AVP (Research) model could bring significant benefit to Western in terms of ensuring continuity within the Office of the Vice-President (Research & International Relations) over the longer term, more effective oversight of staff within the Research Western organization, and the establishment of effective working relationships with other Associate Vice-Presidents at Western—all of whom are currently staff members.

Approving this change provides for enhanced flexibility in allowing for the Selection Committee to consider the merits of the recommendations in the Rowe report and potentially consider both faculty and staff candidates for the AVP (Research) position. See **Annex 1**.

FOR INFORMATION

2. **Report of the Honorary Degrees Committee**

See **Annex 2**.

3. **Report of the Academic Colleague**

See **Annex 3**.

4. **Academic Administrative Appointments**

See **Annex 4**.

P. ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

Composition of Selection Committee

A committee to select an Associate Vice-President (Research) shall consist of:

(a) the Vice-President (Research & International Relations), who shall be Chair
(b) 4 persons elected by the Senate, one of whom shall be a graduate student
(c) 2 persons elected by the Board of Governors

Procedure

- The Chair shall convene the Committee.
- The Chair shall undertake negotiations with prospective candidates.
- The Chair shall report to Senate through the President & Vice-Chancellor.

Terms

Current language:

The term for the Associate Vice-President (Research) is five years, renewable. In the case of renewal of an appointment where the incumbent takes a Study Leave at the end of the first term, the term of reappointment will be six years.

Proposed new language:

The Associate Vice-President (Research) may be a member of faculty or a member of staff.

If appointed from the faculty, the term for the Associate Vice-President (Research) is five years, renewable. In the case of renewal of an appointment where the incumbent takes a Study Leave at the end of the first term, the term of reappointment will be six years.

If appointed from the staff, the term for the Associate Vice-President (Research) will be agreed upon between the Vice-President (Research & International Relations) and the appointee at the time of the initial appointment, with such terms to include provision for review and renewal as appropriate.

REPORT OF THE SENATE HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS – AUTUMN 2011

FOR INFORMATION

The Honorary Degrees Committee of the Senate announces that the following persons will be honored by conferment of degrees, *honoris causa*, at the 298th Convocation of the University to be held on main campus on Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 10:00 A.M.

FRANK HAYDEN - LLD

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*
Faculty of Health Sciences
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

* = students in programs hosted by the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 3:00 P.M.

MARY HOFSTETTER - LLD

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*
Don Wright Faculty of Music
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Engineering
Faculty of Law
Richard Ivey School of Business

* = students in programs hosted by the Don Wright Faculty of Music, Faculties of Education, Engineering, Law, and the Richard Ivey School of Business

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 - 10:00 A.M.

HEATHER HISCOX - LLD

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*
Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Faculty of Science
Faculty of Science and the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry (BMSc)
Brescia University College
Huron University College
King's University College

* = students in programs hosted by the Faculties of Arts and Humanities, and Science

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 - 3:00 P.M.

JOHN SCHWEITZER - LLD

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies*
Faculty of Information and Media Studies
Faculty of Social Science

* = students in programs hosted by the Faculties of Information and Media Studies and Social Science

Council of Ontario Universities
Report to Senate of the Academic Colleague
Kathleen Okruhlik, September 2011

The COU Academic Colleagues met in Toronto August 29th and 30th. Much of the meeting was devoted to orientation of new members. There was no meeting of the full Council.

Undergraduate Enrolments: Over 90,000 students had confirmed acceptance of offers to enter Ontario universities in September 2011. This is almost 2,000 more than in the "double cohort" year. As enrolments continue to increase, so do concerns about how to adequately educate these undergraduates. This has been a topic of ongoing concern to the Academic Colleagues, and some Senators will have read the recent *Globe and Mail* article by James Bradshaw headlined "Universities acknowledge erosion of the undergraduate experience". Although Western seems to have done a much better job than most at maintaining the quality of the undergraduate experience, we shall experience additional challenges as enrolments increase significantly for the first time in some years.

Teaching Evaluations: Each year the Academic Colleagues produce Discussion Papers that are later discussed at meetings of the full Council (which includes the Executive Heads) and then posted on the COU website. The next report will deal with the different ways that teaching evaluations are conducted at universities across the province.

Research Grant Culture: A topic of continuing concern to COU Academic Colleagues is the extent to which research grant procurement has become a dominant criterion for ranking universities nationally and internationally and (within any single university) for ranking Faculties, Departments, and individual professors. Concerns are diverse and relate not only to the apparent devaluing of teaching but also to distortions within various research cultures. So, for example, although some colleagues in humanities-related disciplines may not need a great deal of money to pursue their research, they feel pressured to apply for large grants in order to make their Department and Faculty look good. Sometimes they feel that the number of dollars brought in counts for more than the quality of the research that is produced. Meanwhile many other researchers find it impossible to get the funds that they desperately need, and numerous parties express concern about changes in rules and procedures at the three granting councils. One of this year's Discussion Papers will address at least some of these issues.

Keeping up with COU activities: In response to requests for clarification, Academic Colleagues have been told that we are free to share with Senators the COU Updates that we receive approximately every three months. These documents are intended to help members of COU track issues. They are not meant for quotation or public dissemination, but Senators may sometimes find them useful tools in their effort to understand issues at the provincial level. These documents are rather lengthy; so (at least for now) I shall forward them to Nancy Martinelli in the University Secretariat rather than include them with my reports. Any Senator who wants to read the updates may contact Nancy, and she will send the documents electronically. For other information, check out the Council's website: http://www.cou.on.ca/

I shall be pleased to answer questions about these and other issues on the floor of Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

FOR INFORMATION

Announcements

Name	Department/School	Faculty	Admin Post	Effective Date	End Date
Hanan Lutfiyya	Computer Science	Science	Chair	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2016
Bryce Traister	English	Arts and Humanities	Chair	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2016
Joyce Bruhn de Garavito	Modern Languages and Literatures	Arts and Humanities	Chair	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2016
Paul Coats	Film Studies	Arts and Humanities	Acting Chair	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2012
Jacques Lamarche	French Studies	Arts and Humanities	Acting Chair	July 1, 2011	December 31, 2011
Betty Anne Younker	Music	Don Wright Faculty of Music	Dean	August 1, 2011	July 31, 2016
Charmaine B. Dean	Science	Science	Dean	August 1, 2011	July 31, 2016
Vicki Schwean	Education	Education	Dean	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2016
Sophie L. Roland-Wieczorek	Music Performance Studies	Music	Chair	July 1-2011	June 30, 2016
Andre Boivin	Mathematics	Science	Chair	July 1-2011	June 30-2016
Margaret Steel	Schulich	Schulich	Acting Associate Dean (Clinical Academic Affairs)	July 1-2011	August 30-2011
Michael Rieder	Schulich	Schulich	Acting Assistant Dean (Student Affairs)	July 1-2011	December 31-2011
Kathleen Fraser	Dept of Writing, Rhetoric & Professional Communication	Arts and Humanities	Acting Director	July 1-2011	June 30, 2012

Faculty of Information and Media Studies
T. Rose, 2010 CanWest Fellow, September 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011
M. Valpy, 2011 CanWest Fellow, January 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012

Faculty of Law
B. Barton, Stephen Dattels Fellow in Mining and Finance Law, January 1, 2012 – January 31, 2012
R. Graham and S. Pitel, Goodmans LLP Faculty Fellows in Legal Ethics, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
H. Linton, James G. McLeod Professor in Family Law, January 1, 2012 – January 31, 2012
P. Yowell, Rt. Hon. John Turner Fellow in Public Law, January 1, 2012 – Jan 31, 2012

Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry
J. G. Pickering, The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario/Barnett-Ivey Chair at the Robarts Research Institute, January 1, 2011, December 31, 2015