

(January 12, 2021 meeting, in preparation for Senate meeting of January 20, 2021)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the Senate meetings of December 2 and 15, 2020 were circulated to the Steering Committee for review. It is recommended that they now be considered by Senate for approval.

2. SPEAKING RIGHTS

The Steering Committee requests speaking rights for:

- Professor Christopher Buddle, Chair of the Committee on Libraries, for item IIB2.1 (Annual Report of the Committee on Libraries).
- Professor Ashraf Ismail, Chair of the Advisory Council on the Charter of Students' Rights, for item IIB2.2 (Annual Report of the Advisory Council on the Charter of Students' Rights).

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Steering Committee has reviewed the Agenda for the present meeting and recommends it for approval.

4. REVIEW OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

No questions or motions were submitted for the January Senate meeting.

5. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Steering Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference. A key part of the review focused on ensuring alignment of the Terms of Reference with the Senate Standing Rules of Procedure and the Guidelines for the Review of Questions and Motions. The proposed revisions will be presented to the Senate Nominating Committee for consideration and to Senate thereafter.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION

The Steering Committee selected to hold an open discussion dedicated to the topic of the student academic experience. The discussion will provide an opportunity to consider how the academic student experience has been impacted by COVID-19, which has, inevitably, affected student life and learning and the delivery of a variety of student services. The open discussion has been scheduled for February 24, 2021.

Present: Suzanne Fortier (*Chair*); Angela Campbell, Jim Engle-Warnick, Brooklyn Frizzle, Andrew Kirk, Christopher Manfredi, Jim Nicell, Laura Nilson, Sophie Osiecki, Marc Richard, Edyta Rogowska (*Secretary*).

Regrets: None.