



(April 21, 2009 meeting, in preparation for Senate Meeting, April 29, 2009)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SENATE

The minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2009 have been circulated. It is recommended that they now be considered for approval.

2. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Steering Committee reports that it has scrutinized the confidential minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2009 and has approved them on behalf of Senate. These minutes are not published or circulated but are available for perusal by senators in the office of the Secretary of Senate.

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Steering Committee recommends that Senate enter into Committee of the Whole for 30 minutes, with the Principal in the Chair, for discussion of item IIB2, 2.2, the Senate Review Report (D08-60).

4. CHAIR OF SENATE

Steering Committee recommends that Dean Chandra Madramootoo chair the meeting for item IIB3, the Principal's Task Force on Diversity, Excellence and Community Engagement (D08-61).

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Joint Board-Senate meeting (October 26, 2009)

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors and the Senate Steering Committee, at their joint meeting on March 23, 2009, recommended that the topic of the 2009 Joint Board-Senate meeting concern two overlapping themes:

Are we who we think we are? How do we measure our success?

It was further recommended that a working group be formed by the Provost including members of both governing bodies, and that the working group give close consideration to the structure of the meeting, encouraging an interactive format.

5.2 Aboriginal enrolment to MD program

Steering Committee asks that Dean Richard I. Levin rise and update Senate on the subject of Aboriginal enrolment on the MD program, a question arising from the March 25 Senate meeting in the context of the Faculty of Medicine Academic Program Review.

5.3 Update on the Report on Non-Tenure Track Academic Staff

Steering Committee asks that the Provost rise and provide Senate with an update on progress being made with the Report on Non-Tenure Track Academic Staff.

Present: Professor Anthony Masi (Chair), Professor Kohur GowriSankaran, Mr. John Hobbins, Professor Martin Kreiswirth, Professor Michael Smith, Ms. Nadya Wilkinson, Secretary-General Johanne Pelletier (Secretary), Mr. Andrew Stoten (Committee Administrator for Senate).

Regrets: Professor Heather Munroe-Blum.