SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS
TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee shall:

1. Foster and protect the overall academic standards of the university;

2. Oversee and advise Senate on those broad areas of academic standards that affect the welfare and reputation of the university, including policies on grading and academic integrity;

3. Approve, on behalf of Senate, the granting of degrees (other than honorary degrees) and report to Senate on degrees awarded;

4. Consider and, if appropriate, approve on behalf of Senate, requests for early granting of degrees and for waiver of degree requirements under exceptional circumstances and report to Senate on the disposition of such requests;

5. Consider any proposals for the rescinding of a degree and make a recommendation to Senate;

6. Advise Senate on recommendations from the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer that would affect academic standards;

7. Consider proposals from other sources, inside and outside the university, that could affect academic standards;

8. Consult with the faculties on all matters considered by the committee which are of significance to the faculties; and

9. Receive annual reports from the chair on any issues arising from the annual review of the curriculum at the meeting of the Senate Committee on the Curriculum.

Senate standing and ad hoc committee meetings are normally closed. A committee may determine that the whole or part of any committee discussion or document presented to the committee shall be held in confidence.

Composition:
- 12 faculty members representing the faculties and divisions (at least 2 of whom shall be senators) (voting)
- 4 students including at least 1 student member of Senate and 1 graduate student representative (voting)
- 1 convocation member of Senate (voting)
- President or nominee (ex officio, voting)
- Vice-President Academic and Provost or designate (ex officio, voting)
• Director, Cooperative Education and Career Services (ex officio, non-voting)
• Director, Graduate Admissions and Records (ex officio, non-voting)
• Registrar (ex officio, non-voting)
• Associate Registrar (ex officio, non-voting)
• Associate Dean, Academic Advising (Faculties of Science, Social Sciences, and Humanities) (ex officio, non-voting)

Total membership - 24 (19 voting members)

The secretary of the committee is the Associate University Secretary.

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