

Proposal for a University Planning Committee

Informal Session of the Senate on November 26, 2009

To provide the opportunity for the Senate Operations Review Committee (SORC) to hear questions, comments and insights from Senators concerning the proposal to establish a University Planning Committee, SORC has requested that the Senate Agenda Committee schedule an informal session of the Senate during the meeting of November 26, 2009.

Therefore, a motion will be proposed by the Agenda Committee “that the proposal for a University Planning Committee (UPC) be considered in an informal session chaired by Senator P. Oosthuizen.”

The Senate will move into Informal Session under III, Reports of Committees, Operations Review Committee.

Proposed Format for Informal Discussion

The Principal will introduce his proposal for the UPC, including the rationale, process and timeline for establishing the committee.

To assist members of SORC to gauge the opinions of Senators about the proposal (attached), the following questions are posed for consideration:

1. What views do Senators have about the three roles articulated in the mandate for the University Planning Committee?
2. What feedback would Senators like to provide SORC regarding the nine points in the terms of reference?
3. What comments would Senators like to make about the proposed composition of this committee? SORC has observed that in the proposed composition, a role for faculty and student Senators is not explicit in the elected category, and the proposed number of student members is low. In addition, if the intent is for a representative composition, a staff Senator is not named.
4. How do senators view the link between the work of the UPC, including its Budget Subcommittee, with the work of the Senate Budget Review Committee and the Senate Committee on Academic Development?
5. What other questions, comments or insights would Senators like SORC to consider?. Oosthscors viel.Pbp5

Referred to SORC

Observers

Dean (Health Sciences) or delegate, unless elected
Associate Vice-Principal (Student Affairs)
Vice-Principal, Advancement

Budget Committee

Terms of Reference

The Budget Committee, a sub-committee of the UPC shall:

1. Review the budget framework prepared by the University administration in consultation with the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis; this framework (including the models and projections upon which it is based) will be provided to the Joint Administration/Faculty Association Committee to Consider Matters and to Discuss and