

Governance

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TRU Act

- Enacted specifically for TRU in 2005 after extensive consultation with senior administration.
- Bi-cameral governance – Board is not “senior” to Senate.
- Also have Planning Council for Open Learning:
 - tri-cameral governance.
- In administration, we look at this Act almost every day and carry it with us.

Bylaws

- This is the second tier of governance rules for the Senate.
- The Bylaws were adopted by Senate in 2006 and are revised from time to time.
- The Bylaws are 11 pages long and deal with subjects including: Conflict of Interest, Officers, Duties of Senators, Quorum, etc.
- The Bylaws provide that Robert's Rules of Order apply to Senate meetings.

Bylaws (cont'd)

➤ **Duties required of Senate members include:**

- Act in what the Senate member considers to be the best interest of the University even if that conflicts with the wishes of any group that elected the member;
- Consult with any group the member may belong to and communicate to such group the matters dealt with at the Senate;
- Elected senators cannot miss more than 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of senate without a resolution from senate
- Confidentiality

Bylaws (cont'd)

➤ **Conflict of Duty and Interest:**

- 3 pages in Bylaws.
- Senators must not place themselves in a position where there is a conflict, or a perceived conflict, between their duties to the University and their personal interest (including family and close friends).
- Key is to stay alert to any situation that might give rise to a perceived conflict of interest.
- Once a concern is identified – should disclose to the Senate Chair who can get legal advice if needed.

Policies

- TRU has approximately 100 policies
- 41 of these policies are Senate policies;
- Significant Senate policies include:
 - Student Academic Integrity
 - Program Review
 - Examinations
 - Grading Systems
 - Integrity in Research and Scholarship
 - Student Academic Appeals

Senate Committees

- **Senate has 13 committees, with approved terms of reference, reporting to Senate:**
 - Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (“APPC”)
 - Awards and Honours Committee
 - Budget Committee (“BCOS”)
 - Educational Programs Committee (“EPC”)
 - Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (“ESAC”)
 - Graduate Studies Committee
 - International Affairs Committee (“SIAC”)
 - Qelmúcw Affairs Committee
 - Research Committee
 - Senate Appeals Committee
 - Steering Committee
 - Student Success Committee
 - Teaching and Learning Committee

Committee Terms of Reference

- **Each committee has its own Terms of Reference**
 - Terms of Reference typically consist of:
 - Composition
 - Responsibilities
 - All should be posted on the Committee's website

Thank you

Questions?