



TO: Academic Board
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AGENDA ITEM: 5

ITEM IDENTIFICATION: Innis College Constitution: Amendments

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION

Section 5.2.2 of the Academic Board’s terms of reference calls for revised divisional constitutions to be considered by the Board, and confirmed by the Executive Committee. Amendments to By-laws are approved by divisional councils.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

Innis College Council approved the current College Constitution on April 17, 1999.

HIGHLIGHTS

Innis College has a practice of reviewing its Constitution every ten years. The proposed amendments were made for clarification of terms and to reflect current language conventions within the University. The amendments address the following:

- The Innis College Council and its Standing Committees play an advisory role to the Innis College administration and the Innis College Student Society.
- In order to ensure the Secretary of Council’s ability to prepare materials and announce the Council’s first meeting each year, the Secretary’s election has been changed to the “final regular meeting of the academic year” under V. Secretary of Council, s. A.
- Use of the term “staff” has been revised to be in keeping with conventional U of T usage. Under s. I (J) the definition of staff has been revised to “administrative staff of Innis College and the Cinema Studies Institute”; the definition of “Faculty” has been revised under (I) to “teaching staff of Innis College and the Cinema Studies Institute”; the definition of “Others” has been added to s. I (H) as “members of the Innis College community who are not students”.
- At any one Council meeting there is never more than one Chair, and that there are two Co-Chairs who alternate.

The proposed revisions have been discussed at the Innis Council in 2009 and 2010, and Innis has consulted with the Faculty of Arts and Science. The revised constitution was ratified by the Innis College Council on April 19, 2010.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the amended Constitution of Innis College, approved by the Innis College Council on April 19, 2010 be approved by the Academic Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee, effective immediately.