

## **Draft Excerpt from Report 164 of the University Affairs Board (May 31, 2011)**

THE FOLLOWING ITEM CONTAINS A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

### **3. College of Electors: Constitution – Revisions**

The Chair noted that the University Affairs Board Terms of Reference stated that "... major amendments to the Constitution of the College of Electors are considered by the Board and recommended to the Governing Council for approval." She invited Mr. Nunn, Vice-Chair of the Governing Council and Chair of the Implementation Committee for the Report of the Task Force on Governance to introduce the item.

Mr. Nunn summarized the background to the proposal. In 2007, the Task Force on Governance had begun its work in the context of the President's *Towards 2030* planning initiative with a broad call for submissions to the University community. It had met for a period of almost three years, seeking input during its first and second phases, and providing regular reports to the Governing Council. At its meeting of October 28, 2010, the Governing Council had approved the *Report of the Task Force of Governance* and its recommendations. At that meeting the Council had also approved the establishment of the Implementation Committee to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the recommendations.

One of the recommendations of the Report of the Task Force on Governance was for the establishment of two Nominating Committees, one for the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council (LGIC) members of the Council, and one for the alumni members. The LGIC nominating committee had been established immediately and had advised the Chair regarding recent appointments. The proposal before the Board for revisions to the Constitution of the College of Electors was intended to establish the Nominating Committee for Alumni Governors (NC-AG), and was the next step in implementing the Governing Council's approved direction.

Mr. Nunn noted that extensive consultation regarding the proposal for implementation had occurred with the College. The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the Governing Council had met with the Executive Committee of the College of Electors on February 8, 2011 to present formally the Task Force's recommendations and to discuss the recommendations affecting the College. Discussions on the implementation of the recommendations had been held with the College at its meeting on February 23, 2011, and input from the Executive Committee of the College had provided the basis for an information session with the College on March 10, 2011. Throughout these conversations, it had been made clear that the College was being asked its advice on how to implement the Governing Council resolution, rather than on whether the resolution was to be implemented.

At its meeting of May 10, 2011, the College had formally considered the proposals for constitutional revisions that included the details regarding the Nominating Committee. The final proposal before the College had reflected the advice of the members up to that time, and had included an additional refinement suggested at the meeting itself. The College's advice had been taken seriously and had shaped the proposed composition and operation of the Committee accordingly. The Chair of the College and its Executive Committee had supported the proposal. Mr. Nunn concluded by stating that, in this context, it could be assumed that the College's 13-10 negative vote (by about one half of its members present and voting) had represented an ongoing reluctance to accept the Governing Council's decision to create nominating committees. The Implementation Committee was prepared to proceed with this important change, and recommended approval of the Constitutional revisions before the Board.

There was no discussion of the proposal by members of the Board.

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On the recommendation of the Implementation Committee for the Report of the Task Force on Governance,

YOUR BOARD RECOMMENDS

THAT the proposed revised Constitution of the College of Electors, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix "B", be approved, replacing the Constitution amended on March 25, 2008, effective immediately; and

THAT a review of the College of Elector's selection and election process for alumni governors be conducted in the Spring, 2014 in a manner to be determined by the Chair of the Governing Council and the Chair of the College of Electors in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Governing Council.