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TO: Academic Board

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AGENDA ITEM: 11

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Constitutional Amendments: Faculty of Dentistry

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Governing Council has the authority to establish faculty and college councils and to determine the composition, powers, and duties of those councils under the provisions of the *University of Toronto Act, 1971*, as amended by 1978, chapter 88, Section 2 (14)(i).

Section 5.2.2 of the Academic Board Terms of Reference calls for amended divisional constitutions to be considered by the Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee. Amendments to by-laws are approved by divisional councils.

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. **Academic Board [for approval] (May 29, 2017)**
2. Executive Committee [for confirmation] (June 13, 2017)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

Previous revisions to the Faculty of Dentistry Council Constitution were approved by the Academic Board on April 19, 2012 and confirmed by the Executive Committee of the Governing Council on May 7, 2012.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In early 2017, the Office of the Governing Council and the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs provided new templates to divisions and offered guidance on how to amend their constitutions and by-laws to incorporate:

- Language reflecting Council's delegated authority with respect to for credit

certificates. The *Policy on Certificates (For Credit and Not-For-Credit)* was approved by the Governing Council in February, 2016, replacing the former *Policy for Diplomas and Certificate Programs*. The current *Policy* provides for Council's delegated authority to approve proposals for the establishment and closure of Category 1 and Category 2 for credit certificates and major and minor modifications to existing certificates.

- The teaching stream faculty appointment titles of Professor, Teaching Stream; Associate Professor, Teaching Stream; Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream; and Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream (Conditional), which were approved by the Governing Council on June 25, 2015.

While applying these changes does not require governance approval, many divisions are taking this opportunity to make other updates to their constitutions and by-laws.

The Faculty of Dentistry Constitution revisions were considered for the following reasons:

- To align it with the new academic structure that took effect July 1, 2016.
- To more appropriately support the Faculty's mission for the future.
- The university suggested practice of reviewing the Constitution and By-Laws every 5 years. The last revision was approved in March 2012.

A Strategic Plan Working Group was tasked with developing revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws, and did this work over the past 2 academic years. The documents were then forwarded to the Constitution and Nominations Committee who reviewed them and then recommended that the proposed revised drafts of the Constitution and By-Laws be discussed by Faculty Council. On February 17, 2017, a special Faculty Council meeting was called to take place on March 6, 2017, and the appropriate documents sent out at that time to all faculty, staff, and students. Following discussion at that Faculty Council meeting, there were no suggestions for revision to the Constitution, and 2 minor suggestions for revision to the By-Laws. These latter revisions have been incorporated in the accompanying document.

In addition to the changes associated with the teaching stream titles and *Policy on Certificates*, the changes to the Constitution include:

- Change of terminology from "Associate in Dentistry" to "Instructor in the Faculty of Dentistry".
- Change in number of Instructor representatives from 10 to 6.
- Change in number of undergraduate student representatives from 17 to 10. This change still leaves strong undergraduate student representation (there are 432 undergraduates).
- Change in number of graduate student representatives from 4 to 2. This change still leaves strong graduate student representation (there are 112 graduate students)

- Specified that the external stakeholders are the President and Registrar of the RCDSO.
- Changed “Directors/Chairs of collaborative programs” to specify Directors of EDUs with Faculty of Dentistry partnership (IBBME and UTCSP).
- Change to Faculty Council quorum from 20 to 24.
- Change in minimum number of annual meetings from 5 to 4.

The proposed amendments to the Faculty of Dentistry Council Constitution were shared with Faculty Council members on April 24, 2017. The Constitution was recommended unanimously for Academic Board approval at a Faculty Council meeting on May 23, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it Resolved

THAT subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee

THAT the proposed amended Constitution of the Faculty of Dentistry Council, which was recommended for approval by the Council on May 23, 2017 be approved, effective July 1, 2017.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

1. Proposed Updated Faculty of Dentistry Council Constitution - Clean Copy
2. Current Faculty of Dentistry Council Constitution (May 7, 2012)
3. Current Faculty of Dentistry By-Laws (May 23, 2017)