

**FOR APPROVAL**

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**TO:** Executive Committee

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**DATE:** February 4, 2025, for February 11, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** 8

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Governing Council and Executive Committee Meeting Dates, 2025-2026

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

Section 11 of *By-Law Number 2* of the Governing Council requires that at least five regular meetings of the Governing Council be held during the academic year. The date and times of such meetings shall be determined annually in advance by the Executive Committee not later than June 30th preceding the period of such meetings. The Executive Committee may cancel at most one of the regular meetings of the Governing Council in each academic year for lack of sufficient business. The Executive Committee also approves the dates of its own meetings.

**GOVERNANCE PATH:**

1. **Executive Committee [For Approval] (February 11, 2025)**

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

On an annual basis, the proposed meeting dates for the following year for Executive Committee and the Governing Council are brought forward for approval by the Executive Committee.

On December 5, 2023, the Executive Committee approved the 2024-2025 Governing Council and Executive Committee meeting dates.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

For 2025-26 a five-cycle meeting schedule is being proposed.

With a six-cycle schedule there has been a compression of Cycles 3 and 4, in part because governance meetings typically are not scheduled during Reading Week and March Break. In addition, in recent years (including this year) several governance bodies have cancelled their Cycle 3 meetings due to insufficient business. Following consultation with the administration and taking into account the typical flow of items of business in previous years, the Secretariat is recommending a five-cycle meeting schedule for 2025-26.

Once the Executive Committee and Governing Council meeting dates are set, meeting dates for the other governance bodies will be finalized and posted publicly. In the case of the Business Board, there will be two meetings in Cycle 3 to address the volume of business items that typically come forward in the January-March period to that Board.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Be It Resolved

THAT the 2025-2026 meeting dates for the Governing Council and the Executive Committee, listed below, be approved.

|          | <b>Executive Committee - 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. except Cycle 5B</b> |
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| Cycle 1  | Monday, October 27, 2025                                      |
| Cycle 2  | Monday, December 1, 2025                                      |
| Cycle 3  | <i>Thursday</i> <sup>1</sup> , March 12, 2026                 |
| Cycle 4  | Monday, May 4, 2026   |
| Cycle 5A | Monday, June 15, 2026   |
| Cycle 5B | Thursday, June 25, 2026 – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.                    |
|          | <b>Governing Council - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>                   |
| Cycle 1  | Thursday, November 6, 2025                                    |
| Cycle 2  | Thursday, December 11, 2025                                   |
| Cycle 3  | Thursday, March 26, 2026                                      |
| Cycle 4  | <i>Wednesday</i> <sup>2</sup> , May 13, 2026                  |
| Cycle 5A | Thursday, June 25, 2026                                       |

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<sup>1</sup> March 16 – 19, 2026 – March Break

<sup>2</sup> May 15, 2026 – Presidential Day (University Closed)