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**CLOSED SESSION**

**TO:** Executive Committee

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**DATE:** November 24, 2025, for December 1, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** 12

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Governing Council and Executive Committee Meeting Dates, 2026-2027

**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] (December 1, 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 February 11, 2025, the Executive Committee approved the 2025-2026 Governing Council and Executive Committee meeting dates.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

It is recommended that a five-cycle meeting schedule continue in 2026-27.

In February 2025, the Executive Committee approved transitioning to a five-cycle model for governance meetings. The rationale was that there was a compression of Cycles 3 and 4 in the six-cycle schedule, due in part to governance meetings not typically being scheduled during Reading Week or March Break. In addition, it was noted that there was a pattern of cancelling Cycle 3 meetings of some governance bodies due to insufficient business. The Secretariat therefore recommended transitioning to a five-cycle model following consultation with the administration, and taking into account the typical flow of items of business in previous years.

It is recommended that the five-cycle model continue for a second year in order to gather sufficient data to assess whether a five-cycle model meets the needs of governance and the administration. As of the writing of this memorandum, only two cycles of the first year of a five-cycle governance year have elapsed. Following Executive Committee’s approval of the Executive Committee and Governing Council meeting dates, 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 2026-2027 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>
Cycle 1	Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Cycle 2	Thursday, December 3, 2026
Cycle 3	Tuesday, March 30, 2027
Cycle 4	Monday, May 10, 2027
Cycle 5A	Thursday, June 17, 2027
Cycle 5B	Tuesday, June 29, 2027 (3:30-4:15 p.m.)
	<b>Governing Council - 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>
Cycle 1	Thursday, November 5, 2026
Cycle 2	Thursday, December 17, 2026
Cycle 3	Thursday, April 8, 2027 (@ UTM)
Cycle 4	Thursday, May 20, 2027 (@ UTSC)
Cycle 5	Tuesday, June 29, 2027