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|  | Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague Selection Policy #4.9 | |
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1. POLICY

This policy outlines the process for selecting a representative, as well as an alternate, to sit on the Council of Ontario Universities' (COU) Academic Colleagues group and other COU committees on behalf of the OCAD University Senate.

2. BACKGROUND

The Terms of Reference for the Academic Colleagues group (2011) state that members “seek to stimulate thoughtful and insightful discussion and action within Council and the wider university community.” Further, members of the Academic Colleagues group are to:

- Serve as members of COU standing committees, task forces and working groups.
- Provide regular updates and reports on the activities of Council to their respective academic senates or equivalent senior academic bodies as determined by their institutions.
- Anticipate, examine and analyze significant issues with a view toward specific contributions to Council objectives.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

Article 3(4)2 of the COU Constitution states:

One colleague from each institution, selected for membership by the academic senate or equivalent senior academic body (...) from among the academic staff who are current members of that body or who could be appointed to it while serving as a colleague and who normally shall hold office for a term of three years, renewable.

At OCAD University, the selection process is as follows:

- a) The Senate Executive Committee shall recommend from the members of Senate at least one colleague and one alternate to sit on the COU Academic Colleagues group. These nominations should occur prior to the first meeting of Senate in September.
- b) The Senate Executive Committee shall forward their recommendations to Senate by the September Senate meeting.
- c) Once the recommendations have been approved by Senate, the Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost will forward the appropriate information to the Council of Ontario Universities.

In the event that an academic colleague or alternate can no longer fulfil her or his duties in the middle of term, the Senate Executive Committee shall make a recommendation to Senate for a replacement.

4. TERM

Academic Colleagues and alternates shall serve for a renewable term of three years commencing July 1 and ending June 30.

5. RENEWAL

Renewal of the terms of academic colleagues and alternates shall follow the same procedure outlined in section 3.