



SENATE AGENDA COMMITTEE

Senate Meeting Dates 2011-2012

Report to Senate – February 17, 2011

Background

On January 20, 2011, on recommendation from the Senate Operations Review Committee, Senate approved an amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Senate, section “I. 1. Meetings, that meetings of Senate shall normally occur on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. This change shall take effect September 2011.”

Senators also requested as much advance notice as possible of the meeting dates for 2011-2012. However, this request is at odds with the last sentence of the provision. To remove any impediment to an early announcement this year, and in the future, at the request of the Senate Agenda Committee, on February 1, 2011, SORC considered and accepted the following amendment to the Rules of Procedure.

Current:

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1. Regular Meetings

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Proposed:

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Motion:

The Senate Agenda Committee, with the support of the Senate Operations Review Committee, recommends that Senate approve the amendment to the Senate Rules of Procedure described above.

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The Secretary of the Senate reports that it is not possible to schedule all regular Senate meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month, as specified in the *Senate Rules of Procedure*. A scheduling conflict occurs for the Chair of Senate with a meeting of the AUCC in Fredericton, New Brunswick, April 24-25, 2012. Therefore, the third Tuesday of April 2012 is proposed.

To provide an adequate number of meetings during the academic year, spaced at reasonable intervals to accommodate the academic decision-making process of the University, the following meeting dates are proposed.

Motion:

The Senate Agenda Committee recommends the Senate approve the 2011-2012 meeting dates listed below:

Tuesday, September 27, 2011
Monday, October 24, 2011
Tuesday, November 22, 2011
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
Tuesday, April 17, 2012
Tuesday, May 22, 2012
(Meetings begin at 3:30 p.m.)

Agenda Committee Members

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