



FOR APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATION

TO: Arts & Science Council

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AGENDA ITEM: 9 (a)

ITEM OF BUSINESS:

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts & Science Council

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Arts and Science Council exercises its powers under the University of Toronto Act, 1971 as amended, with the approval of Governing Council, as appropriate. As per the Academic Board Terms of Reference (section 5.2.2): "Approval of and changes to divisional council constitutions are subject to the approval of the Academic Board and the confirmation of the Executive Committee of Governing Council."

Article XI-1 of the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts & Science Council provides in part as follows: "The Constitution of the Council may only be amended with the approval of the Council and the appropriate body of the Governing Council of the University of Toronto".

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Arts & Science Council [for Approval and Recommendation] December 13, 2017
2. Academic Board [for Approval]
3. Executive Committee [for Confirmation]

HIGHLIGHTS:

In a memo dated January 20, 2017 from Sheree Drummond, Secretary of Governing Council, and Sioban Nelson, Vice-Provost, Academic Programs and Vice-Provost, Faculty and Academic Life, the Faculty of Arts & Science was directed to amend its [Council's] Constitution and By-Laws to incorporate updated language concerning delegated authority to divisions/faculties regarding for-credit certificates and new teaching stream faculty appointment ranks. The language around certificates was updated with a new *Policy on Certificates (For-Credit and Not-For-Credit)* approved by Governing Council in February, 2016; and the new titles for Teaching Stream professors were approved by Governing Council on June 25, 2015.

The proposed changes in this package include amendments made by the Governance Unit and edited/approved by Governing Council with this objective.

In addition, the Executive of the Graduate Students' Union requested that the Constitution be updated to reflect, in the list of *ex officio* members of Council, that the GSU does not have a President and has not had one for several years. Instead, the proposal is that the GSU appoint, each year, one member of their executive to stand as the *ex officio* member of Council. Language has been updated to reflect this.

Lastly, these changes provide an opportunity for edits to the format of the Constitution –using the Faculty letterhead, cleaning up and making consistent conventions such as dates, bulleted lists, headers and pagination notes, and making the table in the template cleaner and more readable. The most substantive change is the updating of the end notes concerning amendments to reflect the broad approval history and the approval dates for this most recent set of changes.

Council is provided with several documents in a package to review the changes:

- Summary of Changes (Constitution)
- Current Constitution
- “Tracked Changes” PDF of proposed changes
- A proposed “final version” with all proposed changes enacted

MOTION

THAT the amendments to the Constitution of the Faculty of Arts & Science Council, as described in the attached proposal, be approved effective upon University governance approval.