Committees of the Senate
Terms of Reference

Honorary Degrees

Effective Date: September 2009
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

To select candidates on whom Honorary Degrees are to be conferred.

To select a candidate to receive the President’s Medal for Distinguished Service.

To select the appropriate degree for each candidate, and the appropriate Convocation at which the degree is to be conferred.

To select candidates to be granted the status of Chancellor Emeritus/a, President Emeritus/a and Provost & Vice-President (Academic) Emeritus/a and determine the timing and nature of the conferral of such status.

To report to the Senate, for public announcement.

COMPOSITION

Nine members, one of whom must be a student who is a member of Senate, elected by the Senate.

Two alumni of Western appointed by the Alumni Association.

One Principal (or designate) of an Affiliated University College appointed on a one-year rotational basis.

Ex officio:

Chancellor
President & Vice-Chancellor
Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Vice-President (External)
Vice-President (Research)
Director of the Convocation Board
Assistant Director of Convocation
Secretary of Senate (non-voting)

The term of office of elected members shall be two years. Members may not be eligible for more than two consecutive terms, but they shall be eligible for re-election after a lapse of two years following the expiration of the second of the two consecutive terms.

The Chair shall be the President & Vice-Chancellor.
ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES
Membership Cycle: July 1 to June 30
New Members: Elected by Senate in April.
Meetings: Two or three times per year, as required.