



Memo

Date: November 16, 2020
To: Members of Council
From: Nicole van Woudenberg, OCT
Chair of Council
Subject: Report of the Executive Committee

Committee Meeting Dates

The committee held a special meeting on October 15, 2020 and met for a regular meeting on November 12, 2020.

Summary of Discussions

1. Council Agenda Approval

The committee reviewed and approved the agenda for the December 3-4, 2020 meeting of Council.

2. Cyclical Policy Review

At its October meeting, the committee continued its cyclical review of Council policies by approving a protocol on how the Chair of Council and committee chairs could access legal services.

In November, the committee received additional information on proposed amendments to the Council Member Travel Policy. At the October 1-2, 2020 Council meeting, the policy and a proposed amendment had been referred back to the Executive Committee for further study. It was agreed that additional consideration was required and the policy, along with the compensation guidelines, will come forward for discussion at the committee's next meeting.

3. Appointment of Investigator and Order of Interim Suspension

Upon consideration of a memorandum from the Deputy Registrar, the committee approved the appointment of a special investigator under its authority under 36 of the *Ontario College of Teachers Act*. Under its authority under section 26 of the Act, the committee also ordered the immediate interim suspension of a member's Certificate of Qualification and Registration.

4. Governance Culture Framework

At the October meeting, the Chair of the Governance Committee joined the committee for a discussion on a draft governance culture framework. The review of the College's governance culture had been brought forward to Council by the Governance Committee and Council, in turn, had directed the issue to the Chair of Council and the Registrar for further study. The framework was the result of a recommendation from the Governance Solutions Inc. 2018 report to Council, based on interviews conducted with members of the seventh Council and some members of the eighth Council.

An amended version of the framework will be coming forward to a future meeting of the Executive Committee before being considered by Council.

5. Committee Vacancies

Following the October Council meeting, the Executive Committee reconsidered an earlier decision to maintain an elected member vacancy on the Human Resources Committee, pending the appointment of additional members to Council.

The Executive Committee appointed Stéphane Vallée, OCT to the Human Resources Committee, effective October 15, 2020.

Vacancies continue for an elected member on the Investigation Committee and an appointed member on the Discipline/Fitness to Practise committees.

6. Scholarship Selection Sub-Committee

At the November meeting, the report of the Selection Sub-Committee was received and the recommendations for the recipients of all three College scholarships were approved. The scholarship winners have been invited to participate in the December 3-4, 2020 meeting of Council.

7. Accreditation Committee Presentation

On November 12, the Chair of the Accreditation Committee made a presentation on that committee's work to define the role and responsibilities of Accreditation Committee members. The Chair of the Governance Committee joined the meeting for the presentation.

Members of the Executive Committee applauded the work done to inform future members of the committee membership requirements and suggested that the chairs of other committees would benefit from following a similar model.

8. Professional Learning for Chair of Council

The committee received and approved an updated summary of the institutional presence and personal professional development activities of the Chair of Council planned for 2021.

Motions Referred to Council

No motions were referred to Council.

Duties/Mandate of the Executive Committee

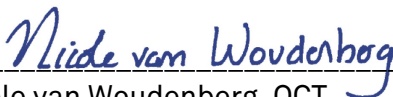
The duties and mandate of the Executive Committee are as outlined in the Appendix to this report.

Future Meeting Date(s)

The committee confirmed the next meeting date as February 11, 2021.

Committee Members

Diane Ballantyne, OCT
Irene Dembek, OCT
Tim Gernstein, OCT (Vice-Chair)
John Hamilton, OCT
Jacqueline Karsemeyer, OCT
Colleen Landers
Mary-Anne Mouawad, OCT
Sara Nouini, OCT
Jonathan Rose
Nicole van Woudenberg, OCT (Chair)



Nicole van Woudenberg, OCT

Executive Committee

Mandate

- To exercise any power or perform any duty of the Council as delegated by the Council, other than the power to make, amend or revoke a regulation or bylaw. (OCTA, s. 16)

Nature of the Executive Committee's work

- The Executive Committee:
 - may direct the Discipline or Fitness to Practise committees to hold hearings to determine allegations of member misconduct, incompetence or incapacity (OCTA, s.29)
 - may make interim orders directing the Registrar to suspend a member's certification if the committee is concerned that a member may expose a student to harm or injury (OCTA, s.29)
 - may make an order to direct the Registrar to issue a certificate to a member or to remove the suspension of a member's certificate (OCTA, s.34)
 - approves the Registrar's appointment of an investigator (OCTA, s.36)
 - may request that Council disqualify or suspend a member of Council for failing to disclose a conflict of interest (Reg. 72/97, s.6)
 - fills vacancies on committees (Reg. 72/97, s.16, Bylaws, s.7)
 - requests that the Public Interest Committee hold a meeting (Reg. 72/97, s.25.1) *
 - may hold a hearing for complaints made against a Council member for reasons of conflict of interest or for contravention of the oath (Reg. 72/97, s.30)
 - may request a written reprimand, a suspension or disqualification from Council, or issue a report to the Minister of Education for referral to the Lieutenant Governor (Reg. 72/97, s.31)
 - approves the Council agenda as prepared by the Registrar (Bylaws, s.3.07)
 - names additional signing officers (Bylaws, s.9)
 - acts as the board of directors for the Ontario College of Teachers Foundation (Bylaws, s.37).

*This has been repealed by the government in the passage of Bill 48