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2. The Vice-Presidents

3. The Associate Vice-President (Academic)

4. The Associate Vice-President (Student Affairs and Services)

5. The Associate Vice-President (Information and Communications Technology)

6. The Dean of the College

7. The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

8. The Director of Libraries or designate

9. The University Secretary

10. The Registrar (Note: The title of this position may change)

11. Those Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, full time lecturers and lecturers in charge of departments, who are members of the College.

12. Instructors and special lecturers

13. Such other persons as [University] Council may, from time to time, appoint.

14. In addition, the following shall be members of Faculty Council:

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(ii) The Registrar-Secretary of the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan.
(iii) Three full-time undergraduate students who will be entitled to attend and vote on all nonconfidential matters at meetings of the Faculty Council; the six students to be selected by the Students Dental Society from among all full-time students registered in the College.

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The University Secretary, or an assigned deputy, shall act as Secretary of the Faculty. (The Administrative Assistant to the Dean or his/her designate is the College’s assigned deputy).

Note: Article 14 – (I) to (vi): the College can select members for Faculty Council. The College must advise the University Secretary’s Office accordingly and that office will in turn submit to Council for approval.

PART I (A) – The Membership of Faculty Committee

1. The Dean – Chair.

2. The Associate Dean, Academic and secretary to the committee.

3. The Assistant Dean, Clinical Affairs.

4. Full-time Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors and Lecturers.

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Functions:

1. The Faculty Committee exercises its duties pursuant to the Constitution of
Faculty Council and PART III – Rules of Procedures of the Faculty Council.

2. Faculty Committee shall meet as required during the academic year.

3. To report to Faculty Council its deliberations and decisions at the Spring and Fall meetings.

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1. TIMING OF ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS
   Elections for Faculty Council for student representatives will be completed before the end of September of each year.

2. ELIGIBILITY
   Students – student members will be those students formally registered with the University of Saskatchewan through the College of Dentistry, and who are enrolled in a program of study with the College.

3. ELECTORAL PROCEDURE
   Students Representatives – The Associate Dean, Academic or the Administrative Assistant to the Dean will ask the President of the Students Dental Society to forward the names of those students elected by their society to represent them on Faculty Council each year.

4. LENGTH OF TERM
   The length of term for student members will be one year. Members may be acclaimed or elected consecutive terms. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

5. VACANCIES
   In the case of ineligibility, retirement, resignation, or death of any elected members of the Faculty Council, the person responsible for the conduct of the election in the member’s constituency will name a pro tem representative for the remainder of the electoral year. The seat will be declared open for election at the next electoral period.

6. ALTERNATES
   No alternate is permitted for a member who is absent for the meeting of Faculty Council.

PART III – RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

1. Meeting Schedule
Faculty Council shall meet at least once in the Fall term and at least once during the Spring term. The first regular meeting in the Fall term shall be the inaugural meeting of the new Faculty Council.

At least one month's written notice with an agenda shall be given to each member of Faculty Council at the place designated by him/her for receipt of notice.

The Chair in either of the following circumstances shall convene special meetings:

a) Upon written notice of no fewer than 10 members, or
b) Upon the call of the Chair.

At all regular meetings, 50% plus one of those entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

Each member of Faculty Council except the Chair has one vote on any question. The Chair does not have a vote on any question.

The Chair shall call for members to declare any conflict of interest for specific agenda items. Conflicts of interest shall be as defined in the current University Council By-Laws, PART I, V.

All meetings shall be open. Faculty Council may, by a simple majority vote, decide to consider any particular issue in camera. Members of Faculty Council who are deemed by the Chair to have a conflict of interest may be asked to withdraw for part of or all of the time that Faculty Council is in camera.

At the discretion of, or by pre-arrangement with the Chair, or on a motion from the floor passed by a majority of members present, a non-member may be invited to address the Faculty Council.

All motions pass with a simple majority unless stated otherwise.

2. Members of Standing Committees shall be elected annually in accordance with the functions of the Constitution and Nominations Committee. The Report of the Constitution and Nominations Committee shall inform Faculty Council of the nominations at the final meeting of Faculty Council in the year. The terms of office of such standing committees shall commence on the first day of the Fall term.

3. The Faculty Council shall be chaired by the Dean, or in his/her absence,
by a Vice-Chair appointed by the Dean, and in the absence of both, by the Dean’s nominee.

4. At all meetings of the Faculty Council of the College, the Chair shall in addition to his/her duties as a member of Faculty Council, maintain order and decorum and exercise such authority as may be necessary to conduct the meeting in conformity with the by-laws of Faculty Council.

5. The Chair of the meeting may take part in a debate on any subject. The Vice Chair or the Dean’s nominee will then preside over the meeting until the matter has been disposed of.

6. In all cases not so provided for, Sturgis Rules of Order shall govern.
(Executive Committee – November 1, 2000)

7. The Chair shall rule on all points of order. The ruling may be appealed by any member, who may briefly indicate the reason for the appeal, but otherwise the appeal is not subject to amendment or debate. The meeting shall decide the appeal by majority vote. If the Chair considers that a successful appeal of the ruling would constitute a suspension of the rules of order, he/she shall rule that section 24 hereof applies to the appeal. Thus if any member supports the ruling, the appeal shall be deemed to be defeated. A ruling by the Chair that section 24 applies shall be conclusive and not subject to further appeal.

8. The Dean, Associate Dean, Academic and the Faculty Secretary shall set the agenda. The agenda shall set forth items of business to be discussed at the meeting in the following order: Call to Order, Presentation of the Minutes, Business Arising from the Minutes, Communications, Committee Reports, New Business, Other Business/Enquiries, Closure.

9. The order of business at a meeting shall be the order set out in agenda unless varied or added according to 10 and 11 below.

10. A motion to vary the order in which items on the agenda are to be taken up will be in order at any time except when another motion is being debated or being voted upon. The mover shall briefly indicate reasons why the order should be varied, but otherwise the motion is not debatable.

11. A matter not on the agenda may not be introduced at a regular meeting unless the introduction thereof is agreed to by two-thirds of the members present and voting. The mover shall briefly indicate reasons why the matter should be introduced, but otherwise the motion shall not be debatable.

12. Except in the case of special meetings, notice of motion shall be forwarded to those who set the agenda four weeks before a meeting of Faculty Council for consideration to be included on the agenda. A notice
of motion is a request by a member to have an item included in the agenda of the meeting. Additional motions may be introduced in Faculty Council in relation to agenda items only.

13. Any member desiring to speak during the meeting of the Faculty Council shall signify his/her intention to the Chair. No member shall speak until recognized by the Chair, and when so recognized, shall stand and address the Chair.

14. The Chair may at any time call to order any member, including the member who is speaking, but otherwise, no member shall interrupt any other member. A member called to order by the Chair shall sit down.

15. A member is entitled to speak only once to a motion but at the discretion of the Chair may be permitted to speak again on the same motion.

16. No member or other person invited to address the Faculty Council shall speak for more than five minutes at any one time. At the discretion of the Chair, this rule may be waived if in his/her opinion the matter is complex enough that further time should be allotted.

17. Any member may require the question under discussion to be stated at any time during the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member.

18. No member shall speak to a question after the Chair has put it to a vote.

19. All motions shall be seconded before being debated or put by the Chair. The Chair may at his/her discretion require that a motion be put in writing before being debated or put by the Chair.

20. After the mover and seconder have spoken to a motion presented to the Faculty Council for debate, the Chair may at his/her discretion, allow members to ask questions to obtain information regarding the motion. Such questions shall be directed to the Chair who may request an answer from any member or person present. The Chair shall determine and declare when the period of questioning is ended and upon such declaration shall call for further formal debate on the motion.

21. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received by the Chair except for one of the following purposes, and the order of precedence of these motions shall be as indicated below:

(i) To adjourn the meeting. This motion is not debatable and is always in order except when a member is speaking.

(ii) To recess the meeting. This motion is not debatable except concerning the duration of the recess.
(iii) **To adjourn the debate** ("Table the motioin"). This motion is not debatable and the adjourned item shall appear on the agenda for the next regular meeting unless otherwise agreed to.

(iv) **To put the question.** This motion is not debatable and requires an affirmative vote or two-thirds of the members present and voting. If the vote is affirmative, the debate shall be forthwith terminated and the question put without further delay.

(v) **To withdraw the motion.** This motion is not debatable but at the request of the mover and seconder and with the consent of the meeting the original motion may be withdrawn. In such case, consent shall be understood if no objection is made, the Chair shall put the question "that this motion be withdrawn" which shall be decided without debate by a majority of the members present and voting.

(vi) **To refer or commit.** This motion is debatable. The motion is to refer or commit a question to a standing or ad hoc committee for consideration, report and/or action.

(vii) **To amend.** A motion to amend the motion under consideration is always in order except that the amendment may not contravene the sense of the motion to which it is proposed. In no case may more than two amendments be before the meeting at one time. Of these amendments may be to amend the previous amendment.

When two amendments are before a meeting, debate will proceed on the last amendment, which must be disposed of before any other amendments may be considered. When no further amendments remain to be disposed of, the motion (as amended) shall be put.

(viii) **To divide.** This motion is not debatable and is used to divide the question under consideration into parts that can be considered and voted on separately. It may not be introduced while an amendment to the question is being considered. The motion is not debatable but the mover may briefly explain reasons why the question should be divided.

When the Chair puts a question to vote, members shall indicate their vote in such manner as the Chair may direct. If any member wishes to record his/her abstention from voting on any question, the members must do so immediately before declaration by the Chair. The Chair shall declare the result of the vote and such declaration shall be conclusive. In a case of equality of votes, the decision on the question shall be deemed to be decided in the negative. If, prior to the time when the Chair has undertaken to determine the vote, any member requires that the count of
votes be recorded, then the number of votes for and against the question shall be counted and this count recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

23. No matter, once disposed of by the Faculty Council, shall be reconsidered before the inaugural meeting of the following academic session, except by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

24. None of the foregoing rules of order contained in sections 1 to 23 inclusive shall be suspended at any meeting if any member present expresses objection to such suspension.

25. The by-laws of the College may, after four weeks written notice of motion, be repealed, amended or added to, at any regular meeting of Faculty Council by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting. No amendment to by-laws shall be voted upon unless the proposed amendment shall have been printed in a notice of the meeting.

PART IV – STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL

General (Executive Committee – last approval - April 4, 1990)

The Standing Committees shall initiate policy relating to and carry out duties described by their functions. General rules applying to all Standing Committees are as follows:

1. Members of committees are generally drawn from Faculty except where otherwise specified.

2. The Dean shall be ex officio a member of all standing committees except the Undergraduate Appeals Committee.

OR

3. The Dean (or if so designated by the Dean, the Associate Dean, Academic) is a member of all Standing Committees and will have voting privileges.

4. No other faculty member, except the Associate Dean, Academic and the Assistant Dean, Clinical Affairs should be Chair of more than one Standing Committee.

Each member of a standing committee except the Chair and co-opted members has one vote on any question.

5. Membership of any Standing Committee, unless otherwise specified, should be limited to two consecutive terms, except for the Associate Dean, Academic and the Assistant Dean, Clinical Affairs.

The term of office of any elected member of a standing committee shall be limited to a maximum of two consecutive years unless otherwise
stated. Regardless of the term of office, an interval of one year must elapse before the individual is eligible again for membership on that standing committee.

6. Membership on Standing Committees, unless otherwise specified, will be for two years.

7. Faculty Council shall elect (ratify) members to all standing Committees at its final meeting in an academic year (for the following year). Membership on a standing committee thus will extend for a period of one year from the beginning of the Fall term. The Chair of each standing committee shall also be elected (ratified) at the final meeting of Faculty Council.

8. Members of standing committees who are unable to attend a meeting are not permitted to send alternates, except as noted in * below.

9. Meetings for all Standing Committees will be held as often as required at the call of the Chair to conduct the business of the Committee or by representation to the Committee Chair by a quorum of the membership of the Committee.

10. A majority of the members present at any Standing Committee meeting shall constitute a quorum of the Committee except where otherwise specified.

11. Student members may not be on more than one committee.

*Certain standing committees, as noted, include student members. For each such standing committee, except the Undergraduate Appeals Committee, the Students Dental Society may nominate one alternate who may attend meetings (with full membership privileges) when one or more of the regular student members are absent.

12. Faculty members who are unable to serve on a specific Committee will advise their department head. The department head may at his/her discretion, request the Constitution and Nominations Committee to nominate another faculty member to the Committee in question.

13. Members of standing committees shall declare any conflict of interest on an agenda item and may be asked to withdraw for that item.

14. Faculty Council may fill vacancies on standing committees at any of its regular meetings.

15. Standing committees shall be empowered to form subcommittees, co-opt additional non-voting members and to liaise with other committees as necessary.

16. In the absence of the Chair, one of the other members shall be elected by the members present to preside at the specific meeting, except where otherwise provided.
17. Meetings of standing committees shall occur according to the schedule published each fall. Meetings of any standing committee may be called by the Chair, or in his/her absence, by the Associate Dean, Academic and Faculty Secretary upon a request by a majority of members of the standing committee.

18. The minutes of all transactions of every standing committee, except the Undergraduate Appeals Committee, shall be recorded and approved by the Chair prior to their distribution. At each meeting of the standing committee the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be submitted for confirmation or amendment, and approved by the standing committee.

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- Members may remain seated while speaking.
- The number of times a member may speak shall not be limited.

20. All standing Committees elected by Faculty Council shall report to Faculty Council and all recommendations made by them must be approved by Faculty Council in order for them to become effective, except in cases where Faculty Council specifically delegates its authority. On an affirmative vote, Faculty Council may require an item reported by a standing committee to be changed to a recommendation and thus subject to a vote.

21. Standing Committees, unless otherwise specified, shall comprise at least one faculty member from each department.

22. Relationship with the Dean:

(i) Each committee is to invite the Dean to at least one of its meeting each academic year.

(ii) Each committee to provide the Dean’s Office with a copy of the minutes of each of its meetings for which minutes are taken.

23. A minority of any standing committee may have a minority report presented in the same manner as the majority report is presented.

24. The following will be the Standing Committees of Faculty Council:

Admissions Committee
Alumni Development Committee
Clinic Committee
College Review Committee
Constitution and Nominations Committee (Nominating Committee)
Employment Equity Working Committee
Faculty Development Committee
Infection Control Committee
Information Technology Committee (Computer Committee)
Patient Dispute Management Committee
Research and Graduate Studies Committee
Undergraduate Education Committee
Undergraduate Appeals Committee
Undergraduate Grading (Examinations) Practices Committee

25. The following are not Standing Committees of Faculty Council:

Executive Committee (sub-committee of Faculty Council)
Budget Advisory Committee (sub-committee of Executive Committee)