Academic Senate Retreat

9 am – 3 pm, 13 May 2025

Choices Restaurant

Agenda

Time	Topic	Lead
9.00 am	Prayer	D. Hepburn
9.05 am	Welcome	Chair
9.15- 10am	Bishop's University Senate	Chair/D. Barnes
10-10.45am	Research at UB	A. Kabir
10.45-11.15	Break	
11.15-Noon	Academic Senate Bye-Laws Update	T. Micklewhite
Noon-	Changes to the UB Statutes	R. Hanna
12.45pm		
12.45-1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30-2.15pm	Bringing Policies to the Academic Senate	C. Archer
2.15 – 3.00pm	Elections	T. Micklewhite & D. Hepburn

Topic	Outcomes
Bishop's University Senate	Need for a senate room, senate staff
Research at UB	Session at Faculty Seminar
	Change the time back to Fridays at noon
	Student Research Edge
	Student Research Symposium
	Consider theming presentations or going back to the
	practice of featuring one presentation plus in-depth
	discussion per Research Edge
	Partner with Schools or Colleges to assist with theming of
	Research Edge and also to generate audiences
	Resume the practice of advertising Research Edge
	presentations beyond the UB community
	Start planning to recognise 25 years of Research Edge this
	December
Academic Senate Bye-Laws	Vice-Chair to assume position of Chair
Update	Only permit elected senators (and not administrators?),
	who are full-time faculty of UB, to be elected as Chair or
	Vice Chair.
Changes to the UB Statutes	BOT can change some rules regarding the Academic Senate, including length of terms – this would be done thorough amending the existing Statutes in the Charter. Academic Senate to submit list of recommended changes Staggered elections – senators elected each basis to maintain continuity Length of terms of all classes of senators, three years for
	staff and faculty, one-year term for students (limited by enrolment status and GPA) with the opportunity to run for re-election at least once

Changes to the UB Statutes	Can/should appointees include all Deans of all Colleges?
	(there are 9 colleges and only 8 appointees so this is a
	challenge)
	Term to be extended to three years, renewable once
	consecutively – clean up the loophole regarding ELECTED
	service in different capacities – appointments are at the
	discretion of the President
Bringing Policies to the	Policy proposal
Academic Senate	Policies should originate anywhere in the university
	Develop a policy proposal form
	Develop a policy feedback form
	Develop a policy pathway
	Criterion for adjunct faculty to be eligible
	Cap number of consecutive terms at three (This would be 9
	years if we extend the term of office – do we want that or is
	6 sufficient?)
Elections	Swapping constituencies to extend consecutive terms – is
	this acceptable to the Academic Senate? Should there be a
	cap in this context? Could we cap it at 9 in these cases?
	Should the limit apply in this context or not?