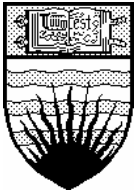


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To: Okanagan Senate

From: Agenda Committee

Re: Acting Chair of Senate in the Absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair (approval)

As the Committee expects both the statutory Chair and elected Vice-Chair of Senate to be absent from the February 2009 meeting of Senate, we are taking this opportunity to clarify in the Rules and Procedures of the Okanagan Senate a mechanism beyond that specified in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised for a chair to be selected for a meeting in the absence of the normally presiding officers. The Committee has considered several options, and recommends as follows:

That Rules and Procedures of Senate be amended to add the following to Section 7 (new text is in bold):

7. *The Senate shall elect one of its members as Vice-Chair to serve as Chair in the absence of the President. A term as Vice-Chair is for one (1) year and a Vice-Chair shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. **In the absence of both the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the standing committee chair present with the longest continuous service on Senate who is not expected to be presenting a report at that meeting shall serve as acting chair of the meeting unless Senate otherwise resolves. In the event of a tie for length of service, the chair of the committee listed first alphabetically by committee name from amongst those tied shall be considered to have the longest continuous service on Senate for the purposes of this rule.***