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To: Vancouver Senate

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Subject: Replacement for Principal John H. V. Gilbert on the Nominating Committee

Section 23(f) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Vancouver Senate* sets out how to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee. It reads:

When a vacancy occurs in the Nominating Committee, the vacancy shall be declared at the next regular meeting of Senate, at which time there shall be a call for nominations. The nominees shall indicate to the Secretary of Senate their willingness to stand, prior to the election. The Senate shall elect a member to fill the vacancy by written or electronic ballot at the immediately following regular meeting of Senate.

Under this procedure, it normally takes two meetings of Senate to replace a member of the Nominating Committee. Senators will recall that Principal John Gilbert retired in July 2006, vacating his seat on Senate and on the Nominating Committee. Dr. Helen Burt was nominated by Principal Gilbert to fill the vacancy and has accepted the nomination. Members of the Nominating Committee have indicated their support for Dr. Burt's nomination. I would like to propose that Senate, for this occasion only, suspend Section 23(f) and complete this matter at the September 20, 2006 meeting of Senate. If Senators were to agree with me, this could be accomplished through the following motions,

1. *That Section 23(f) of the Rules and Procedures of the Vancouver Senate be suspended for the purpose of electing a Senator to fill a vacancy on the Nominating Committee.* (requires a 2/3 vote).
2. *That nominations for one faculty member to replace Principal John H. V. Gilbert on the Nominating Committee be closed.*

Senators who are not Student Senators or Convocation Senators may nominate themselves for this position. Interested parties should contact Lisa Collins, Assistant Registrar, Senate & Curriculum Services. Should I receive additional nominations for this position prior to the close of nominations, Senate & Curriculum Services staff will conduct an election by ballot at the Senate meeting. Should no other nominations be received, Dr. Burt would be declared acclaimed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian J. Silzer
Secretary, Council of Senates