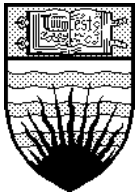


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To: Senate
From: Agenda Committee

Re: Change to Rules and Procedures of Senate for Senate Meeting Time

As Senate is aware, the Agenda Committee recently directed the Secretary to canvas members of Senate for their opinion on moving the regular meeting time of Senate from 7 pm to 6 pm. In the course of that review, the Committee noted that the current rule for the timing and location of Senate meetings is very prescriptive. The Committee is of the opinion that consistency in meeting times is advantageous for scheduling but that the setting of time and place in the formal rules of Senate is unnecessary.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Senate resolve as follows:

That the Rules and Procedures of the Vancouver Senate be amended to adjust Section 16 (a) as follows:

~~*The Senate shall schedule nine (9) regular Wednesday evening meetings each academic session, from September through May. Such meetings shall normally be convened in room 102, George F. Curtis Building, and called to order at 7 pm unless another location, day, or time is determined by the Agenda Committee for a specific meeting, and at least seven (7) days notice of such a change is given to Senators.*~~

The Senate shall be scheduled to meet monthly from September through May at a location, date, and time as specified by the Agenda Committee before the start of each Academic Year. Should a change be made to the location, date, or time specified for any meeting, at least seven (7) days' notice of such a change shall be given to Senators.

NB: Requires 2/3rds in favour to be approved.

The Agenda Committee is committed to maintaining the established pattern of Wednesday evening meetings; however, based upon the consultation referenced above, a clear majority of Senators would prefer an earlier start (and thus end) time for meetings. As such, the Committee recommends that the Senate endorse the following

That the Senate endorse moving the start time for regular meetings of Senate from 7 pm to 6 pm effective with the regular meeting of Senate in September 2011.