## **Senate Governance and Nominating Committee**

October 28, 2015

## Referral from Senate Oral Question Period

## **Background**

Senate's Rules of Procedure currently state that "Notice of questions shall be given in writing in time to be circulated with the agenda for the meeting at which they will be asked". At the September 29, 2015

Senate meeting, some discussion occurred regarding Senate's Question Period and whether oral questions should be permitted in 145274e4n116 s)()4n176()4n176iETBTF41.000.33 5988 Tm[1] be5(h)atQ)4es)ar-14TBTF41.000.33 598

The reading of oral questions simply to ensure they are heard and recorded is not a valuable use of Senators' time. Senate meetings require the attendance of a great many faculty, administrators, students, staff, and guests, and their time is an important public resource.

## Recommendation

Members of the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee agreed that the opportunities already available for Senators to ask questions are sufficient, and that the institution of an oral question period would not enhance the functioning of Senate. Members requested that this report be available via a link from the University Secretariat webpage in a location that is easily accessible for those seeking more information on Senate's Question Period.

Respectfully submitted, Mr. Erik Knutsen, Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee

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