Chair’s recommendation on Standing Committee membership

Members will be aware that the Teaching and Learning Committee operates with four standing committees sitting beneath, and reporting to, it, to facilitate the transaction of business in key areas of activity. These standing committees, established in 2009, are:

- The Assessment and Evaluation Standing Committee
- The Awards Standing Committee
- The eLearning and Learning Spaces Standing Committee
- The Grants and Schemes Standing Committee

The membership and constitutions of these standing committees have been endorsed by the Teaching and Learning Committee. In all cases, the Chairs of standing committees, acting as nominees of the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, may nominate co-optees to the standing committees to ensure appropriate expertise in relation to the work at hand.

To ensure that the standing committees’ functions remain relevant, well-informed, and appropriately constituted, the Chair and Deputy Chair will conduct an informal review of the standing committees during 2012: their work, their membership, and their constitutions in the context of the teaching and learning agenda at UWA-- and will report to the Teaching and Learning Committee with any recommendations at the September meeting of the Committee.

In the interim, some Chairs have requested that the capacity for them to invite people to serve on standing committees be expanded in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, to assist in progressing business during 2012.

It has further been mooted that, with the exception of Chairs who are nominees, all members of standing committees should have terms of two years, renewable by invitation. Whilst this proposal will be considered more fully in the context of the informal review, the Chair seeks in-principle endorsement of this proposal at this earlier stage, to facilitate the planning work that will accompany the review.

In respect of co-optees, and effective for 2012, the Chair recommends:

That the number of co-optees that may be recruited to assist in progressing the Teaching and Learning standing committees’ work be increased, from up to two, to up to five, at the discretion of the standing committee Chair and with the agreement of the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee.

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