

Academic Colleagues

Terms of Reference

Purpose

To pursue the objectives of Council as outlined in Article 2(1) of the Council of Ontario Universities' Constitution:

The objectives of the Council are to promote cooperation among the provincially assisted universities of Ontario, and between them and the Government of the Province, and, generally, to work for the improvement of higher education for the people of Ontario.

As members of the Academic Colleagues' group and COU committees, Colleagues seek to stimulate thoughtful and insightful discussion and action within Council and the wider university community.

- To serve as members of COU standing committees, task forces and working groups.
- To provide regular updates and reports on the activities of Council to their respective academic senates or equivalent senior academic bodies as determined by their institutions.
- To anticipate, examine and analyze significant issues with a view toward specific contributions to Council objectives.

Composition

According to the COU *Constitution*, Council will include Academic Colleagues who are composed of

One colleague from each institution, selected for membership by the academic senate or equivalent senior academic body described in Article 3(1)2.b.i above, from among the academic staff who are current members of that body or who could be appointed to it while serving as a colleague and who normally shall hold office for a term of three years, renewable. **Article 3(4)2**

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