

Task Force on the Issuance of Public Political Statements

Approval Authority: Board of Governors

Established On: 2023 11 24

Amendments: none

Category: Governance

1.0 Purpose

The Task Force is responsible for developing a policy for the issuance of institutional Public Political Statements on local, regional, global, or national events, activities or issues originating beyond NOSM University, that will provide guidance for the NOSM U community regarding when issuing University-wide messages on such activities, issues, or events.

2.0 Functions

The Task Force will develop a policy for the issuance of any public political statements by NOSM University.

3.0 Composition of Task Force

The Task Force will consist of a core group responsible for developing a policy on NOSM University Public Political Statements that align with our social accountability mandate that is to be presented to the Board of Governors for review and approval.

4.0 Membership & Quorum

The Task Force will consist of the following members:

- Board of Governors Chair or designate (Co-Chair)
- Associate Dean, Equity, and Inclusion (Co-Chair)
- Director, Office of the President
- Director, Learner Support Services
- Two Board Members appointed by the Chair of the Board
- Four Learners chosen by their peers one each from PGME, UME, Grad Studies, and one learner from Health Sciences (NODIP, PA, and Rehab Sciences)

- Three Faculty Members (one from the Clinical Sciences, Medical Sciences and Human Sciences Divisions) chosen by their Division Head
- One or more resource experts from external relations (Communications) or other content experts as required.

Quorum will be a majority of the members present in person or electronically. If quorum is not met, the members may meet for discussion purposes. The decisions of the task force will, whenever possible, be determined by consensus. If a consensus is not possible, the decision will be made by a majority vote. Administrative support will be provided by the Office of Equity and Inclusion.

5.0 Reporting

The Task Force reports to the Board. Any draft documents will be vetted via a consultative process to the stakeholders within NOSM University. The final draft of the policy may require legal opinion as to its feasibility and applicability.

6.0 Tenure of Task Force and Oversight of Policy

The Task Force is time-limited, and meetings will occur as called by the Chair. The Task Force is expected to provide a draft Policy for review by the Board at the February 21, 2024, meeting. Once the Policy is approved, the implementation of the Policy will be the oversight of the Associate Dean, Equity and Inclusion.