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Report of ad hoc Working Group on Governance

Since we last reported to Council, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance drafted a Policy Statement on Academic Administrative Search Procedures (presented at today's meeting). We developed and then updated an entry for CAUT's Questions and Answers on COVID-19 and the Academic Workplace, on securing shared governance in the context of institutional responses to the pandemic:

<https://www.caut.ca/content/covid-19-and-academic-workplace-questions-answers#14>

Working Group members have delivered numerous panel presentations and information sessions on governance issues, developing handouts to accompany these, and have provided advice and resources to member associations that have approached us for help with governance challenges. The Working Group co-Chairs had a very positive meeting with the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Governance Committee, with the outcome being an agreement, supported by the CAUT Executive, to maintain communication and explore avenues for complementary work. The Working Group is interested in exploring similar possibilities with other provincial and regional associations.

The Working Group was reconstituted by the Executive for 2020/2021, with all members agreeing to serve another term. In the coming year, the group's central focus will be on developing usable resources, such as a toolkit, for member associations.

Members:

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