**SUBJECT**
Operations, Finance Committee Chairpersonships

**MEETING DATE**
INSERT DATE

**MOTION**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the report of the Governance Committee entitled ‘Code Changes 2020: Committee Chairs’ and thus amend the Code as recommended.

Be it further resolved that this Code amendment take effect at the first Council meeting in September.

Note: Requires 2/3rds

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**DOCUMENTS**
1. Attachment #1 (Code changes)

**DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE**
Code amendments to allow non-Executives to chair the Operations and Finance Committees (it is currently a requirement that they be chaired by the VP Administration and VP Finance, respectively)

**BENEFITS**
- Accountability of executives: removes requirement that the VPs chair the committees responsible for scrutinizing their work
- Involvement of Council: increases involvement and leadership opportunities for Council members
- Labour: redistributes the labour of being a chair (addressing issue of Executive Chairs prioritizing Executive work over Committee work, or vice versa)

**RISKS**
- Accountability of executives: job descriptions of current VPs changes part way through their terms; executives can still run to be chairs of the committees
- Capacity: councillors don’t have the same resources, or ongoing experiences, as executives
Non-Executive Chairs will be compensated in line with other Committee Chairs with the exception of Executive Chairs who are not compensated for chairships.

Code changes to take effect at the first council meeting of September, meaning that they will be in force for the reconstitutions of Committees.

Governance Committee to review the effect of the Code changes before May 2021.

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