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Memo

TO Jean Stairs, Chair, Senate Operations Review Committee

FROM Georgina Moore, Secretary of the Senate

DATE November 18, 2008

SUBJECT Motion to Establish a Committee to Draft a Policy on the Protection of Whistleblowers

I am writing to refer to SORC the attached Motion submitted by Senator J. Welsh, President of the SGPS, for the November 27, 2008 Senate Agenda. It was the decision of the Senate Agenda Committee that such a policy does not lie solely within the purview of the Senate and perhaps could be better dealt with through another mechanism. Therefore, the Motion was not included on the November Senate Agenda.

Please review the issue and report back to Senate with SORC's recommendation on how to proceed.

This item will appear as a Matter Referred to Standing Committees on the November 27, 2008 Senate agenda. Senators will receive a copy of this memo and the Motion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Georgina Moore
Secretary of the Senate

copy: Jeff Welsh, President, SGPS
Peggy Watkin, Secretary, SORC [plus copy of submission]

WHEREAS Queen's Strategic Plan ("Engaging the World: Queen's Strategic Plan") commits Queen's to protecting and fostering the values and principles of freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas;

WHEREAS present Senate policies, such as the proposed policy on Integrity in Academic Research, are designed to insure research integrity, but do not explicitly protect whistleblowers or clearly state consequences for retaliation against whistleblowers;

WHEREAS whistleblowers require assurances that their commitment to the values and principles articulated in Queen's Strategic Plan and draft policy on Integrity in Academic Research will be protected with meaningful action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Queen's Senate designate a committee to draft a policy on the protection of whistleblowers and report back to Senate for the February meeting as to the status of their efforts.

Thanks,

Jeff Welsh

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