

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Council

FROM: Executive Committee

DATE: May 27, 2019

SUBJECT: 11.0 Policy Direction on Vice President Attendance at External Events

Background:

While it is codified in by-law that the official spokespersons for the College are the President and Registrar, there is no clear policy on what events the Vice President is to attend.

By way of governance training it has been indicated that for capacity building it is important to have the Vice President and or Vice Chair kept up to date with communications. In the past the attendance of the Vice Chair has been discretionary and a stated policy would help the Registrar budget for further attendance to conferences and seminars.

For Consideration:

This issue was discussed at the May 13, 2019 Executive Meeting and a majority of the committee felt the attendance of the Vice President serves several useful purposes including:

- in the situation where the President is a public member the attendance of the Vice President (where they are a professional member) is useful at external meetings in providing context. This scenario could also apply if the Public member was Vice President.
- capacity building so that the Vice President is informed and can act if the need arises

As there are budgetary implications for the attendance of both the President and Vice President it would be helpful for the Council to give direction on developing a policy on this matter.

Action Required:

Discussion on the merits of developing a policy regarding the attendance of the Vice President at external meetings.