




SUBJECT	RESOLUTION PROHIBITING PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDINGS IN BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS
MEETING DATE	JUNE 9, 2015
APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION	<p>Forwarded to the Board of Governors on the Recommendation of the President</p>  <hr/> <p>Arvind Gupta, President and Vice-Chancellor</p>
DECISION REQUESTED	<p>IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that <i>the Board of Governors:</i></p> <p><i>“RESOLVE THAT no photography or recording of any kind is permitted at any meetings of the Board or any of its Committees (other than recordings made by the Secretary to the Board for the purposes of preparing minutes), unless otherwise authorized by the Chair of the Board or the Chair of the Committee, as the case may be.”</i></p>
Report Date	May 12, 2015
Presented By	Hubert Lai, Q.C., University Counsel

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to consider whether the Board of Governors should approve a resolution to prohibit photography or any other recording being made at any meeting of the Board or its Committees, excluding recordings made by the Secretary to the Board to prepare meeting minutes.

INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SUPPORTED

- Learning
 Research
 Innovation
 Engagement
 (Internal / External)
 International

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE

The Board Secretariat has expressed concern about photos and other recordings being made at meetings of the Board and its Committees.

The Secretary to the Board takes recordings of Board and Committee meetings in order to prepare accurate minutes of those meetings of the Board. This ensures that there is an accurate documented record of the Board’s or Committee’s actions at a particular meeting.

Allowing observers from the public gallery or others to make their own recordings of Board and Committee meetings may have the following effects:

- Disrupting Board and Committee meetings.
- Inhibiting free and open discussions at Board and Committee meetings.

- Causing Board and Committee members to be reluctant to contribute to discussions due to concerns that their comments may be re-broadcast without their permission and/or used against them in potential litigation.
 - Creating the risk that such recordings are edited to take a Board or Committee member's comments out of context and misrepresent Board and Committee discussions.
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CONSULTATION This resolution was proposed in response to concerns raised by the Board
Relevant Units, Secretariat. The proposed text of this resolution is supported by the Chair of the
Internal & External Board of Governors and the Chair of the Governance Committee and is now
Constituencies being forwarded to the Board of Governors for consideration.
