

**BYLAWS OF**  
**THE RESEARCH GROUP IN OPERATIONS, ANALYTICS AND DECISION SCIENCES**  
**(RGinOADS)**

**Article 1: Creation, Purpose and Management**

- 1.01** The Research Group for Operations, Analytics and Decision Sciences (RGinOADS) is created by a group of Faculty members of the Department of Finance and Operations of the Faculty of Management of Laurentian University for the purpose of conducting and advancing research in the areas of Operations Management, Analytics and Decision Sciences, and related relevant fields.
- 1.02** The founding members of RGINOADS forms its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for the overall management of RGINOADS. The Executive Committee is responsible for approving RGINOADS' research direction and priorities, its membership, and global decisions regarding the overall management of its budget and resources; and it makes all the important decisions for RGINOADS and advises its Executive Director.
- 1.03** The Executive Director is responsible for the day to day management and operations of the Research Group in Operations, Analytics and Decision Sciences (RGinOADS), and is selected by the Executive Committee.

**Article 2: RGINOADS Office and Assets**

- 2.01** The RGINOADS office will be located at its Executive Director office until a place determined by Laurentian University is assigned to it. Laurentian University shall hold all monies designed for RGINOADS in trust. The signing officer for the disbursement of such shall be the Executive Director of RGINOADS.

**Article 3: Financial Year**

- 3.01** The financial year will be the same as that of Laurentian University.

**Article 4: Membership**

- 4.01 Regular Full Members:** Any qualified researcher and faculty member of Laurentian University, conducting research in the areas of Operations Management, Analytics and Decision Sciences, and related relevant fields, may apply to be a regular full member of RGINOADS.

The Executive Committee will review all applications. Criteria for acceptance will be: the potential for contributing positively to the RGenOADS' mission; a willingness to collaborate; and a readiness to accept RGenOADS' guidelines. Applications will generally consist of a letter (requesting Full membership) and a current copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.

- 4.02 Associate Academic Members:** Any qualified researcher from any recognized academic institution in the world who is collaborating or interested to collaborate with the regular full members of RGenOADS may apply for Associate Academic membership. Such applications will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved based on the applicant's potential for contributing to RGenOADS and forging fruitful research collaborations. Application will typically consist of a letter indicating the applicant's background, institution of affiliation, research interests, and reasons for seeking Associate Academic membership with RGenOADS. The applicant will also be encouraged to submit a current curriculum vitae.
- 4.03 Affiliate Members:** Any qualified researcher employed by a private or public sector institution may apply for Affiliate membership. Such applications will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved based on the applicant's potential for contributing to RGenOADS and forging partnerships. Application will typically consist of a letter indicating the applicant's background, affiliation, research interests, and reasons for seeking Affiliated membership with RGenOADS. The applicant will also be encouraged to submit a current curriculum vitae. Term is two years, renewable.
- 4.04 Graduate Student Members:** Any graduate student, at Laurentian University or at another recognized University, supervised or co-supervised by a regular full member of RGenOADS, may apply for Graduate Student membership. The Executive Committee will review all applications and approves those deemed able to contribute to RGenOADS and who will benefit from participation in its activities. Application to become a graduate student member consists of a letter of interest, submitted by the graduate student to the Executive Director and a recommendation of acceptance, from a Full Member of RGenOADS. Term is two years, renewable.
- 4.05 Undergraduate Student Members:** Any undergraduate student, at Laurentian University or at another recognized University, supervised or co-supervised by a regular full member of RGenOADS, may apply for Undergraduate Student membership. The Executive Committee will review all applications and approves those deemed able to contribute to RGenOADS and who will benefit from participation in its activities. Application to become an undergraduate student member consists of a letter of interest, submitted by the undergraduate student to the Executive Director and a recommendation of acceptance, from a Full Member of RGenOADS. Term is two years, renewable.

**4.06 Revocation of membership:** Any member who does not comply with RGINOADS guidelines (research, collegiality, respectful workplace, ethics) or who create a toxic environment will have his/her membership revoked by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 5: Meetings**

**5.01 Meetings:** The Executive Committee shall have power to call a meeting of regular full members at any date and time.

**5.02 Chairing meetings:** The Executive Director of RGINOADS will preside at any meeting of members. In case of the RGINOADS Executive Director absence, an Executive Committee designate will preside the meeting.

## **Article 6: Change in Bylaws**

**6.01 Change in Bylaws:** Any amendment to the bylaws must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Executive Members in a call for meeting which shall be recorded with Minutes.

## **Article 7: Effective Date**

**7.01 Effective date:** Upon approval by the simple majority vote of the Executive Committee Members, this bylaw shall come into force and all prior bylaws and resolutions, insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this bylaw, are repealed.

**Enacted:** September 21, 2018

**Revised:** May 27, 2020