



OPEN SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Monday, April 13, 2026
Time:	2:30pm - 4:30pm (ET)
Location:	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC 1001) Orillia Campus: OA3041 Virtual

Senators In Attendance		
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair	Dr. Kristy Holmes	Dr. Todd Randall
Dr. Gillian Balfour, Vice-Chair	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Dr. Michael Rennie
Dr. Jason Lisi, Secretary	Dr. Sarah Jacoba	Dr. Linda Rodenburg
Trudy McKinnon, Recording Secretary	Sara Janes	Dr. Langis Roy
Dr. Olakunle Akingbola	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Dr. Chris Sanders
Dr. David Barnett	Ayoola Jegede	Dr. Kathy Sanderson
Denise Baxter	Dr. Muhammad Khalid	Gisella Scalese
Dr. Glenda Bonifacio	Dr. Rupert Klein	Dr. Chander Shahi
Dr. Matthew Boyd	Dr. Rhonda Koster	Sana Sharif
Dr. Kristin Burnett	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	Dr. Sultan Siddiqui
Dr. Michael Campbell	Colin Kutchyera	Dr. Kathryn Sinden
Paul Capon	Dr. Brigitte Leblon	Dr. Subramanian Sivaramakrishnan
Dr. Aris Carastathis	Dr. Isabelle Lemée	Dr. Karl Skogstad
Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Jianye Liu	Mark Smith
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Meredith Lovell-Johnston	Dr. Michael Stevenson
Dr. Evgeny Chugunov	Dr. Craig MacKinnon	Dr. Mirella Stroink

Dr. Andrew Conly	Dr. Debra Mackinnon	Dr. Aamir Taiyeb
Dr. Adam Cornwell	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Ali Tarokh
Dr. Gautam Das	Dr. Karen McQueen	Andrea Tarsitano
Dr. Hubert de Guise	Dr. Wayne Melville	Dr. Beatrice Vernier
Dr. Andrew Dean	Dr. Sarah Olutola	Dr. Wilson Wang
Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Leila Pakzad	Dr. Rachel Warburton
Dr. Rhonda Dubec	Dr. Leigh Potvin	Dr. Elaine Wiersma
Dr. Hosam El-Ocla	Dr. Scott Pound	Dr. Wing Him Yeung
Dr. Ahmed Elshaer	Dr. Claudio Pousa	Dr. Kam Yu
Dr. Les Fleischer		
Regrets		
Dr. Betsy Birmingham	Prof. Daniel Dylan	Dr. Pauline Sameshima
Dr. Mariette Brennan	Dr. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio	
Official Observers In Attendance		
Dr. Ehsan Atoofian	Dr. Heather Murchison	Rosanna Scaffeo
Michael den Haan	Kathy Pozihun	
Regrets		
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux		

The meeting was called to order at 2:33pm.

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the Indigenous territories of Thunder Bay and Orillia.

In Memoriam - Dr. Gary Locker

Dr. Antony Gillies, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Civil Engineering spoke in memory of Dr. Locker, the first Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. Following this the Senate joined together for a moment of silence in Dr. Locker's memory.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (I. Lemée) that the agenda be approved, as amended.
CARRIED

The following items were added or changed in the agenda:

- An update on the provincial changes to Education programs in Ontario within the Provost's Report..
- A request was made to add a discussion about senators submitting agenda items for Senate meetings under Other Business.
- A request was made to address Other Business prior to the In Camera session.

2. Consent Agenda

Supporting documentation for the items in the Consent Agenda was circulated in advance of the meeting.

MOVED (R. Koster) that the Consent Agenda be approved.
CARRIED

2C-1. Approval of the Previous Senate Minutes

MOVED that the March 16, 2026 Open Senate meeting minutes be approved.
CARRIED

2C-2. Senate Standing Committee Reports

- a. Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Report
- b. Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Report
- c. Senate Honorary Degrees Committee (SHDC) Report (Open)
- d. Senate Nominations Committee (SNC) Report
- e. Senate Organization Committee (SOC) Report
- f. Senate Research Committee (SRC) Report
- g. Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) Report
- h. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC) Report

		i. Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGSC) Report
	2C-3.	Adjunct Professor Recommendations MOVED that the attached Adjunct Professor recommendations be approved.
	2C-4.	Informational Items a. Calendar Change Deadlines Reminder b. Adjunct Professor Renewals
3.	Calendar Change Reviews The April 2026 Calendar Changes Referral Memo was circulated in advance of the meeting. MOVED (C. Sanders) that the appropriate committees continue reviewing the proposed Academic Calendar changes. CARRIED	
4.	Items for Discussion from Committee Reports	
	4.1	Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Recommendations a. Senate Organization Committee Terms of Reference The following resources were circulated in advance of the meeting: i. Senate Organization Committee Terms of Reference (clean version) ii. Senate Organization Committee Terms of Reference (with mark-ups) MOVED (I. Lemée) that Senate approves the proposed amendments to the Senate Organization Committee Terms of Reference. CARRIED b. Senate Nominations Committee Vacancies 2026-27

		<p>MOVED (M. Rennie) that Senate approves the following individuals be appointed to the Senate Nominations Committee for the term commencing on July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Apparao Dekka• Dr. Elsa Piersig• Dr. Ebrahim Rezaei• Dr. Xiaoping Song <p>CARRIED</p> <p>c. Senate & Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Schedule</p> <p>The following resources were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <p>i. 2027/28 Senate and Senate Executive Committee Meeting Schedule - Draft</p> <p>MOVED (L. Chambers) that Senate approves the attached 2027/28 Senate and Senate Executive Committee meeting schedule.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
	4.2	<p>Senate Nominations Committee (SNC) Recommendations</p> <p>The SNC provided a list of recommendations to fill faculty vacancies on Senate Standing Committees for 2026-2027 which was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>MOVED (A. Elshaer) that Senate approves the attached list of faculty appointments to the senate standing committees.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
	5.	<p>Calendar Change Approvals</p> <p>a. The Curriculum Change Workflows chart was circulated in advance of the meeting for information.</p>
	5.1	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>MOVED (S. Siddiqui) that the following undergraduate academic calendar changes be approved:</p>

	<p>Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025-HBS-9143 - Course_Mod_UG-SocialWork_removeCrosslisting <p>Faculty of Natural Resources Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025-NAT-9134 - De-crosslisting NRMT 2054 with INDI-2054 as requested by the Department of Indigenous Learning <p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025-SOC-8850 - Change of title and course description to reflect course content. ● 2025-SOC-8851 - Change of title and course description to reflect course content. ● 2025-SOC-8852 - Change of title and course description to reflect course content. ● 2025-SOC-8881 - Cross Calendared Changes to Title, Description, Prerequisites and Notes ● 2025-SOC-9083 - Course-New-UG-Gender and Women's Studies-Crosslisting Philosophy operated PHIL 3419 WOME 3419 ● 2025-SOC-9106 - Course-Modification-UG SOCI-4012: adding crosslists WOME-4012, SOCJ-5017 ● 2025-SOC-9117 - Course-Discontinuing-UG-Indigenous Learning-INDI 4213 ● 2025-SOC-9120 - Remove IL cross list from POLI 4213 ● 2025-SOC-9121 - Course Modification-UG-NORT4213-Remove INDI-4213 from cross list ● 2025-SOC-9124 - Course-New-UG-Gender and Women's Studies-Crosslisting Philosophy operated PHIL 3419 ● 2025-SOC-9131 - Course-New-UG-Gender and Women's Studies-Creating new "Special Topics in Feminist Global Justice" WOME/SOCJ ● 2025-SOC-9147 - Course-Discontinuing-UG-Indigenous Learning-Deleting INDI 2317, 2711, 2331 & 3233 ● 2026-SOC-9204 - Course - Modification - UG - WOME-4012 adding cross-list SOCI-4212 <p>CARRIED</p>
5.2	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Regulations and Admissions Changes</p> <p>MOVED (S. Siddiqui) that the following undergraduate regulations and</p>

		<p>admissions calendar changes be approved: Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-SOC-8986 - Music admission requirement changes <p>CARRIED</p>
	5.3	<p>Approval of Graduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>MOVED (C. Shahi) that the following graduate academic calendar changes be approved: Faculty of Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-ENG-8829 - Course-New-GR-Civil <p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-SOC-9132 - Course-New-GR-Social Justice Studies-Creating new "Special Topics in Feminist Global Justice" WOME/SOCJ (GWS-operated) <p>CARRIED</p>
	5.4	<p>Approval of Graduate Regulations and Admissions Changes</p> <p>MOVED (C. Shahi) that the following graduate regulations and admissions calendar changes be approved: Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-HBS-9067 - Regulations-Modification-GR-Health Sciences-Take course in first year <p>CARRIED</p>
6.	Informational Items	
	6.1	<p>Senate/Senate Standing Committees Appointments</p> <p>a. 2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Librarian - Senate - Sara Janes (March 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026) <p>b. 2026-2027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Librarian - Senate - Sara Janes (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029) • Librarian - Senate Academic Committee - Dr. Philips Ayeni (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
	6.2	Academic Colleague to COU Report

		<p>The Academic Colleague to COU Report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.3	<p>President and Vice-Chancellor Report</p> <p>The President’s report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
6.4	<p>Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Funding Formula b. Faculty Revenue Sharing <p>The Provost’s report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Funding Formula <p>The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-Provost and Strategic Advisor to the President gave a presentation on the Government of Ontario’s post-secondary funding model recently announced and the effects on Lakehead University. Several Senators brought questions forward. Discussion ensued.</p> b. Faculty Revenue Sharing <p>The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-Provost and Strategic Advisor to the President gave a presentation on the Faculty Revenue Sharing budgeting model. The presentation was theoretical and gave an overview of how this budget model could be used at Lakehead University. Following the presentation the presenters fielded questions from Senators.</p> c. Changes to Education Programs in Ontario (amendment to agenda) <p>The Dean of the Faculty of Education outlined the change to a 12 month delivery of Education programs brought forward from the Ontario government that will take effect May 2027. This timeline must include all approvals required so the May 2027 date is met. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>MOVED (L. Chambers) to extend the Senate meeting by 45 minutes.</p>	

		CARRIED
7.	Other Business	<p>A Senator asked about the process of a Faculty-at-Large Senator submitting a report for Senate. The President answered that the report should be submitted directly to the President and she will take it to the Executive Team to consider adding to the Senate agenda.</p>
8.	In Camera Session	<p>MOVED (K. Skogstad) that Senate adjourns to an in camera session to discuss honorary degrees and that only Senators and those specifically invited by the Chair shall be present. CARRIED</p> <p>An in camera session was called to order at 4:39pm. Only Senators, the University Secretary and Recording Secretary were invited to be present.</p> <p>The Senate returned to the open meeting at 4:50pm.</p>
	8.1	<p>Business Arising from the In Camera Meeting</p> <p>There was no business arising from the In Camera meeting.</p>
The meeting adjourned at 4:51pm		

Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair

Dr. Jason Lisi, University Secretary