



OPEN SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Monday, January 19, 2026
Time:	4:00pm - 6:00pm (ET)
Location:	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC 1001) Orillia Campus: OA3041 Zoom

In attendance		
Dr. Gillian Siddall, <i>Chair</i>	Dr. Rhonda Dubec	Dr. Michael Rennie
Dr. Gillian Balfour, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Prof. Daniel Dylan	Dr. Linda Rodenburg
Jason Lisi, <i>Secretary</i>	Dr. Ahmed Elshaer	Dr. Langis Roy
Trudy McKinnon, <i>Recording Secretary</i>	Dr. Les Fleischer	Dr. Chris Sanders
Vincent Afogho	Dr. Kristy Holmes	Dr. Kathy Sanderson
Dr. Olakunle Akingbola	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Gisella Scalese
Dr. Dzhamal Amishev	Dr. Sarah Jacoba	Dr. Chander Shahi
Dr. David Barnett	Yaqub Jama	Sana Sharif
Denise Baxter	Ms. Sara Janes	Dr. Sultan Siddiqui
Dr. Ruth Beatty	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Dr. Kathryn Sinden
Dr. Betsy Birmingham	Dr. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio	Dr. Subramanian Sivaramakrishnan
Dr. Glenda Bonifacio	Dr. Muhammad Khalid	Dr. Karl Skogstad
Dr. Matthew Boyd	Dr. Rupert Klein	Mark Smith
Dr. Mariette Brennan	Dr. Rhonda Koster	Dr. Michael Stevenson
Dr. Kristin Burnett	Dr. Brigitte Leblon	Dr. Mirella Stroink
Paul Capon	Dr. Isabelle Lemée	Dr. Aamir Taiyeb

Dr. Aris Carastathis	Dr. Jianye Liu	Dr. Ali Tarokh
Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Meredith Lovell-Johnston	Andrea Tarsitano
Dr. Evgeny Chugunov	Dr. Craig MacKinnon	Dr. Wilson Wang
Dr. Andrew Conly	Dr. Debra Mackinnon	Dr. Rachel Warburton
Dr. Adam Cornwell	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Ruizhong Wei
Dr. Gautam Das	Dr. Wayne Melville	Dr. Elaine Wiersma
Dr. Hubert de Guise	Dr. Sarah Olutola	Dr. Abdulsalam Yassine
Dr. Andrew Dean	Dr. Leigh Potvin	Dr. Wing Him Yeung
Kristin Dennis	Dr. Claudio Pousa	Yaphet Yosief
Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Todd Randall	Dr. Kam Yu
Regrets		
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Scott Pound	Dr. Beatrice Vernier
Dr. Karen McQueen	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	
Official Observers		
Michael den Haan	Dr. Heather Murchison	Rosanna Scaffeo
Alexandra Korinowsky	Kathy Pozihun	Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

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

1. Approval of Agenda
 MOVED (J. Jarman) that the agenda be approved.
 CARRIED

2.	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>Supporting documentation for the items in the Consent Agenda was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>BY CONSENSUS the Consent Agenda was approved, as amended, with the following items moved to the regular agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2C-2. b. Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Report
2C-1.	<p>Approval of the Previous Senate Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 1, 2025 OPEN Minutes
2C-2.	<p>Senate Standing Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Report b. Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Report - Item moved to regular agenda. c. Senate Nominations Committee (SNC) d. Senate Organization Committee (SOC) Report e. Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) Report f. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC) Report – Attachment forthcoming g. Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (FGSC) Report
2C-3.	<p>Adjunct Professor Recommendations</p> <p>MOVED that the attached Adjunct Professor recommendations be approved.</p>
2C-4.	<p>Informational Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Calendar Change Deadlines Reminder b. Adjunct Professor Renewals
	<p>Items Moved to Regular Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Report <p>The SBC Report to Senate was circulated in advance of the meeting</p>

A concern was raised as to whether the Senate Budget Committee is doing the work mandated in their terms of reference and whether the Term of Reference should be reviewed.

3. Senate Research Committee (SRC) Report

The SRC Report to Senate was circulated in advance of the meeting.

The following resources were circulated in advance of the meeting:

- a. Research Integrity Policy (with mark-ups)
- b. Research Integrity Policy (clean version)

MOVED (B. Leblon) that Senate approve the proposed amendments to the Research Integrity Policy, as amended.

CARRIED

Anne Klymenko, Director of Research Services, gave an overview of the consultation process undertaken in the review of the Research Integrity Policy. She asked the following statement be recorded in the official minutes:

- The current changes to the Research Integrity Policy are necessary to ensure compliance with the current Tri-Agency Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Framework (2021).
- The Tri-Agencies will be launching a new consultation process shortly with the aim of having a new version of the RCR Framework in place by the end of 2026.
- Once finalized, the Senate Research Committee and Research Services will launch new internal consultations to incorporate new changes required by the new 2026 RCR Framework.
- The Lakehead University Community will have an opportunity to suggest new changes that will be incorporated and brought back to the Senate for approval, in 2027.
- Friendly amendment requested to correct redundant information in the third sentence in the Scope Section: delete "followed by Article 39 of the LUFA Collective Agreement."
- Friendly amendment requested to correct the reference "Policy on Conflict of Interest in Research"; to be replaced by Policy on the Conflict of Interest (referenced twice in the revised Research Integrity policy and added to attached marked-up document).

4.	<p>Calendar Change Reviews</p> <p>The January 2026 Calendar Changes Referral Memo was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>MOVED (C. Sanders) that the appropriate committees continue reviewing the proposed Academic Calendar changes. CARRIED</p>			
5.	<p>Items for Discussion from Committee Reports</p>			
	5.1	<p>Senate Teaching and Learning Committee - Policy Review</p> <p>The following resources were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Code of Computing Practice Policy - to be rescinded b. Acceptable Use Policy - new policy (already approved and posted to website) <p>MOVED (S. Jacoba) that Senate rescind the Code of Computing Practice Policy. CARRIED</p> <p>The Chair, STLC informed Senate that the Acceptable Use Policy is approved and in place. The STLC is recommending rescinding the Code of Computing Practice Policy as it is outdated and no longer relevant.</p>	Dr. Sarah Jacoba	5 min 4:29pm
6.	<p>Calendar Change Approvals</p> <p>The following resource was circulated in advance of the meeting (for information):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Curriculum Change Workflows 			
	6.1	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes</p>		

	<p>MOVED (S Siddiqui) that the following Undergraduate Academic Calendar changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2025-SOC-8805 - Course-New-UG-Indigenous Learning-Crosslist (Languages-operated course)_La Littérature Franco-Autochtone_INDI 3014/FREN 3013● 2025-SOC-8816-A - MUSIC PROGRAM CHANGES - Education Program Related● 2025-SOC-8816-B - MUSIC PROGRAM CHANGES● 2025-SOC-8880 - Changes to Title, Description, Prerequisites and Notes● 2025-SOC-9043 - Course-Modification-UG-Gender and Women's Studies-Course title name change for WOME 1100 <p>CARRIED</p>
6.2	<p>Approval of Graduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>MOVED (C. Shahi) that the following Graduate Academic Calendar change be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2023-HBS-8309 - Courses-Minor Modification - GR Psychology credit weight addition● 2023-HBS-8404 - Program-Modification-PhD.Clinical-PHD.PSCI-GRAD-Psychology-Credit Weight Dissertation● 2023-HBS-8415 - Course- Minor Modification-GR-Psychology-Description edit● 2025-HBS-8817 - Course changes - Psychology - GR c● 2025-HBS-8818 - Course Modification -GR Psychology PSYC-6092● 2025-HBS-8831 - Course-Modification-Course-GR-Social_Work-title change● 2025-HBS-9032 - KINE GR Course Requisite Changes <p>Faculty of Natural Resources Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2025-NAT-8839 - Add a lab component to NRMT 5050

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025-NAT-9075 - NRMT-5510 Research Methods 1: Research Design, Ethics, and Scientific Communications (0.5 Credits) <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025-SCI-9084 - Changing the Grade Scheme for COMP 5111 <p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025-SOC-8949 - Course-Modification-GR-Social Justice Studies-SOCJ 5018 special topic minor housekeeping ● 2025-SOC-9018 - VISUAL ARTS PRE-REQ FIX ● 2025-SOC-9056 - New Music History courses/ deletion of old courses ● 2025-SOC-9059 - Program Update for Indigenous Transition Year Program <p>CARRIED</p>
7.		Election Results/Senate Appointments
	7.1	<p>Academic Colleague to the COU</p> <p>Dr. Sarah Olutola will be appointed as Academic Colleague to the COU for the term January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 during Dr. Salem’s sabbatical leave.</p> <p>A callout for Interest to Serve for the Academic Colleague to the COU Alternate has gone out. The deadline for submissions is January 14, 2026 - 4:00pm ET.</p> <p>The University Secretariat announced the results of the Academic Colleague to the COU Alternate callout for Interest to Serve. One eligible nomination was received, therefore, Dr. Ehsan Atoofian is acclaimed as the Academic Colleague to the COU Alternate for the term commencing immediately to June 30, 2026.</p>
	7.2	<p>Other Senate Appointments</p> <p>Following are new appointments to Senate effective January 1, 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interim Dean of Engineering - Dr. David Barnett ● Representative, Program Curriculum Years 3 & 4 (Fac. of Business Administration) - Dr. Claudio Pousa - Jan 1/26 - Jun 30/26 ● Acting Chair, Chemistry - Dr. Craig MacKinnon ● Acting Chair, English - Dr. Scott Pound

8.	Informational Items		
	8.1	<p>Board of Governors Report</p> <p>The Board of Governors Report for the December 5, 2025 meeting was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
	8.2	<p>Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Report</p> <p>The Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Report for the November 25, 2025 meeting was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
	8.3	<p>President and Vice-Chancellor Report</p> <p>The President’s report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	<p>Dr. Gillian Siddall</p> <p>5 min 4:55pm</p>
	8.4	<p>Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Report</p> <p>The Provost’s report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The following presentation was circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <p>a. Annual Enrolment Update</p> <p>The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-Provost (Students) and Registrar led a presentation to Senate with the following key messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Actual total student enrolment (headcount) increased in 2025/26 to 9,071*, below planned enrolment (headcount) of 9,180*. ● Projected full time equivalent (FTE) enrolment is ~2.5% below planned FTE enrolment in 2025/26 fiscal year. ● In Fall 2025 (2025/26 Academic Year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total enrolment at Lakehead University surpassed 9,300 students (including Lakehead-Georgian Partnership program enrolment and Lakehead Barrie STEM Hub enrolment); ○ Total student enrolment at Lakehead University in Simcoe County surpassed 2,600+ students (includes Lakehead Orillia, Lakehead-Georgian Partnership and Lakehead Barrie STEM Hub program enrolment); 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total international enrolment fell to 1,458, representing less than 16% of total enrolment; ○ For the second year in a row full-time undergraduate enrolment increased at Lakehead Thunder Bay following years of declines ○ Full-time undergraduate enrolment continue to increase at Lakehead Orillia; ○ Graduate student enrolment fell by more than 200 students, largely attributable to the impact of the federal international student policies currently in effect <p>Discussion ensued regarding the dynamics of Lakehead University’s campuses, including future international student enrolment in both undergraduate and graduate programs.</p>	
9.	In Camera Session	<p>MOVED (M. Lovell-Johnston) that the Senate adjourn to an in camera session for a report from the Chair of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee and that only Senators and those specifically invited by the Chair shall be present.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>An in camera session was called to order at 5:40pm. Only Senators, the Senate Secretary and Recording Secretary were invited to be present.</p> <p>The Senate returned to the open meeting at 5:49pm.</p>	
	9.1	<p>Business Arising from the In Camera Meeting</p> <p>There was no business arising from the In Camera meeting.</p>	
10.	Other Business	<p>There was no other business.</p> <p>For the information of Senate, the Dean of Natural Resources Management spoke of an upcoming speaker series open to everyone.</p>	<p>2min 5:30pm</p>

	It was noted that due to a technical difficulty, that a senator was unable to join the in camera session.		
The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.			5:32pm

Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair

Dr. Jason Lisi, Secretary of Senate