



OPEN SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Monday, January 27, 2025
Time:	4:00pm - 6:00pm (ET)
Locations:	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC 1001) Orillia Campus: OA3041 Zoom

In attendance		
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair	Dr. Andrew J. Dean	Colin Kutchyera
Dr. David Richards, Vice-Chair	Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Dr. Brigitte Leblon
Jason Lisi, Secretary	Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Meredith Lovell-Johnston
Marcie Morrison, Recording Secretary	Prof. Daniel Dylan	Dr. Azim Mallik
Dr. Olakunle Akingbola	Dr. Mark Gallagher	Dr. Brian McLaren
Dr. Dzhamal Amishev	Dr. Anna Guttman	Dr. Pauline Sameshima
Dr. Ruth Beatty	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Dr. Chris Sanders
Tristan Bhola	Dr. Sarah Jacoba	Dr. Kathy Sanderson
Dr. Glenda Bonifacio	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Gisella Scalese
Dr. Matthew Boyd	Dr. Zi-Hua (Justin) Jiang	Prof. Sam Shahsahabi
Amit Boyina	Dr. Steven Jobbitt	Dr. Sultan Siddiqui
Dr. Michael Campbell	Dr. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio	Dr. Subramanian Sivaramakrishnan
Robin Canuel	Dr. Tanya Kaefer	Mark Smith
Paul Capon	Dr. Taryn Klarner	Dr. Mirella Stroink
Dr. Joseph Carney	Dr. Rupert Klein	Andrea Tarsitano

Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Janusz Koziński	Dr. Tamara Varney
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Ian Newhouse	Dr. Beatrice Vernier
Dr. Evgeny Chugunov	Amanda Pacholczak	Dr. Wilson Wang
Dr. Andrew Conly	Dr. Erin Pearson	Dr. Elaine Wiersma
Dr. Adam Cornwell	Dr. Todd Randall	Dr. Wing Him Yeung
Dr. Gautam Das	Dr. Linda Rodenburg	
Regrets		
Denise Baxter	Kyrsztoffer Gaudet	Dr. Leigh Potvin
Dr. Betsy Birmingham	Kathy Pozihun	Dr. Rachel Warburton
Dr. Kristin Burnett	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	
Dr. Martin-Joe Ezeudu	Dr. Sarah Olutola	
Official Observers		
Dr. Michel Beaulieu	Dr. Rhonda Koster	Robert Perrier
Michael den Haan	Dr. Heather Murchison	Rosanna Scaffeo

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

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

In Memoriam - Dr. John Whitfield

Dr. Gillian Siddall, spoke in memory of Dr. John Whitfield, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics. Dr. Whitfield served as Vice-President (Academic), Vice-President Research and Development as well as Interim President (1997-1998). The Senate observed a moment of silence for Dr. John Whitfield.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (A. Guttman) that the agenda be approved.
CARRIED

2.	Previous Senate Minutes	
		The November 25, 2024 Senate minutes were approved by consensus, as circulated.
3.	Calendar Change Reviews	
		The proposed Academic Calendar change referrals were circulated in advance of the meeting.
		MOVED (X. Y. Lu) that the appropriate committees continue reviewing the proposed Academic Calendar changes. CARRIED
4.	Reports of Senate Standing Committees	
	4.1	Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Report
		The SAC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
	4.2	Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Report
		The SBC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
	4.3	Senate Honorary Degrees Committee (SHDC) Report
		The SHDC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
	4.4	Senate Nominations Committee (SNC) Report
		The SNC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
		MOVED (T. Klarner) that Dr. Gary Pluim be appointed to the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (Faculty of Education) for the term commencing January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025. CARRIED
	4.5	Senate Organization Committee (SOC) Recommendations
		a. SBC Terms of Reference

		<p>i. Proposed Amendments (with markup)</p> <p>The proposed amendments to the SBC Terms of Reference were circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>MOVED that the proposed amendments to the Senate Budget Committee Terms of Reference be approved. CARRIED by consensus</p>
	4.6	<p>Senate Research Committee (SRC) Report</p> <p>The SRC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
	4.7	<p>Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) Report</p> <p>The STLC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair of the Committee provided clarification and updates concerning some of the ongoing work of STLC.</p> <p>An inquiry regarding the development of Artificial intelligence (AI) policies at Lakehead was addressed, noting that a working group has been established to explore this initiative.</p>
	4.8	<p>Senate Undergraduate Studies (SUSC) Committee</p> <p>The SUSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
	4.9	<p>Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (FGSC) Report</p> <p>The FGSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
5.	Calendar Change Approvals	
	5.1	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>Some concerns were raised regarding calendar change 2024-SCI-8638.</p>

MOVED (A. Guttman) to remove calendar change 2024-SCI-8638 - Program Modifications-UG-Bioinformatics, from the motion below and to relegate back to the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee for further review.

CARRIED

MOVED that the following Undergraduate Academic Calendar changes be approved:

Faculty of Business Administration

- 2024-BUS-8495 - Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Business
- 2024-BUS-8706-A - Faculty of Business prerequisite cleanup

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- 2023-SCI-8416 - Discontinue accelerated HBScBEd.CHEM.AIS (con-ed Chemistry)
- 2024-SCI-8473 - Remove and add courses - Splitting ECON-1100 into 2 Half Courses (1010/1011)
- 2024-SCI-8474 - Remove and add courses - Splitting ECON 2203 into 2 Half Courses (2010/2011)
- 2024-SCI-8475 - Economics Courses Prerequisite Updates
- 2024-SCI-8476 - Program Updates with new Economic courses
- 2024-SCI-8478 - New Geography / Anthropology Course (GEOG-4017)
- 2024-SCI-8479 - Program modifications - removing thesis note (less significant change)
- 2024-SCI-8618 - Advanced Research Methodology 4th-year course
- 2024-SCI-8668 - New Course - UG - GEOG (cross listed with Environmental Studies)
- 2024-SCI-8675 - Environmental Sustainability Courses - minor changes
- 2024-SCI-8676 - Environmental Sustainability Programs - Housekeeping changes
- 2024-SCI-8681 - Programs-Modifications-UG-Biology-Changes to list courses
- 2024-SCI-8683 - Courses-Modifications-UG-Biology-Change to notes in Biology 2035 and 3251
- 2024-SCI-8684 - Courses-Modifications-UG-Biology-Change in lab requirements for BIOL 2671
- 2024-SCI-8685 - Courses-Modifications-UG-Biology-Changes to BIOL 3232

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024-SCI-8687 - Courses-Modifications-UG-Biology-Change to BIOL 2030 Note <p>CARRIED by consensus</p>
	5.2	<p>Approval of Graduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>MOVED that the following Graduate Academic Calendar changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Natural Resources Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024-NAT-8509 - Creation of NRMT-5102 Management Practicum <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024-SCI-8619 - Modify Courses: Advanced Research Methodologies (graduate) - change in offering hours 2024-SCI-8652 - Modify Programs - Master of Arts in Economics <p>CARRIED by consensus</p>
	5.3	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Regulation and Admission Changes</p> <p>Some concerns were raised regarding calendar change 2024-EDU-8461.</p> <p>MOVED (S. Jacoba) to remove calendar change 2024-EDU-8461 - Modify UG Dept Education Regulation, from the motion below and to relegate back to the Senate Academic Committee for further review.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED that the following Undergraduate Regulation and Admission changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024-SOC-8649 - Regulation Modification - UG - ORPT <p>CARRIED by consensus</p>
6.	<p>Adjunct Professor Recommendations</p> <p>MOVED (D. Richards) that the attached Adjunct Professor recommendations be approved.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	

7.	Informational Items	
7.1	Calendar Change Deadlines Reminder	A link to the Calendar Change Deadlines Enduring Resolution on the Lakehead website was circulated in advance of the meeting.
7.2	Adjunct Professor Renewals	A list of Adjunct Professor renewals, approved by the President and Vice-Chancellor was circulated in advance of the meeting.
7.3	Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleagues Report	
7.4	Board of Governors Report	
7.5	Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Report	
7.6	President and Vice-Chancellor Report	<p>The President's report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chancellor Electoral Board Report: <p>It was reported that Chancellor Shelton Deverell has reached the end of her first term as Chancellor, and expressed interest in serving a second term. In accordance with the University Act, the Chancellor Electoral Board (CEB) was established and met in early January. The CEB voted unanimously to re-elect Chancellor Shelton Deverell for a second term.</p> <p>The President addressed an inquiry regarding programming for the new Barrie STEM Hub.</p>
7.7	Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Report	<p>The Provost's report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024-25 Enrolment Update Presentation:

		<p>Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ external influences○ report on record enrolment headcount○ report on total enrolment by faculty○ report on total enrolment by immigration status○ report on enrolment by program type (2014-24)○ next steps <p>During the presentation, the Administration responded to inquiries and offered clarification on some of the information that was provided.</p>
	7.8	<p>Senate Vacancy - Faculty Member</p> <p>For information purposes, it was reported that the University Secretariat is currently in the process of filling the following vacancy on the Senate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Faculty Member - 1 vacancy for the term commencing immediately to June 30, 2025
8.	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Faculty Hiring Practice, Policy and Processes: <p>There were concerns raised with Lakehead's current practices, policy and process. As this issue does not fall under the purview of the Senate, the President and Vice-Chancellor agreed to address these concerns outside of the meeting.</p>
The meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.		

Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair

Jason Lisi, Secretary of Senate