



## SPECIAL SENATE MEETING

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, June 19, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	9:00am - 11:00am (ET)
<b>Location:</b>	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC 1001) Orillia Campus: OA3041 Zoom

<b>In attendance</b>		
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair	Dr. Gautam Das	Amanda Pacholczak
Dr. David Richards, Vice-Chair	Dr. Andrew J. Dean	Dr. Erin Pearson
Jason Lisi, Secretary	Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Dr. Leigh Potvin
Trudy McKinnon, Recording Secretary	Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Todd Randall
Dr. Olakunle Akingbola	Dr. Les Fleischer	Dr. Tobold Rollo
Dr. Dzhamal Amishev	Dr. Mark Gallagher	Dr. Chris Sanders
Dr. Ruth Beatty	Dr. Anna Guttman	Dr. Kathy Sanderson
Dr. Betsy Birmingham	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Dr. Naqi Sayed
Dr. Glenda Bonifacio	Dr. Sarah Jacoba	Gisella Scalese
Dr. Matthew Boyd	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Prof. Sam Shahsahabi
Dr. Kristin Burnett	Dr. Zi-Hua (Justin) Jiang	Dr. Sultan Siddiqui
Dr. Michael Campbell	Dr. Steven Jobbitt	Dr. Subramanian Sivaramakrishnan
Robin Canuel	Dr. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio	Mark Smith
Paul Capon	Dr. Tanya Kaefer	Dr. Mirella Stroink
Dr. Joseph Carney	Dr. Taryn Klarner	Andrea Tarsitano
Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Rupert Klein	Dr. Tamara Varney

Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	Dr. Beatrice Vernier
Dr. Evgeny Chugunov	Dr. Brigitte Leblon	Dr. Wilson Wang
Dr. Andrew Conly	Dr. Meredith Lovell-Johnston	Dr. Rachel Warburton
Dr. Paul Cormier	Dr. Azim Mallik	Dr. Elaine Wiersma
Dr. Adam Cornwell	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Kam Yu
<b>Regrets</b>		
Denise Baxter	Dr. Martin-Joe Ezeudu	Dr. Pauline Sameshima
<b>Official Observers</b>		
Michael den Haan	Jo Krisko	Kathy Pozihun
Dr. Rhonda Koster	Dr. Heather Murchison	Rosanna Scaffeo

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

#### Traditional Land Acknowledgement

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

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Curriculum Sustainability Review Framework (CSRF)

The following resource was circulated in advance of the meeting:

- Request for Special Senate Meeting

The Chair reviewed the parameters to hold a Special Senate Meeting and outlined the topic for discussion. To facilitate the discussion the Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) briefly outlined Lakehead's current situation leading to the formation of both the President's Advisory Committee on Financial Sustainability (PACFS) and Curriculum Sustainability Review Framework (CSRF). He reviewed the CSRF and clarified the intent of the process. Several faculty members expressed concern and frustration with how the

guidelines of the CSRF were implemented. Senators asked questions and articulated concerns about the CSRF and PACFS guidelines. The Chair confirmed that changes that fall under the purview of Senate will come to Senate for approval. She thanked everyone for sharing their comments and concerns, and stated that they would be considered going forward. Members were encouraged to continue to share their thoughts with their Deans.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59am.

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Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair

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Jason Lisi, Secretary of Senate