



OPEN SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Date:	Monday, March 24, 2025
Time:	4:00pm - 6:00pm (ET)
Location:	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC 1001) Orillia Campus: OA3041 Zoom

In attendance		
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair	Dr. Andrew J. Dean	Amanda Pacholczak
Dr. David Richards, Vice-Chair	Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Dr. Erin Pearson
Jason Lisi, Secretary	Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Todd Randall
Trudy McKinnon, Recording Secretary	Prof. Daniel Dylan	Dr. Linda Rodenburg
Dr. Olakunle Akingbola	Dr. Les Fleischer	Dr. Chris Sanders
Dr. Dzhamal Amishev	Dr. Mark Gallagher	Dr. Kathy Sanderson
Denise Baxter	Dr. Anna Guttman	Dr. Naqi Sayed
Dr. Ruth Beatty	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Gisella Scalese
Tristan Bhola	Dr. Sarah Jacoba	Prof. Sam Shahsahabi
Dr. Betsy Birmingham	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Sana Sharif
Dr. Glenda Bonifacio	Dr. Zi-Hua (Justin) Jiang	Dr. Sultan Siddiqui
Amit Boyina	Dr. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio	Dr. Subramanian Sivaramakrishnan
Dr. Kristin Burnett	Dr. Tanya Kaefer	Mark Smith
Dr. Michael Campbell	Dr. Rupert Klein	Dr. Mirella Stroink
Robin Canuel	Dr. Janusz Koziński	Andrea Tarsitano

Paul Capon	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	Dr. Tamara Varney
Dr. Joseph Carney	Colin Kutchyera	Dr. Beatrice Vernier
Alyssa Caron	Dr. Brigitte Leblon	Dr. Wilson Wang
Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Meredith Lovell-Johnston	Dr. Rachel Warburton
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Azim Mallik	Dr. Elaine Wiersma
Dr. Andrew Conly	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Abdulsalam Yassine
Dr. Adam Cornwell	Dr. Sabah Mohammed	Dr. Kam Yu
Dr. Gautam Das		
Regrets		
Dr. Martin-Joe Ezeudu	Dr. Ian Newhouse	Dr. Leigh Potvin
Kyrsztoffer Gaudet	Dr. Pauline Sameshima	Dr. Wing Him Yeung
Dr. Taryn Klarnar		
Official Observers		
Dr. Michel Beaulieu	Jo Krisko	Rosanna Scaffeo
Michael den Haan	Dr. Heather Murchison	Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux
Dr. Rhonda Koster	Kathy Pozihun	
Regrets		
Alexandra Korinowsky		

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

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

The Chair announced that Ma-Nee Chacaby's book called A Two-Spirit Journey won Canada Reads 2025. Ma-Nee is a member of Lakehead University's Elders Council.

1.	Approval of Agenda
	MOVED (T. Randall) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED
2.	Previous Senate Minutes
	The February 24, 2025 Open Senate minutes were approved by consensus, as circulated.
3.	Calendar Change Reviews
	The Calendar Change Referrals Memo - March 2025 was 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) OPEN Report
	The SHDC Open report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
4.4	Senate Research Committee (SRC) Report
	The SRC report was circulated in advance of the meeting. Senators gave positive feedback regarding the increased funding outlined in the report

	4.5	Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) Report The STLC report was circulated in advance of the meeting. Discussion followed as there were questions raised regarding the dossier development program and peer-evaluation of instructors. Clarification regarding this process was given.
	4.6	Senate Undergraduate Studies (SUSC) Committee The SUSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
	4.7	Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (FGSC) Report The FGSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
5.	Calendar Change Approvals	
	5.1	Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes MOVED (S. Siddiqui) that the following Undergraduate Academic Calendar changes be approved: Faculty of Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-ENG-8640-A - Courses - New & Modification - UG - College to University Transition Program - Faculty of Engineering • 2024-ENG-8642 - Course New - UG - Faculty of Engineering (ENGI-1015 to replace ENGL-1015) • 2024-ENG-8645 - Program Modification - UG Civil Engineering - BENG DIP, BENG MBA • 2024-ENG-8672 - Courses-New,Modify,Remove-UG-Department of Chemical Engineering • 2024-ENG-8701 - Courses - Modification - UG - Electrical Engineering • 2024-ENG-8711 - Courses - New and Modifications - UG - Software Engineering • 2024-ENG-8712-A - Programs - Modification - UG - Software Engineering- BENG and BENG/MBA

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-ENG-8717 - Program- Modification- UG - College to University Transition Program - Faculty of Engineering • 2024-ENG-8721 - Programs - Modifications - UG - Chemical Engineering - Changes to BENG and BENG/MBA • 2024-ENG-8724-A - Programs - Modification - UG - Electrical & Computer Engineering - BENG, BENG/MBA • 2024-ENG-8725 - Programs - Modification - UG - Mechanical Engineering - BENG, BENG/MBA <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-SCI-8638 - Program Modifications-UG-Bioinformatics <p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-SOC-8529 - Addition of Intermediate / Senior Education option to HBASc Interdisciplinary Studies programs. <p>CARRIED</p>
	5.2	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Regulation and Admission Changes</p> <p>MOVED (S. Siddiqui) that the following Undergraduate Regulation and Admission change be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-ENG-8647 - Regulations - Modification - UG - Faculty of Engineering Undergraduate Program Regulations <p>CARRIED</p>
	5.3	<p>Approval of Graduate Regulation and Admission Changes</p> <p>MOVED (D. Ivison) that the following Graduate Regulation and Admission change be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Business Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024-BUS-8728 - Academic Regulations for Graduate Programs in Business <p>CARRIED</p>
6.	Student Mental Health Policy	

		<p>The following resources were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Mental Health Policy • Policy Governance Framework <p>An overview of the process and intent of this policy was given. Questions were brought forward regarding the role and responsibility of faculty members in relation to the policy. The Provost indicated that these concerns would be better addressed at the next Joint Committee Meeting with the Faculty Association.</p>
7.		Informational Items
	7.1	<p>Late Additions to the List of Graduands</p> <p>The Late Additions to the List of Graduands was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p><i>The Senate's "Enabling Motion Graduands on Record" empowers the Dean of the Faculty and Registrar to approve late additions to the graduands' list who had not appeared on the convocation list. No motion is necessary.</i></p>
	7.2	<p>Calendar Change Deadlines Reminder</p> <p>A link to the Calendar Change Deadlines Enduring Resolution on the Lakehead website was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
	7.3	<p>Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleagues Report</p> <p>The Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding several points made within the report regarding Graduate degree programs.</p>
	7.4	<p>President and Vice-Chancellor Report</p> <p>The President's report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
	7.5	<p>Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Report</p>

		The Provost's report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
8.	In Camera Session	<p>MOVED (T. Randall) that the 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.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>At 4:34pm, the Senate adjourned to an in camera session. Jason Lisi, Trudy McKinnon were invited to remain for the session.</p> <p>The Senate returned to the open meeting at 5:09pm.</p>
	8.1	<p>Business Arising from the In Camera Meeting</p> <p>There was no business arising from the In Camera Meeting.</p>
9.	Other Business	<p>There was no other business.</p>
The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm		

Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair

Jason Lisi, Secretary of Senate