



OPEN SENATE MEETING

MINUTES

Date:	Monday, May 12, 2025
Time:	2:30pm - 4:30pm (ET)
Location:	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC 1001) Orillia Campus: OA3041 Zoom

In attendance		
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair	Dr. Martin-Joe Ezeudu	Dr. Leigh Potvin
Dr. David Richards, Vice-Chair	Dr. Mark Gallagher	Dr. Todd Randall
Jason Lisi, Secretary	Kyrsztoffer Gaudet	Dr. Sam Salem
Trudy McKinnon, Recording Secretary	Dr. Anna Guttman	Dr. Chris Sanders
Dr. Ruth Beatty	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. Kristen Jones-Bonofiglio	Dr. Subramanian Sivaramakrishnan
Robin Canuel	Dr. Tanya Kaefer	Dr. Mirella Stroink
Dr. Joseph Carney	Dr. Taryn Klarner	Andrea Tarsitano
Alyssa Caron	Dr. Rupert Klein	Dr. Tamara Varney
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Janusz Koziński	Dr. Beatrice Vernier
Dr. Andrew Conly	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	Dr. Rachel Warburton
Dr. Adam Cornwell	Dr. Brigitte Leblon	Dr. Elaine Wiersma

Dr. Gautam Das	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Abdulsalam Yassine
Dr. Andrew J. Dean	Dr. Ian Newhouse	Dr. Wing Him Yeung
Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Amanda Pacholczak	Dr. Kam Yu
Dr. Amanda Diochon		
Regrets		
Dr. Azim Mallik	Dr. Pauline Sameshima	Prof. Daniel Dylan
Dr. Wilson Wang	Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Meredith Lovell-Johnston
Dr. Sabah Mohammed	Mark Smith	Denise Baxter
Dr. Linda Rodenburg		
Official Observers		
Dr. Michel Beaulieu	Jo Krisko	Dr. Sarah Olutola
Michael den Haan	Dr. Heather Murchison	Rosanna Scaffeo
Dr. Rhonda Koster		
Invited Guests		
Kathy Pozihun		

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.

1. Approval of Agenda

 MOVED (T. Randall) that the agenda be approved.
 CARRIED

2. Previous Senate Minutes

 The April 22, 2025 Open Senate minutes were approved by consensus, as circulated.

3.	<p>Professor Emeritus Recognition</p> <p>Dr. Richards spoke to the accomplishments of each of the following Professor Emeritus recipients being honoured in recognition of long and distinguished service to Lakehead University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Scott Hamilton, Department of Anthropology• Dr. Tim Kaiser, Department of Anthropology• Dr. Kam Leung, Department of Biology• Dr. Azim Mallik, Department of Biology• Dr. Bakhtir Moazzami, Department of Economics• Dr. Ian Newhouse, School of Kinesiology• Dr. Heidi Schraft, Department of Biology
4.	<p>Graduands and Medal Recipients</p> <p>a. Approval of Degree and Diploma Recipients</p> <p>MOVED (A. Tarsitano) that the candidates on the distributed Graduands List be awarded the undergraduate degrees or diplomas, and graduate degrees indicated. CARRIED</p> <p>b. Approval of Medal Recipients</p> <p>MOVED (A. Tarsitano) that the 2025 medal recipients indicated on the distributed list be approved. CARRIED</p>
5.	<p>Calendar Change Reviews</p> <p>The Calendar Change Referrals Memo - May 2025 was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>MOVED (X.Y. Lu) that the appropriate committees continue reviewing the proposed Academic Calendar changes. CARRIED</p>
6.	<p>Reports of Senate Standing Committees</p>
6.1	<p>Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Report</p>

		<p>The SAC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.2	<p>Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Report</p>	<p>The SBC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>a. 2025/26 Draft Operating Budget Presentation</p> <p>Emma Westover, Dr. Heather Murchison and Dr. David Richards gave a presentation on the 2025/26 Draft Operating Budget. The presentation gave an overview of the budget process including revenue considerations, enrolment projections and trends. The 2025-26 proposed budget is a balanced budget. Following the presentation there was discussion.</p> <p>b. 2025/26 Draft Operating Budget</p> <p>The 2025-26 draft operating budget was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>MOVED (A.J. Dean) that the 2025/26 draft operating budget be endorsed. CARRIED</p>
6.3	<p>Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Recommendations</p>	<p>a. MOVED (D. Richards) that the following individuals be appointed to the Senate Nominations Committee with each term commencing on July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Adam Algar● Dr. Alice den Otter● Dr. Lida Fan● Dr. Yong Deng <p>CARRIED</p> <p>b. 2025-2026 Senate & Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Schedule</p> <p>The 2025-2026 Senate & Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Schedule was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>

		<p>MOVED (D. Richards) that the attached 2025-26 Senate and Senate Executive Committee meeting schedule be approved. CARRIED</p>
6.4	Senate Nominations Committee (SNC) Report	<p>The SNC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>a. MOVED (M.J. Ezeudu) that the attached list of faculty appointments to the Senate standing committees be approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Senate Nominations Committee Recommendations CARRIED <p>b. MOVED (M.J. Ezeudu) that Mark Smith be appointed as the Board of Governors member on the Senate commencing July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. CARRIED</p>
6.5	Senate Organization Committee (SOC) Report and Recommendation	<p>The SOC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.6	Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (STLC) Report	<p>The STLC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.7	Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee (SUSBC) Report	<p>The SUSBC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.8	Senate Undergraduate Studies (SUSC) Committee	<p>The SUSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.9	Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (FGSC) Report	<p>The FGSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
7.	Calendar Change Approvals	

7.1 Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes

MOVED (S. Siddiqui) that the following Undergraduate Academic Calendar changes be approved:

Faculty of Education

- 2025-EDU-8824 - UG Programs - split PSYC1100 - Psychology/Education

Faculty of Engineering

- 2024-ENG-8621 - Courses - New - UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science
- 2024-ENG-8622 - Courses - New - UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science
- 2024-ENG-8623 - Courses - New - UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science
- 2024-ENG-8624 - Courses - New - UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science
- 2024-ENG-8625 - Courses - New- UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science
- 2024-ENG-8626 - Courses- New - UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science
- 2024-ENG-8627 - Courses - New - UG - Faculty of Engineering- Common Year of Applied Science
- 2024-ENG-8628 - Program- Major Modification - UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science
- 2025-ENG-8795 - Program - Major Mod (Add Barrie and revisions) UG - Software Engineering
- 2025-ENG-8799 - Program - Major Mod (Add Barrie and revisions) UG - Mechatronics Engineering
- 2025-ENG-8806 - Courses - New - UG - Faculty of Engineering - Common Year of Applied Science - ENGI-1157

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

- 2024-HBS-8755 - Course modification - UG - Psychology - Splitting PSYC 1100
- 2025-HBS-8811 - Course Modification- UG - Course-Psychology

Faculty of Law

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2024-LAW-8673 - Specialization in Aboriginal and Indigenous Law <p>Faculty of Natural Resources Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2023-NAT-8389 - Creation of HBSCF-MBA degree● 2024-NAT-8748 - Honours Bachelor of Science /Bachelor in Science in Forest Ecosystems (HBScFE/BScFE) <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2024-SCI-8493 - Honours Bachelor of Science (Computer Science Major)-Business Focus● 2024-SCI-8530 - Course Modification-UG-Computer Science● 2025-SCI-8785 - GEOG Program Update - Splitting ECON 1100 & PSYC 1100● 2025-SCI-8804 - Program - New Version (Add Barrie) UG - HBSc Computer Science <p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2025-SOC-8786 - Program Changes - changes to course requirements - UG● 2025-SOC-8789 - OUTD course modification - UG● 2025-SOC-8825 - UG Program Changes - split PSYC-1100 - Criminology <p>CARRIED</p>
7.2	<p>Approval of Graduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>MOVED (D. Ivison) that the following Graduate Academic Calendar changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2023-ENG-8360 - Program-Major Modification-GR-Electrical and Computing Engineering- MSc and PhD Add campus <p>Faculty of Natural Resources Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2024-NAT-8507 - Name change for the Master of Forest Management degree program <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2024-SCI-8534-B-B-A - Edits to MSc Computer Science programs <p>CARRIED</p>

7.3	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Regulation and Admission Changes</p> <p>MOVED (S. Siddiqui) that the following Undergraduate Regulation and Admission changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024-EDU-8461 - Modify UG Dept Education Regulation <p>Faculty of Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024-ENG-8747 - Admissions Requirement - Modification - UG - Electrical Engineering (Barrie) <p>Faculty of Natural Resources Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025-NAT-8808 - Admission for the HBScF-MBA program <p>CARRIED</p>
7.4	<p>Approval of Graduate Regulation and Admission Changes</p> <p>MOVED (D. Ivison) that the following Graduate Regulation and Admission changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Natural Resources Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024-NAT-8679 - Modify - Grad Level NRM Regulations <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024-SCI-8534-B-A-A - Edits to MSc Computer Science programs Admission Requirements <p>CARRIED</p>
8.	<p>Adjunct Professor Recommendations</p> <p>The Adjunct Appointment Recommendations memo was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>MOVED (D. Richards) that the attached Adjunct Professor recommendations be approved.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
9.	<p>Election Results</p>

	<p>a. Faculty-at-Large Senator Election</p> <p>An interest to serve to fill three Faculty-at-Large Senator vacancies for the terms commencing July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 was conducted. A total of 16 eligible nominations were received. The following individuals were elected, in accordance with the Senate Bylaws, Appendix A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Rachel Warburton ● Dr. Karl Skogstad ● Dr. Debra Mackinnon
10	<p>Alumni Association Board of Directors Recommendation</p> <p>a. Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Murray’s biography was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>b. MOVED (A. Diochon) that Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Murray be appointed to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee as the Alumni Association Board of Directors member with the term commencing July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. CARRIED</p>
11	<p>Informational Items</p>
11.1	<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>
11.2	<p>New Senate Bylaws</p> <p>a. A memo re: Senate Bylaws from Jason Lisi, Secretary of Senate was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>b. The approved Senate Bylaws effective July 1, 2025 were circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
11.3	<p>Board of Governors Report</p> <p>The Board of Governors report for the April 24, 2025 meeting was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>

11.4	<p>Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleagues Report</p> <p>The Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleagues Report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion ensued. Concerns with respect to the U.S. promotion of a merit-based system for EDI work spilling over into Canada were raised.</p>
11.5	<p>President and Vice-Chancellor Report</p> <p>The President's report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
11.6	<p>Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Report</p> <p>The Provost's report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
10	<p>Other Business</p> <p>The Chair gave an update on the Vice-President, Research and Innovation search. The outgoing Vice-Presidents were acknowledged and thanked for their service to Lakehead University.</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:38pm</p>	

Dr. Gillian Siddall, Chair

Jason Lisi, Secretary of Senate