

The 522nd Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Senators Cathy Bruce (Chair), Iyiola Alade, Suzanne Bailey, Craig Brunetti, Shutao Cao, Bruce Cater, Kirk Collins, Finis Dunaway, Neil Emery, Wenying Feng, Michael Hickson, Holger Hintelmann, Nancie Im-Bolter, Michael Khan, Hugo Lehmann, Lawrence Lam, Byron Lew, Michele McIntosh, Suresh Narine, Fergal O'Hagan, Stephanie Rutherford, Catalina Sagarra, Mark Skinner, Angela Slater-Meadows, Emily Tufts, Beth Wallace, Sarah West, Robert Wright, and Susan Wurtele. Official Visitors Alma Barranco-Mendoza, Dwayne Collins, Brennan Cornell, Heather Crowley, Chioma Ifeanyichukwu, Connor Koch and Brandon Remmelgas. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

Guests: Marilyn Burns and Benjamin Hickey

Regrets: Senators Jodi Ambrose, Joel Baetz, Stefan Bilaniuk, Sanela Martic, Liam Mitchell, Mark Neufeld, Alan O'Connor, Emma Perratt, Aiden Schneider, Paula Sherman, Joshua Syneko, Mrunmayee Vichare, and Andrew Vreugdenhil.

Welcome and adoption of the Agenda

The meeting opened with a welcome to the traditional territory:

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinabeg. We offer our gratitude to First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and relations. May we honour those teachings.

Open Session

Chair's Remarks and Announcements. The Chair informed Senate that the Peterborough Examiner had published an opinion piece she had submitted in which she discussed Trent's planned contributions to the local housing inventory. She noted that the new college, scheduled to open in 2028, would have a residence with 950 new beds and include a student service hub.

The Chair congratulated Dr. Michael Khan, the provost, on his appointment as the new president of St. Mary's University. Dr. Mark Skinner had accepted an appointment as interim provost and vice-president academic.

Minutes and Business arising Meeting of January 14, 2025. The minutes were approved as presented.

At the previous meeting of Senate a senator had raised a question about academic advising. Ms. Marilyn Burns, vice-president communications and enrolment, was present to report on the follow up to that item. She noted that this would be an agenda item at the next meeting of the retention committee.

The Chair provided an update on the visioning exercise noting that Senators had made tremendous contributions during the small group discussions held during the January meeting of Senate. She said that stakeholder meetings were continuing to take place, and this would come back to Senate for further discussion—likely in the fall. One Senator observed that he had initially been attracted to Trent because the mission and culture aligned with his sense of self, the respect shown to students and the support offered to faculty with eclectic research interests.

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report. Senator West presented the report which included recommendations for the following modifications:

Forensic Anthropology – New degree program combining the joint-major program in Forensic Science and Anthropology.

Logistics & Supply Chain Management – A new articulation agreement with Durham College that would allow qualified graduates of Durham's Business – Supply Chain and Operations diploma program to enter Trent's Logistics & Supply Chain Management program with advanced standing (7.0 credits).

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Bachelor of Science, Honours – multiple majors - A new articulation agreement with Fanshawe College that would allow qualified graduates of Fanshawe's Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diplomas and Degrees to enter Trent's Bachelor of Science, Honours -multiple majors program with advanced standing (3.5 credits).

Bachelor of Arts, Honours-multiple majors - A new articulation agreement with Sault College that would allow qualified graduates of Sault's General Arts and Science certificate and diploma programs to enter Trent's Bachelor of Arts program with advanced standing (7.0 credits).

Business – Renewal and update of an articulation agreement with Durham College that allows qualified graduates of Durham's Business Administration-Accounting, Business Administration-Human Resources and Business Administration-Marketing to enter Trent's Bachelor of Business Administration, Honours program with advanced standing (10 credits).

Arts & Science (Co-op) – Regularize non-credit work term courses – COOP 2100P, COOP 3100P and COOP 4100P.

Business – Modify program requirements for the BBA Honours program and the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Programs in Business Administration.

Child & Youth Studies – Two new regular courses-CHYS 2020H and CHYS 4007H.

Communications – Two new regular courses-COMM-AIST 3004H and COMM 3005H.

Philosophy – New regular course -PHIL-AIST-COIS 3410H.

Political Studies – New regular course POSY-CAST-PHIL 2250H.

Sociology – New regular course SOCI 1003H.

Senate approved the recommendations.

Graduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Brunetti presented the report which included the following proposals:

Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Social Research – Change grading outcomes for IDSR 6100H from “Pass with Honours”, “Pass”, “Pass with Revisions” or “Fail” to “Pass”, “Pass with Remediation” or “Fail”.

Graduate Admissions – Revisions to Admission Regulations. Removal of Application Fees Table and clarification of document requirements in instances where documents in English are not available.

Graduate Records and Registration – Removal of “Other Fees” Table and addition of Policy on Program Changes within Graduate Studies.

Senator Brunetti reported that staff in graduate studies were cleaning up the calendar before it moved to a fully online format.

Senate approved the recommendations.

Approval of Convocation Lists. The Chair presented two recommendations regarding Senate approval of convocation lists:

- a) That Senate approve the convocation lists for the period April 1, 2025—March 31, 2026, and
- b) That Senate grant the Dean of Graduate Studies authority to grant graduate degrees outside of the University’s Convocations in special circumstances

Senate approved the proposed motions.

2025-26 Meetings Schedule. Senate reviewed and approved the meeting schedule.

Cyclical Program Review Committee Report. Senator Bailey presented the report which included the Implementation Reports for Biology and Business and the Final Assessment Report (FAR), & Implementation Plan – Executive Summary-for Education. Senate received the report as information. The Chair reminded Senators that a discussion of academic program structures was on the agenda for the April meeting of Senate. In particular, the proliferation of programs, and consequent increase in the number of program reviews, would be discussed.

Any Other Business. A student Senator suggested that, instead of asking students to purchase textbooks, faculty should refer students to texts that we already have in the library. Senator Tufts responded saying that many publishers do not allow the licensing of their texts. She noted that faculty are encouraged to select and develop open education resources (OERs) and there is financial support for this. It was also noted that students have the option of renting some textbooks from the bookstore.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Dr. C. Bruce, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary