

## The 528 Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, November 11 2:00 p.m.

A.J.M. Smith Room

### Minutes

**Present:** Senators Cathy Bruce (Chair), Iyiola Alade, Suzanne Bailey, Liana Brown, Craig Brunetti, Gary Burness, Shutao Cao, Michael Chan-Reynolds, Anthony Coulter, Neil Emery, Jonathan Greene, Stephen Hill, Holger Hintelmann, Ihor Junyk, Heather Klyn-Hesselink, Lawrence Lam, Erick Laming, Hugo Lehmann, Byron Lew, Mowei Liu, Paul Manning, Michele McIntosh, Jennifer Moore, Marina Morgenshtern, Van Nguyen-Marshall, Naomi Nichols, Kathryn Norlock, Fergal O'Hagan, David Patton, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Emma Perratt, Catalina Sagarra, Mark Skinner, Aaron Slepkov, Vincent Sun, Joshua Syneko, Emily Tufts, Sarah West, Robert Wright and Susan Wurtele. Official Visitors and junior student members: Alma Barranco-Mendoza, Dwayne Collins, Heather Crowley, Esther Kambale, Connor Koch. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

**Regrets:** Senators Gold (Ayodeji) Jegede, Lewis MacLeod, Heather Nicol and Mrunmayee Vichare. Junior student member Laszlo Ban.

### 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.

### Closed Session

**University Honours Subcommittee Report.** The report included the names of individuals being recommended to receive honorary degrees in 2026. Following discussion, Senate approved a list of candidates.

**Academic Planning and Policy Committee Report.** Senator Skinner presented the report which included a proposal for one new academic program.

Senate approved this program for submission to the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance (Quality Council).

### Open Session

**Chair's Remarks and Announcements.** The Chair started her remarks by noting that it was Remembrance Day and that marking the day provided a reminder of the relative freedom and peace that we are fortunate enough to have in Canada.

She went on to report that two faculty had been honoured with notable awards: Professor Sylvie Berard, chair of French and Francophone Studies, had been awarded the Governor Generals Literary Award for Translation Professor Bharati Sethi, Canada Research Chair in Care Work, Ethnicity, Race and Aging, had been elected to the Royal Society of Canada. The Chair provided an update on the recent open houses noting that there had been an amazing turn out. Both campuses had seen an increase in the attendance at the information sessions.

**Minutes and Business arising Meeting of October 14 2025.** The minutes were approved as presented.

**Undergraduate Studies Committee Report.** Senator Chan-Reynolds presented the report which included five major modifications and seven minor modifications.

**Forensic Chemistry** - Added a new co-op option. Health & Behaviour – Proposed a name change of the Honours BSc in Health & Behaviour to Honours BSC in Health.

The academic unit administering the program will change from Psychology to Kinesiology.

**Bachelor of Science (Honours)** – Two new articulation agreements with Georgian College that would allow qualified graduates of Georgian’s Biotechnology-Health diploma program and Georgian’s Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diplomas and Degrees program to enter Trent BSc Honours program in any subject.

**Business** – A new articulation agreement with Lovely Professional University (India) that would allow qualified students from Lovely’s Bachelor of Business Administration program to enter Trent’s BBA program with advanced standing.

**Bachelor of Arts (Honours)** – A new articulation agreement with Sheridan College that would allow qualified graduates of Sheridan’s General Arts and Science certificate or diploma programs to enter Trent’s BA Honours program(any subject) with advanced standing.

**Bachelor of Science (Honours)** - A new articulation agreement with Sheridan College that would allow qualified graduates of Sheridan’s Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to advanced Diplomas and Degrees Certificate program to enter Trent’s BSc Honours program(any subject) with advanced standing.

**Computer Science**—Renewal of existing articulation agreement with Lovely Professional University (Inda) that allows qualified students to enter Trent’s Computer Science program with advanced standing.

**Ancient Greek & Roman Studies** – New course – AGRS 15001H.

**Forensic Science** – Modify program requirements.

New course – FRSC 4089H.

**French Studies** – Study of Canada/Études canadiennes – Modify titles of and change subject code for French language courses from FREN to FRSL.

Modify Certificate in French.

**History** – New course offered at the 3000/4000 level-HIST 3570H and HIST 4570H.

**Indigenous Environmental Studies & Sciences** – Modify requirements for the Indigenous Environmental Studies & Sciences Diploma offered jointly with Yellowknives Dene First Nation and Trent University.

**Philosophy/Artificial Intelligence** – New course -PHIL-AIST 4270H.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

**Graduate Studies Committee Report.** Senator Brunetti presented the report which included six major modifications and two minor modifications.

**Master of Instrumental Chemical Analysis** – Modify program- New students admitted to M.ICA to be given advanced standing for ICAN-5122H if they completed CHEM-4422H within the last three years.

**Ph.D. in Cultural Studies** – Modify program requirements to delete CUST-6250Y: First Project, CUST-6350Y: Second Project and CUST-6450Y: Third Project.

**Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies** – Modify program requirements- Separation of oral and written components of Core Comprehensive Examination.

**Ph.D. in Materials Science** – Modify program requirements - Ph.D. students to complete MTSC-6000H if M.Sc. degree not completed at Trent University.

**M.A. in Sustainability Studies** – Deletion of Entrepreneurship & Innovation Management Stream. Modify program requirements- Internship stream to transition to a Co-op stream.

**M.A. and M.Sc. in Anthropology** – Delete ANTH 5150Y, ANTH 5200Y, ANTH 5250Y, ANTH 5390H, ANTH 5550Ym, ANTH5650Y, ANTH 5800Y and ANTH 5850Y.

**Graduate Admissions Requirements** – Addition of two new tests as acceptable proof of English language proficiency.

It was noted that the ANTH courses being deleted had not been offered in the last six years due to changes in staffing and the program was to undertake a curriculum review.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

**Academic Planning and Policy Committee Report.** Senator Skinner presented the report which included a proposal that the BSc Ecological Restoration, which had previously been offered jointly with Fleming College, be established as a standalone degree program at Trent. He explained that Fleming had cancelled its participation in the program in 2024. Normally new programs would undergo a lengthy approval process, but the Ontario Quality Council had confirmed that the proposed program could proceed with an expedited approval process.

Senate approved the proposal as submitted.

**Research Policy Committee Report.** Senator Hintelmann presented a revised Terms of Reference for the Early Career Researcher Award. He noted that the Terms of Reference had been amended to stipulate that recipients of the award were required to adhere to all applicable regulations, policy and guidelines and would comply with the Tri-Council Policy Statement, Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (2002) and the Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research. Senate approved the proposed revisions.

**Cyclical Program Review Committee Report** – Senator Bailey presented the report which included the Financial Assessment Report (FAR) and Implementation Plan – Executive Summaries for the BA Cultural Studies/BA Media Studies, BA Gender and Social Justice, BA Political Studies/BA International Political Economy, Joint Major and BA Sociology (Honours and General)/BA Criminology (Honours). Senate accepted the report as information.

**Vision and Mission Feedback Session** – The Chair and the external consultant Trent is working with provided an update on the Vision and Mission renewal process. The input received to date had been distilled into a few alternative ideas about what Trent’s future vision and mission might be and Senators were given the opportunity to provide feedback on these concepts. The final recommendations will be brought to Senate for approval in the winter term.

**Any Other Business.**

**Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. C. Bruce, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary