

The 530 Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m.

A.J.M. Smith Room

Minutes

Present: Senators Cathy Bruce (Chair), Iyiola Alade, Suzanne Bailey, Liana Brown, Craig Brunetti, 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, Lewis MacLeod, Paul Manning, Michele McIntosh, Jennifer Moore, Marina Morgenshtern, Van Nguyen-Marshall, Heather Nicol, Naomi Nichols, Kathryn Norlock, Fergal O'Hagan, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Emma Perratt, Steven Rafferty, Catalina Sagarra, Mark Skinner, Aaron Slepko, Vincent Sun, Emily Tufts, Mrunmayee Vichare, Sarah West, Robert Wright and Susan Wurtele. Official Visitors Heather Crowley, Moira Howes, Connor Koch, and Brandon Rempelgas. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

Regrets: Senators Gary Burness, Gold (Ayodeji) Jegede, David Patton, and James Penney. Official Visitors and junior student members: Laszlo Ban, Alma Barranco-Mendoza, Brennan Cornell, and Esther Kambale.

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

The Chair provided an update on the Chancellor search, as well as this year's honorary degree recipients. The Chair also led a discussion on the upcoming Provost & VP Academic search process and provided 3 options for discussion. After the discussion the Chair thanked members, and advised feedback was under consideration.

Open Session

Chair's Remarks and Announcements. The Chair was saddened to report the recent passing of elder and former Trent professor, Shirley Williams, as well as the University's founding Athletics Director, Paul Wilson.

Vision & Mission—Consolidated materials related to the Vision & Mission statements will be coming forward for Senate's approval in February prior to end of term.

Special Discussion Topic – Summarized notes from the group discussions had at the December 9th Senate meeting on student core competencies at Trent are available for Senators to review on the portal.

Minutes and Business arising Meeting of December 9, 2025. The minutes were approved with one amendment to the attendee list.

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Chan-Reynolds presented the report which included the following proposals:

Cultural Studies – Removal of the specialization in Film & Media. Modify two specializations to read as follows:

- Literature & Narrative: modified to Film, Literature & Narrative
- Culture & Theory: modified to Criticism & Theory

Logistics & Supply Chain Management – Modify program name to Supply Chain Management.

Anthropology, Forensic Science – Modify program requirements to include two new electives for the BSc Honours in Forensic Anthropology.

Business – Modify program requirements for the specialization in Economics.

Cultural Studies – Modify department name to Culture, Arts and Media. Updated requirements for three specializations: Criticism & Theory, Integrated Arts, and Film, Literature & Narrative.

Forensic Science – Modify program requirements with decrease of total credits to 8.5 and removal of FRSC 3010H as a required course in the BA/BSc Honours in Forensic Science (joint-major).

Gender & Social Justice – One new regular course – GESO3653H.

Philosophy – One new regular course – PHIL4200H.

Psychology – Two new regular courses - PSYC3330H and PSYC4330H.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

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

Master of Science in Applied Modelling & Quantitative Methods – Modified requirements for the three following streams:

- Big Data Analytics
- Big Data Financial Analytics
- Data Science

In addition, this program is introducing three new courses – AMOD 5330H, AMOD 5630Y, and AMOD 5470H.

Master of Arts in Cultural Studies – One new regular course – CUST 5540H.

Master of Management – Addition of a part-time study option.

Master of Arts in Gender and Social Justice – One new regular course – GESO 5000H.

Senate approved the report as presented.

Any Other Business. A student Senator brought forward concerns raised regarding confusing language for degree requirements in the academic calendar. University Registrar Heather Crowley offered to connect directly to resolve the concerns brought forward.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Dr. C. Bruce, Chair
T. Edwards, Recording Secretary