



The 534 Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
AJM Smith Room

Minutes

Present: Senators Mark Skinner (Chair), Suzanne Bailey, Liana Brown, Craig Brunetti, Shutao Cao, Michael Chan-Reynolds, 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, Michele McIntosh, Jennifer Moore, Marina Morgenshtern, Heather Nicol, Naomi Nichols, Kathryn Norlock, David Patton, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Steven Rafferty, Catalina Sagarra, Mickayla Simpson, Aaron Slepko, Emily Tufts, Sarah West, Robert Wright and Susan Wurtele. Official Visitors Heather Crowley, Moira Howes, Chioma Ifeanyichukwu, Connor Koch, and Brandon Rimmelgas. University Secretary Brenda Blackburn, Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Governance Officer Richelle Hall.

Regrets: Senators Cathy Bruce, Paul Manning, Fergal O'Hagan, Van Nguyen-Marshall, Vincent Sun and Mrunmayee Vichare. Official Visitors and junior student member: Laszlo Ban, Alma Barranco-Mendoza, Connor Koch and Brennan Cornell.

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 announced that Glenn Craney had been appointed Vice-president and Head of Trent University Durham Greater Toronto Area and that Dr. Kathryn Norlock's term as interim Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences has been extended by one-year.

Nolan Quinn, the Ontario Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security had been on campus and announced that the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant program had been expanded to include Trent students. This program will provide eligible students in the Trent/Fleming School of Nursing with financial support that will include tuition, fees books and other direct costs. In exchange, the students must

commit to working in the Eastern Ontario region once they have completed their studies.

The Chair also provided an update on the implementation of the board approved 2026-27 budget and that the university is awaiting details of government funding announced previously.

Minutes and Business arising Meeting of April 14, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Artificial Intelligence – Add a new transfer pathway that would enable qualified students from Centennial College’s Software Engineering Technology-Artificial Intelligence advanced program to enter Trent’s Artificial Intelligence degree program with advanced standing.

Anthropology – New course ANTH 3560H.

Biology - Trial courses regularization BIOL 4550H One Health and BIOL3200H Fungi: Functions, Friends, Foes.

Communications – New course COMM 2008H and new course cross listed COMM 3006H.

Computer Science – Change program requirements for BSc in Computer Science- Co-op

English Literature – New course WRIT 2005H.

Environment – Add General degree options-BA and BSc in Environmental & Resource Studies.

Gender and Social Justice – New course GESO 3260H.

Nursing – Renewal of transfer pathway with Fleming College that would allow graduates of Fleming’s Ontario College Diploma in Practical Nursing to enter the BSc in Nursing (BScN) with advanced standing.

New course NURS 4109H.

Supply Chain Management – Add co-op option- BAS Honours in Supply Chain Management.

Senate approved the report as presented.

Graduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Brunetti presented the report which included the following major and minor modification proposals:

MA/MSc Anthropology – New diploma program—Type 1 Graduate Diploma.

MSc Computer Science- New courses COIS 5210H, COIS 5901H and COIS 5902H.

MA English Public Texts – Change program requirements-Required electives across 4 streams.

Master of Management – Change program name and requirements BBA-Master of Management Fast Track Pathway for all three streams of Master of Management: Management; Health Management; Strategic Change Management at both campuses.

Master of Management: Applied Modelling and Quantitative Methods MSc- Change to the Postgraduate Certificate options and start terms for the Pre-Master's Pathway into all course-based streams of AMOD and MSMG: MSMG – Dur/Ptbo; MSMG.HLTH – Dur/Ptbo; MSMG.SCM AMOD.DATA; AMOD.FINA; AMOD.DSCI

MSc Psychology – New course PSYC 6991H.

Graduate Studies Academic Regulations – Change Remote Defence Policy and Graduate Academic Appeals Procedures.

Senate approved the report as presented.

Academic Planning & Policy Committee Report. Senator Norlock presented the report which included a monitoring report on the PhD Psychology and a report from the Library Advisory subcommittee.

Senate received the report for information.

Research Policy Committee Report. Senator Hintelmann presented the report which provided an overview of the activities of the Research Policy Committee, the recipients of the research awards and a report on the internal research grants.

The report was accepted as information.

The Chair announced the appointment of a new Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the Trent/Fleming School of Nursing -- Dr. Manisha Pahwa, CRC in Social Equity and Health Policy Research.

Any Other Business. It was noted that Senate had approved the revised Vision and Mission earlier in the year but that these had not yet been published on the website. The Chair confirmed once visuals for the material were finalized and posted publicly, Senators would be notified of this update.

The Chair was asked when faculty would be provided with greater clarity on the impact of budget cuts—specifically any cuts to support staff. He responded that in cases where OPSEU positions were being eliminated, the OPSEU collective agreement set out a process that allowed eligible staff to contemplate bumping other, more junior staff, from their positions. That process was currently underway so communication would be premature at this point. Once the staff changes have been finalized there will be further communication.

At Faculty Board the previous week there had been a discussion about the status of the Durham campus. The Provost had indicated that the language we use needed to evolve to best reflect the evolution of the university having two vibrant campuses.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Dr. M. Skinner, Chair

T. Harrington, Recording Secretary