

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING

To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on Planning
Date: April 22, 2026
Re: 2025/2026 Annual Report

The [Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Planning](#) define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate Committees. Annually in May, the committee presents a report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Planning met seven times during 2025/2026 and is scheduled to meet on May 6, 2026.

- September 10, 2025
- October 8, 2025
- November 5, 2025
- December 3, 2025
- January 14, 2026
- February 4, 2026
- March 4, 2026

Throughout the 2025/2026 academic year, the committee undertook the following:

Recommendations to Senate and the Board of Governors

Proposal to extend the Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community Engagement

At its April 2, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to grant a 12-month conditional continuation of the Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community Engagement (CIRCLE) for the period June 11, 2025 - June 30, 2026. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to extend the Approved Centre Status for the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems (IESVic)

At its April 2, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to extend the Approved Centre Status for the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems (IESVic) for an 18-month period, October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2027. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting.



Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering and Management

At its April 2, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering and Management. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the May 27, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to establish a Non-credit Certificate program in Data Analytics

At its April 2, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a non-credit certificate program in Data Analytics. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the May 27, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to discontinue the Non-credit Professional Specialization Certificate in Population Health Data Analysis

At its May 7, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to discontinue the Non-credit Professional Specialization Certificate in Population Health Data Analysis. The proposal was approved by Senate at the October 3, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the November 25, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to establish an Engineering and Computer Science (ECS) LaunchPad program

At its October 8, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish an Engineering and Computer Science (ECS) LaunchPad program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the November 7, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the November 25, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to discontinue the Jointly Supervised Individual PhD (JSIP) program

At its October 8, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to discontinue the Jointly Supervised Individual PhD program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the November 7, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the November 25, 2025 meeting.

Proposed changes to the Counselling Psychology graduate program

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Counselling Psychology graduate program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 5, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to establish a Non-credit Certificate in Gerontology

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a Non-credit Certificate in Gerontology. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 5, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to change the name of the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology to the School of Molecular Life Sciences

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to change the name of the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology to the School of Molecular Life Sciences. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 5, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Life Sciences

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Life Sciences. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 5, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science programs in Biochemistry and Microbiology

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science programs in Biochemistry and Microbiology. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 5, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to offer UVic's Master of Management degree in Bangkok, Thailand in partnership with Siam University

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to offer UVic's Master of Management degree in Bangkok, Thailand in partnership with Siam University. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 5, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at a special meeting held on February 20, 2026.

Proposal to offer UVic's Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering and Management degree in Singapore in partnership with PSB Academy

At its November 5, 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed the proposal to offer UVic's Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering and Management degree in Singapore in partnership with PSB Academy. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 5, 2025 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the March 31, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to establish a Non-credit Certificate in Trade and Construction Management

At its meeting on December 3, 2025, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a Non-credit Certificate in Trade and Construction Management. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 9, 2026 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to establish a Master of Community Planning (MCP) program

At its meeting on December 3, 2025, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a Master of Community Planning (MCP) program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 9, 2026 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to establish a Minor, General, and Major program in Media Studies (MDIA)

At its meeting on December 3, 2025, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a Minor, General, and Major program in Media Studies (MDIA). The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 9, 2026 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the February 3, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-Diploma program (PDP)

At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Post-Diploma program (PDP). The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 6, 2026 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the March 31, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to discontinue the Computer Science Major and Honours Options in Computer Graphics and Gaming, Computer Communications and Networks, Software Systems, and Theory

At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposal to discontinue the Computer Science Major and Honours Options in Computer Graphics and Gaming, Computer Communications and Networks, Software Systems, and Theory. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 6, 2026 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the March 31, 2026 meeting.

Proposed changes to the Master of Arts in Community Development

At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Master of Arts in Community Development. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 6, 2026 meeting.

Proposed changes to the Master in Management program

At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Master in Management program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 6, 2026 meeting.

Proposed changes to the Business Minor program

At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Business Minor program. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 6, 2026 meeting.

Proposal to establish a Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposal to establish a Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 6, 2026 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the March 31, 2026 meeting.

Proposed changes to the Master of Engineering-Biomedical Systems

At its meeting on February 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Master of Engineering-Biomedical Systems. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 6, 2026 meeting, and by the Board of Governors at the March 31, 2026 meeting.

Proposed changes to the Major and Honours programs in Art History and Visual Studies

At its meeting on March 4, 2026, the committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Major and Honours programs in Art History and Visual Studies. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 10, 2026 meeting.

SCP will Consider the Following Proposals at its Meeting on May 6, 2026

Proposal to discontinue the Non-credit Certificate in General Studies

At its meeting on May 6, 2026, the committee will review the proposal to discontinue the Non-credit Certificate in General Studies.

Proposal to renew the Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI)

At its meeting on May 6, 2026, the committee will review the proposal to renew the Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI).

Micro-certificates Approved

Proposal to establish a Micro-certificate in Applied Data Science: Machine Learning Fundamentals (CADS-MLF)

At its meeting on January 14, 2026, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal to establish a Micro-certificate in Applied Data Science: Machine Learning Fundamentals (CADS-MLF).

Proposal to establish a Micro-certificate in Applied Data Science: Data Analysis and Management (CADS-DAM)

At its meeting on January 14, 2026, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal to establish a Micro-certificate in Applied Data Science: Data Analysis and Management (CADS-DAMS).

Proposal to establish a Micro-certificate in Teaching French Immersion

At its meeting on January 14, 2026, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal to establish a Micro-certificate in Teaching French Immersion.

Program Proposals Submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for Review and Approval

Proposal to establish a Master of Community Planning (MCP) program

On February 4, 2026, the proposal to establish a Master of Community Planning program was submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for review and approval. At the time of this report, final approval had not been received.

Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Life Sciences

On February 4, 2026, the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Life Sciences was submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for review and approval. At the time of this report, final approval had not been received.

Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Arts (Major, General, Minor) in Media Studies

On February 5, 2026, the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Arts (Major, General, Minor) in Media Studies was submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for review and approval. At the time of this report, final approval had not been received.

Full Program Proposals Status Report

Proposal to establish a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Systems Engineering

On February 26, 2025, the proposal to establish a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Systems Engineering degree was submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for review and approval. On April 30, 2025, the University of Victoria was granted approval to offer the degree under section 48(2) of the *University Act*.

Proposal to establish a Doctor of Engineering in Engineering Applications and Practice

On February 26, 2025, the proposal to establish a Doctor of Engineering in Engineering Applications and Practice was submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for review and approval. On May 13, 2025, the University of Victoria was granted approval to offer the degree under section 48(2) of the *University Act*.

Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Engineering – Biomedical Engineering and Management

On May 29, 2025, the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Engineering - Biomedical Engineering and Management was submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for review and approval. On September 29, 2025, the University of Victoria was granted approval to offer the degree under section 48(2) of the *University Act*.

Respectfully submitted,

2025/2026 Senate Committee on Planning

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