

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS

To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on Academic Standards
Date: September 17, 2025
Re: 2024/2025 Annual Report

The [Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Academic Standards](#) define its scope and relationship with Senate and other Senate committees. Each fall term the committee presents an annual report to Senate on its business and proceedings over the previous academic year.

The Senate Committee on Academic Standards met nine times in 2024-2025. Meetings occurred on September 5, 2024, October 23, 2024, November 7, 2024, December 5, 2024, January 9, 2025, February 10, 2025, March 2, 2025, April 9, 2025, and May 22, 2025. During the year, the committee approved the convocation lists of faculties, made a number of recommendations to Senate, initiated projects in areas of the committee's concern, and received proposals for the committee's input from other areas.

Through 2024-2025 academic year, the committee undertook the following items for review and recommendation to Senate:

Approval of the convocation lists of the Faculties:

The committee approves, on behalf of Senate, the granting of degrees. At its October 23, 2024 and May 22, 2025 meetings, the committee approved the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 convocation lists.

At its October 2024, February 2025 and May 2025 meetings, the committee approved credit-bearing micro-certificates for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025.

At its September 2024 meeting, the committee approved a request for the early granting of a degree from the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Recommendations to Senate:

Undergraduate Application Date, Returning Students

At its September 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science on revisions to the Undergraduate Application Dates for returning students to the Bachelor of Engineering or Bachelor of Software Engineering programs in

the Undergraduate Academic Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the October 4, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to Revise the PhD Program Language Requirement

At its October 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Department of English on revisions to the Language Requirement for the PhD program in English. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Proposed Updates to the English Language Proficiency Requirement – Undergraduate Academic Calendar

At its October 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Management on updates to the Undergraduate Calendar entry “Applicants whose first language is not English” effective May 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Proposed Updates to the English Language Proficiency Requirement – Graduate Calendar Entry

At its October 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Management on an update to the Graduate Academic Calendar “English Language Proficiency” effective May 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to Change the Application Deadline for All Returning Undergraduate Students to the Summer Session

At its October 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposed change from the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Management to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar entry “Application deadlines for resuming studies and changing programs (reregistration)” effective May 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 6, 2024 meeting.

Proposal to Update the Undergraduate Application Deadline Section in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar

At its October 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a change by the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Management to the undergraduate admission application deadline in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar for the September 2025 entry point, effective May 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 6, 2024 meeting.

Removal of the Requirement to Demonstrate a Reading Knowledge of a Language Other than English in the Honours, History Program

At its November 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Department of History, revisioning the language requirement for the Honours, History program in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Clarification to the Graduate Calendar on Transfer and Retention of Academic Credit

At its November 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved proposed revisions from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the “Transfer and Retention of Academic Credit” in the Graduate Academic Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the December 6, 2024 meeting.

Doctorial Framework for the Faculty of Graduate Studies

At its December 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposed framework from the Faculty of Graduate Studies for professional doctoral degrees at the University of Victoria. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Admission Requirements for the Doctor of Engineering – Leadership in Engineering Application and Practice (LEAP)

At its December 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculties of Engineering and Computer Science, and Graduate Studies to establish the admission requirements for the Doctor of Engineering, Leadership in Engineering Application and Practice. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Establishment of a Dean’s List Notation on Academic Transcripts

At its December 2024 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal to establish a Dean’s List Notation on the undergraduate academic transcript. The proposal was approved by Senate at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Change to Master of Engineering in Applied Data Science Admission Requirements

At its December 2024 and January 2025 meetings, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science for revisions to the admission requirement for the Master of Engineering, Applied Data Science program in the Graduate Academic Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the February 7, 2025 meeting.

Admission to the Financial Mathematics and Economics Combined Honours Program

At its January 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Social Sciences on the admission requirements to the Financial Mathematics and Economics combined Honours program in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the February 7, 2025 meeting.

Removal of the Minimum Grade Requirement for the Business Minor

At its January 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business on the removal of the minimum grade requirement for the Business Minor in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar. The proposal was approved by Senate at the February 7, 2025 meeting.

Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Commerce Admission and Transfer Criteria and Program Requirements for Cycle 2 Sep 2025

At its February 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business on the revisions to the Bachelor of Commerce Admission and Transfer criteria and Program requirements, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 7, 2025 meeting.

Proposed Changes to MBA in Sustainable Innovation Admission Requirements for Cycle 2 Sep 2025

At its February 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business on revisions to the admission requirements for the MBA in Sustainable Innovation, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 7, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to Update the Identification Requirements in the Exam Regulations in the Academic Calendars

At its February 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Management on changes related to the identification requirements in the regulation on examinations in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar, and the regulations governing administration of examinations in the Graduate Academic Calendar, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 7, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to Change the Faculty of Science Graduation Requirements for BSc Programs Combined with other Faculties

At its February 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Science on the graduation requirements for the combined BSc programs, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the March 7, 2025 meeting.

Revisions to the Admission Requirements for the Economics PhD Program

At its March 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Economics on revisions to the admission requirements for the Economics PhD program, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 4, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to Change the Undergraduate Co-operative Education Admission Requirements

At its March 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Social Sciences on revisions to the admission requirements for the Faculty of Social Sciences Co-operative Education programs. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 4, 2025 meeting.

Master in Management Admission Changes

At its March 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business on revisions to the admission requirements to the Master in Management, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 4, 2025 meeting.

Credit for Advanced Academic English-language Courses

At its March 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Division of Continuing Studies and the Faculty of Humanities to award elective credit for ELPI and ELPI/University Admissions Preparation (UAP) offered by the English Language Centre in the Division of Continuing Studies, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the April 4, 2025 meeting.

Changes to the Admission Requirements to the UVic BSN in Partnership with Camosun College

At its April 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Human and Social Development on revisions to the admission requirements to UVic/Camosun College BSN, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting.

Changes to the Admission Requirements for the School of Nursing Regarding Upper-level Statistics Course Admission Pre-requisite

At its April 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Human and Social Development, School of Nursing, on revisions to their pre-requisite admission requirements, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting.

Changes to the Entrance Requirement for the Combined Biology/Psychology Honours Program

At its April 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculties of Science and Social Sciences on the revisions to the entrance requirements for the combined Biology/Psychology Honours Program, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting.

Progression Changes in the Economics BA and BSc Programs

At its April 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Social Sciences on revisions to grade progression requirement in the Economics BA and BSc programs, effective September 2025. The proposal was approved by Senate at the May 2, 2025 meeting.

Proposal to Change Faculty of Science Language Regarding Time Limits for Completion of Honours Programs

At its May 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal from the Faculty of Science on the revision to the time limit for degree completion in the Faculty of Science Honours program, effective May 2026. The proposal has been recommended to Senate for approval at its October 3, 2025 meeting.

Feedback Provided:

At its October 2024 and May 2025 meetings, the committee provided feedback to the Associate Vice-President Academic Programs, and members of the Academic Writing Requirement Working Group on the review and recommendations for the Academic Writing Requirement.

At its November meeting, the committee reviewed and provided feedback on a proposal from the School of Nursing for revisions to the admission requirements for the Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner Post-Degree Stream.

Continued Projects during 2024-2025

Policy on Academic Integrity

Throughout the year, committee members received regular updates from the SCAS subcommittee on the Revisions to the Policy on Academic Integrity.

Review of the Academic Concession Regulation and Guidelines in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar

At its November and February meetings, committee members began the process to review the more recent revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Concession Regulation and Guidelines.

Annual Review of Grading Report

At its December meeting, the committee reviewed the 2023/24 Grading Report.

Report on Academic Integrity Violations

At its February 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed a report from the Office of Registrar and Enrolment Management on academic integrity violations from September 2023 through August 2024.

Guidelines for Faculty Submissions to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards

At its May 2025 meeting, committee members reviewed and provided feedback on guidelines for faculties to submit items to the committee for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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