

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC STANDARDS

To: Senate
From: Senate Committee on Academic Standards
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Subject: 2025/2026 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 submits an annual report to Senate its activities and business conducted during the preceding academic year.

The Senate Committee on Academic Standards met eight times during the 2025/2026 academic year: September 15, 2025; October 24, 2025; November 17, 2025; January 12, 2026; February 9, 2026; March 23, 2026; April 20, 2026; and May 21, 2026.

Throughout the year, the committee approved the convocation lists on behalf of Senate, reviewed and made recommendations on a range of accademic regulation and admission requirements, advanced projects within its mandate, and provided feedback on proposals and initiatives brought forward by other unis of the university.

Approval of Convocation Lists

Acting on behalf of Senate, the committee approves the granting of degrees. At its October 2025 and May 2026 meetings, the committee approved the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 convocation lists. The committee also approved credit-bearing micro-certificate recipients for both convocation cycles. In addition the committee considered requests for three posthumous degrees at its September 2025 and May 2026 meetings.

Recommendations to Senate

Revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy

Throughout the year, the committee reviewed and revised the Policy on Academic Integrity. Following approval by the committee in March 2026, the proposal was forwarded to Senate for consideration at its April 2026 meeting. After discussion, Senate referred the proposal back to the committee for further review.

At its April 2026 meeting, the committee considered Senate's feedback, approved additional revisions, and subsequently recommended the revised policy to Senate. Senate approved the revised policy at its May 2026 meeting.



Review of the Undergraduate Academic Concessions Regulation

At its September 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed proposed revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Concessions Regulation in preparation for consultation with Senate. Senate provided feedback on the revisions at its October 3, 2025 meeting.

The committee considered Senate's feedback and approved the proposed revisions at its October 2025 meeting. The proposal was subsequently recommended to and approved by Senate on May 8, 2026.

Proposed Updates to English Language Proficiency Requirement (Undergraduate Calendar)

At its September 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved proposed updates to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar regarding the English Language Proficiency Requirement. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its October 3, 2025 meeting.

Engineering and Computer Science Launchpad Admission Requirements

At its October 2025 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science on the admission requirements for the new Engineering and Computer Science Launchpad program. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its November 7, 2025 meeting.

Changes to Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Nursing

At its February 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the proposal on changes to the admission requirement for the Bachelor of Nursing program. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its March 6, 2026 meeting.

Revisions to the Non-Thesis Option in the MA stream for Holocaust Studies

At its February 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved proposed revisions to the Non-Thesis Option in the Master of Arts Stream in Holocaust Studies. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its March 6, 2026 meeting.

Changes to the Admission Requirements for the TESOL Professional Specialization Certificate

At its February 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the proposed revisions to the admission requirement for the TESOL Professional Specialization Certificate. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its March 6, 2026 meeting.

Updates to Special Access for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Applicants Section (Undergraduate Calendar)

At its February 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved proposed updates to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar on Special Access for First Nations, Métis and Inuit applicants. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its March 6, 2026 meeting.

Core Writing & Research Requirement

At its January 2026 meeting, the committee provided feedback to the Academic Writing Requirement Working Group on a proposed Core Writing & Research Requirement.

At its March 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a revised proposal and recommended it to Senate for approval at its April 10, 2026 meeting.

Following discussion at Senate, the proposal was tabled for further consideration. The committee received an update on Senate's discussion at its April 2026 meeting.

Changes to the Admission Requirements for the Master of Nursing

At its April 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved proposed changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Nursing program. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its May 8, 2026 meeting.

Changes to the Admission Requirements for the Master of Science in Clinical Psychology

At its April 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved proposed changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Science in Clinical Psychology. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its May 8, 2026 meeting.

Revisions to the Graduation Dean's list Calendar Entry

At its April 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the proposed revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar entry concerning the Graduation Dean's list. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its May 8, 2026 meeting.

Revisions to Graduation Standing in the Faculty of Science

At its April 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the proposed revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar entry on graduation standing in the Faculty of Science. The proposal was recommended to Senate and approved at its May 8, 2026 meeting.

Removal of C+ requirement in the Political Science Honours program

At its May 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a proposal to remove the C+ requirement in the Political Science Honours program. The proposal will be presented to Senate for approval at its October 2, 2026 meeting.

Revisions to Graduation Standing in the Faculty of Social Sciences

At its May 2026 meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the proposed revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar entry on graduation Standing in the Faculty of Social Sciences. The proposal will be presented to Senate for approval at its October 2, 2026 meeting.

Provided Feedback from Other Areas:

At its October 2025 meeting, representatives from the Equity and Human Rights Office presented a training session on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

At its January 2026 meeting, the Acting Director of Indigenous University Initiatives and the Policy Implementation Manager presented the Indigenous Citizenship Declaration Policy.

Continuing Projects During 2025/2026

Annual Review of Grading Practices

As part of its ongoing oversight of academic standards, the committee reviewed the 2024/2025 Grading Report at its November 2025 meeting. The annual review supports the committee's responsibility to monitor grading trends and their implications for academic standards across the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

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