



**Date:** April 16, 2025  
**To:** Senate  
**From:** Senate Committee on Planning  
**Re:** 2024-2025 Annual Report

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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 six times during 2024-2025 and is scheduled to meet May 7, 2025.

September 11, 2024  
November 6, 2024  
December 9, 2024  
January 8, 2025  
February 5, 2025  
April 2, 2025

## **ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY SENATE:**

1. That Senate approve the proposal to extend the Approved Centre Status for the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (IALH) for twenty months from November 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, as described in the memo dated March 20, 2024.  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 3, 2024]
2. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Proficiency to Bachelor of Arts Indigenous Language Proficiency in SENĆOŦEN, as described in the memorandum dated August 1, 2024.  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 4, 2024]  
[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on November 25, 2024]
3. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a non-credit diploma in Data Analytics for Management Science, as described in the document "Data Analytics for Management Science", and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]  
[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]
4. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Greek and Roman Studies Language program, as described in the document "Greek and Roman Studies Language Program Revision".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]

5. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Anthropology Major, as described in the document "Revision of First-/Second-Year Requirements for ANTH BA/BSc Majors/Honours".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]
6. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Anthropology Honours Program, as described in the document "Revision of First-/Second-Year Requirements for ANTH BA/BSc Major/Honours".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]
7. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Minor in Human Dimensions of Climate Change, as described in the document "Human Dimensions of Climate Change (Minor and Certificate)".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]  
[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]
8. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Certificate in Human Dimensions of Climate Change, as described in the document "Human Dimensions of Climate Change (Minor and Certificate)".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December, 2024]  
[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]
9. That Senate approve the changes to the Bachelor of Music Major programs, as described in the document "School of Music: Revisions to the BMUS Major programs".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]
10. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Music Major program in Music Education Secondary (Instrumental), as described in the document "Bachelor of Music Major program in Music Secondary (Instrumental) BMUS-MEI".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]  
[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]
11. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Music-Music Education Secondary (Choral) to Bachelor of Music-Music Education, as described in the document "School of Music: Revisions to the BMUS Major program".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]  
[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]
12. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Science Combined Major in Music and Computer Science, as described in the document "BFA and BSC Combined Major in Music and Computer Science".  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 6, 2024]
13. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a framework to offer professional doctorate degrees at the University of Victoria, as described in the memorandum dated November 21, 2024.  
[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 3, 2025]  
[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]

14. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a Doctorate in Engineering in Leadership in Engineering Applications and Practice program, as described in the document “Leadership in Engineering Applications and Practice (LEAP) Program”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once approved by Senate and the Board of Governors, the proposal must be approved by the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 3, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]

15. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Systems Engineering, as described in the document “Master of Engineering – Aerospace Systems Engineering”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once approved by Senate and the Board of Governors, the proposal must be approved by the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 3, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]

16. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a non-credit diploma in Digital Marketing, as described in the document “Digital Marketing”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 3, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]

17. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the General and Minor programs in Arts of Canada, as described in the document “General and Minor program in Arts of Canada”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 3, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]

18. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization, as described in the document “Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 3, 2025]

19. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a combined honours in Financial Mathematics and Economics, as described in the document “Financial Mathematics and Economics”, at that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 3, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on January 29, 2025]

20. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a Business Minor in Entrepreneurship, as described in the document “Business Minor in Entrepreneurship”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on February 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 21.** That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Master of Engineering in Biomedical Systems program, as described in the document “Master of Engineering – Biomedical Systems: Program Change”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

- 22.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Master in Management program, as described in the document “Masters in Management”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 23.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Masters of Business Administration in Sustainable Innovation, as described in the document “MBA-BUSI – Sustainable Innovation Proposal”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 24.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Commerce program, as described in the document “Bachelor of Commerce – Gustavson School of Business”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 25.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Economics PhD program, as described in the document “Economics PhD Program Revisions”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 26.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Minor in Economics program, as described in the document “Economics Minor”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 27.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to renew the Approved Centre Status for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) for the period April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2030, as described in the memorandum dated January 22, 2025.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 28.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal for the Social Justice Studies program to be jointly offered by the Department of Sociology and the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the memorandum dated January 24, 2025.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

- 29.** That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the

proposal for the Global Development Studies program to be jointly offered by the Department of Geography, the Department of Political Science and the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the memorandum dated January 24, 2025.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

[Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 1, 2025]

30. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Holocaust Studies stream of the Master of Arts in Germanic and Slavic Studies program, as described in the document “Holocaust Studies stream of MA in Germanic & Slavic Studies”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

31. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Minor in European Studies program, as described in the document “Minor in European Studies (MNR-EURO)”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

32. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the graduate certificate program in Indigenous Language Revitalization, as described in the document “Graduate Certificate and Masters Programs in Indigenous Language Revitalization”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

33. That Senate approve the proposed changes to the masters programs in Indigenous Language Revitalization, as described in the document “Graduate Certificate and Masters Programs in Indigenous Language Revitalization”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 7, 2025]

#### **ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING REVIEW BY SENATE in 2025-2026:**

1. That Senate approve 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 July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, as described in the memorandum dated April 2, 2025.
2. That Senate approve the proposal to extend the Approved Centre Status for the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems (IESVic) for a 18-month period, October 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027, as described in the memorandum dated April 2, 2025.
3. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering and Management, as described in the document “Bachelor of Engineering: Biomedical Engineering and Management”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once approved by the Senate and the Board of Governors, the proposal must be approved by the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.
4. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a non-credit certificate program in Data Analytics, as described in the document “Certificate in Data Analytics (non-credit), and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

## **MICRO-CERTIFICATES APPROVED BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING 2024-2025**

1. That the Senate Committee on Planning approve the proposal to establish a micro-certificate program in Professional Communication in the Workplace in the Division of Continuing Studies as described in the document "Professional Communication in the Workplace".

[Approved by the Senate Committee on Planning at its meeting on June 27, 2024]

## **PROGRAM PROPOSALS FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY'S POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION PROPOSAL SYSTEM (PSIPS) FOR 30-DAY PEER REVIEW:**

1. On February 26, 2025, the proposal to establish a Doctorate in Engineering in Leadership in Engineering Applications and Practice 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.
2. On February 26, 2025, the proposal to establish a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Systems Engineering 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.

## **FULL PROGRAM PROPOSALS STATUS REPORT:**

1. On April 5, 2024, the proposal to establish a Master of Engineering in Building Envelopes and Structures in the Department of Civil Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science was submitted to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills for review and approval. On December 3, 2024, the University of Victoria was granted approval to offer the degree under section 48(2) of the University Act.

Respectfully submitted,

### **2024 / 2025 Senate Committee on Planning**

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