

Date: April 10, 2025

From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy

Subject: After Meeting Report – **April 10, 2025 – Senate**

NOSM University respectfully acknowledges that the entirety of the University's wider campus of Northern Ontario is on the homelands of First Nations and Métis Peoples. The University buildings in Thunder Bay and Sudbury are located on the territory of the Anishinabek Nation, specifically Atikameksheng and Wahnapiatae First Nations and Fort William First Nation.

The report summarizes the important work of our highest academic governing body following each meeting. This aims to highlight key decisions and reporting within our Senate. For a more in-depth look at the Open Senate Meetings, please refer to [Meeting Dates and Agendas](#) or the [Senate Portal](#). Previous Minutes are located in the Senate Portal – [Previous Minutes](#) [NOSMU access is required]

The Senate membership can be found online see link to [Membership](#).

Speaker – Dr. David MacLean / Deputy Speaker – Dr. Alexandre Anawati

The University Secretary is excited to launch a new, easy-access page for **2025/2026 Senate Policies - Feedback and Engagement section on our Senate Webpage!** Dive in, share your feedback, and help shape what's next before the upcoming Senate meeting. [Visit the 2025/2026 Senate Policies - Feedback and Engagement now](#)

Consent Agenda

Items for Approval/Information * *Changes or edits made.*

The Senate received the following for approval and for information as noted below:

- Minutes – [Previous Minutes from the February 13, 2025 meeting](#)
- DPP PLAC (revised) – included for Information
- [Senate Appeal Policy \(revised\)](#) (Senator Wharton) – **Approved**

Senate Standing, Business or Working Committees

The Senate received the following reports for information:

- Academic Indigenous Health Education Committee (Senator LeBlanc)
- Academic Quality Assurance Committee (Senator Larivière)
- Senate Appeal Committee (Senator Wharton)
- Senate Executive Committee (Senator Larivière)

Program Committee and Portfolio Reports

The Senate received the following reports for information:

- Admissions and Learner Recruitment (Senator Miron)

- Continuing Education and Professional Development (Senator Baron)
- Faculty Affairs (Senator Telang)
 - Clinical Sciences, Human Sciences & Medical Sciences
- Postgraduate Medical Education (Senator Anderson)
- Registrar (Senator Cain)
- Undergraduate Medical Education (Senator Toner)
 - a) UME COI Policy
 - b) 25-26 Phase 3 Syllabus

Regular Agenda

****Noted Amendments at Meeting, for specific comments or amendments, or *final versions* of the documentation, please liaise with the submitting Portfolio or Unit or the [University Secretary](#).**

Senate Business – Action Items

The Senate approved the following:

- Guidelines for the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Senator Larivière) - **Approved**
- Faculty Affairs Reorganization (Senator Marsh and Senator Prowse) [Waive First Reading] – **Approved**
- Academic Francophone Health Education Committee (Senator LeBlanc) – **Approved****
- Academic Calendars (Senator Cain) - **Approved**

Senate Business – First Reading

*Items below are for first reading, with the second reading and approval at a future meeting. **Please provide any comments and feedback to the appropriate Senator by the dates indicated to collate any changes for the next version. If you would like to present any item at your respective committee or unit, please contact the Presenter identified below.*** [Visit the 2025/2026 Senate Policies - Feedback and Engagement](#)

- [Roles and Responsibilities of Senators](#) (Gina Kennedy, University Secretary)
- [Rules of Procedure at Senate Meetings](#) (Gina Kennedy, University Secretary)
- [Senate Committee Guide](#) (Gina Kennedy, University Secretary)

Comments and Feedback should be given to governance@nosm.ca by May 2, 2025.

- [Early Conferral and Releases of Degree](#) (Senator Cain)
- [Late Course Withdrawal](#) (Senator Cain)

Comments and Feedback should be given to registrar@nosm.ca by May 2, 2025.

- Academic Fee Schedule (Senator Cain) – Approved

Committee Highlights

Senator Regalado presented the two reports linked below as part of the Senate Committee Highlights:

- [Health Sciences Library Annual Report](#)
- [Annual Faculty Publications](#)

Senator Baron, AD CEPD provided highlights and encouraged attendance to May 8-10, 2025 Northern Constellations and Connections 2025. Learn More- <https://event.fourwaves.com/ncc2025/pages>

- May 8 - 9 | Northern Lights Pan-Northern Leadership Forum
- May 9 - 10 | Northern Constellations & Connections 2025
- May 9 | NOSM University Achievement Celebration

Senate Business – Information / Discussion Items

- Report of the President and Vice Chancellor (President Green)
 - [President's Report](#) November 17, 2024 — February 26, 2025
 - Northern Routes - [Empowering Health Equity](#)
 - Board of Governors – [After Meeting Report Feb 2025](#)
 - [Convocation 2025 Invitation](#) – [Registration Link](#)
 - Community Visits 2025 – [Dates and Registration](#)
- Report of the Vice President, Academic and Provost (Senator Larivière)
- Report of the Vice President Clinical Partnerships and Hospital Relations (Senator Prowse)
- Report of the Vice President Research and Graduate Studies (Senator Marsh)
 - ICES North 2024-2025 Report

Meeting Schedule – [Meeting Schedule Online](#)

Next Regular Meeting date: June 12, 2025**

Reminder there will be an electronic vote for the approval of the Graduands List the first week of May – please watch for that email. **Your vote is required.

Convocation – May 23rd and May 30th – the Sudbury Convocation will host the Installation of the President – Please join in the procession. For information - <https://www.nosm.ca/education/current-learners/convocation/ceremony-information/>

April 22 is Earth Day - This Earth Day, join Dr. Elaine Blacklock, Planetary Health Lead for NOSM University and other members of the Action on Climate Change Committee for a discussion on how NOSM University is empowering a sustainable future.

All Senators are reminded about the New Senate Module – Orientation. If you have not already taken the module, please do so. Module can be accessed: [NOSM University Senate Orientation Module](#)

Questions regarding this report can be directed to governance@nosm.ca

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