

Senate After Meeting Report

Date: October 9, 2025

From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy

Subject: After Meeting Report – October 9, 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 Wahnapiitae 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

Senate Orientation - Refresher

The Speaker, Senator MacLean delivered a dynamic Senate orientation refresher — from what governs us and bicameral roles, to how committees and agendas drive our work. With lively Q&A and practical insights into what makes NOSM U's Senate unique, members were reminded of their role and responsibilities and their impact as Senators. If you haven't yet completed the full orientation module, now's the time to dive in! Module can be accessed: [NOSM University Senate Orientation Module](#)

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 June 12, 2025 meeting](#)
- [Senate Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#)
- a. Minutes – [Electronic Vote - Appointment - Associate Dean FA \(Human/Medical Sciences\)](#)
Minutes – [Electronic Vote – Appointment – Division Head \(Human/Medical Sciences\)](#)
- Motion - [Senate Membership Report and Recommendation](#)

Senate Standing, Business or Working Committees

- [Academic Quality Assurance Committee](#) (Senator Larivière)
- [Honorary Degrees Committee](#) (Senator Larivière)
- [Senate Appeal Committee](#) (Senator Wallenius)
- [Senate Executive Committee](#) (Senator Larivière)

Program Committee and Portfolio Reports

- Admissions and Learner Recruitment (Senator Miron)

- [Continuing Education and Professional Development](#) (Senator Baron)
- [Faculty Affairs](#) (Senator Zelek and Senator MacLean) Clinical Sciences, Human Sciences & Medical Sciences
- [Postgraduate Medical Education](#) (Senator Anderson)
- [Registrar](#) (Senator Cain)
- [Undergraduate Medical Education](#) (Senator Toner)
 - [P2 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:

- Policy on Establishment, Renewal and Operation of Research Centres (Senator Marsh) – **Approved Amended****
- Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference (Senator Larivière) – **Approved**
- Honorary Degrees Policy (Senator Larivière) – **Approved**
- Course Descriptions - Microbiology in Infection Prevention and Control Course (Senator Moise) - **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](#)

- Endowed and Fixed Term Chairs Policy (Senator Larivière)
 - Please send feedback to provost@nosm.ca by Friday October 31, 2025.
- Policy on Academic Credentials and Senate Oversight (Senator Larivière)
 - Please send feedback to provost@nosm.ca by Friday October 31, 2025.
- Academic Principles (revisions) (Senator Larivière/Gina Kennedy)
 - Please send feedback to governance@nosm.ca by November 3, 2025.

Senate Business – Information / Discussion Items

- Report of the President and Vice Chancellor (President Green)
 - [President's Report](#) and [Annual Awards Report](#)
 - Strategic Plan Status Update [PPT](#)
 - Northern Routes – [20-years-of-nosm-university](#)
 - Board of Governors – [Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#)
- 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)

Meeting Schedule – [Meeting Schedule Online](#)

Next Regular Meeting date: December 11, 2025**

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

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