

Date: December 12, 2025

From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy

Subject: After Meeting Report – **December 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]

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

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 [October 10, 2025 meeting](#) – **Approved as presented**
[Senate Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#)
- Electronic Motion – [AD Clinical Faculty Affairs](#) (November 10, 2025) – **Minuted**
- Course Descriptions - [2026-2027 UME Program Course Descriptions](#) – **Approved as presented**

Senate Standing, Business or Working Committees

- Academic Francophone Health Education Committee/Comité universitaire de formation sur la santé des francophones (*No Report*)
- [Academic Indigenous Health Education Committee](#) (Senator Michael/ Senator LeBlanc)
- [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)
 - [Graduate Questionnaire 2025](#)

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:

- Endowed and Fixed Term Chairs Policy (Senator Larivière) - **Approved as presented**
- Policy on Academic Credentials and Senate Oversight (Senator Larivière) - **Approved as presented**
- Academic Principles (revisions) (University Secretary Gina Kennedy) - **Approved as presented**
- Faculty Affairs – Enabling Motion – Updating titles, policies, committee memberships, and institutional documents to reflect the FA reorganization (Senator Prowse) - **Approved as presented**
- Petition for Late Course Withdrawal (Senator Cain) - **Approved as presented**

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](#)

- Research Administration Policy (Senator Marsh)
 - Please send feedback to research@nosm.ca by January 5, 2025

Senate Business – Presentation

Presentation by Miriam Cain, Senator

The 2025–2026 Application and Enrollment Report underscores momentum in NOSM University’s growth trajectory and highlights areas for strategic focus. UME’s surge in applications and MMS’s increase in both applications and enrollment signal strong demand, amplified by program innovation such as the MMS course-based option. PGME continues its incremental expansion, aligning with national benchmarks, while specialty programs like Urology and OBGYN/Toronto demonstrate success in attracting targeted applicants. Equity data is now available across all programs, presenting an opportunity to extend NOSM U’s equity mandate beyond UME to reinforce institutional commitments. External factors, including provincial medical school expansion and enhanced recruitment strategies, are contributing to heightened interest, positioning NOSM U competitively within Ontario’s medical education landscape. Strategic priorities include improving conversion rates for DPP applicants, leveraging the success of MMS to sustain graduate enrollment growth, and amplifying promotion of PGME Family-MED enhanced skills programs. Additionally, the surge in CEPD online engagement signals a need to capitalize on digital learning trends to broaden reach and impact.

Convocation

Convocation is a proud celebration of our learners' achievements—your presence as faculty makes this milestone truly meaningful. Join us in honoring their success and showing your support!

Thunder Bay Ceremony

Date: Friday, May 22, 2026

Location: Thunder Bay Community Auditorium

Sudbury Ceremony

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

Location: College Boreal

More Information link: <https://www.nosm.ca/education/current-learners/registrars-office/convocation/ceremony-information/>

Save the Date 2026 Interviews

Reminder for the Interview Dates - [Save the Date – Interviews 2026](#)

Senate Business – Information / Discussion Items

- Report of the President and Vice Chancellor (President Green)
 - [Strategic Plan Update](#)
 - Northern Routes - [Twenty Years Strong: Reflecting on Our Shared Journey](#)
 - [NOSM University 20th Anniversary Video](#) and [A Powerful Voice for Primary Care in Canada—Family Medicine at NOSM University](#),
 - Board of Governors – [November After Meeting Report](#) and [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: February 12, 2026



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