

Senate After Meeting Report

Date: February 12, 2026

From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy

Subject: After Meeting Report – **February 2026 – 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

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:

- Student Assessment and Promotions Regulations (Senator Toner/Senator Suntutres) - **Approved as presented****(minor format edit)

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](#)

- Immunization Policy (Senator Lariviere) – First Reading
 - Please send feedback to Dr. Garnett at immunization@nosm.ca **by March 13, 2026**
- IQAP (Senator Lariviere) – First Reading
 - Senators are invited to review the draft revised IQAP (version 2) and to send their feedback to provost@nosm.ca **by Friday March 6, 2026.**
- Non-Academic Learner Code of Conduct & Procedure (Senator Cain) – First Reading
 - Please send feedback to Miriam Cain mcain@nosm.ca **by March 19, 2026**
- Academic Freedom and Integrity of Research Statement (Senator Lariviere/University Secretary) – Notice of Feedback/Consultation
 - Comments are due in to governance@nosm.ca **no later than March 1, 2026.**

Senate Business – Committee Highlight

Admissions Committee – by Dr. Paul Miron, Assistant Dean - Admissions & Enrolment and Senator

The Admissions Committee presentation provided an overview of how NOSM University's admissions governance and operational structures work together to support the MD admissions cycle. At the top is the main Admissions Committee, which sets standards and provides oversight. Much of the ongoing work happens through several specialized subcommittees aligned with key pathways—Black, Indigenous, and Francophone admissions—as well as additional committees convened as needed for disability or exceptional-circumstance considerations and for final applicant selection.

The presentation also highlighted the role of the Admissions Office, a small but highly collaborative team that manages the data, processing, and coordination throughout the year, working closely with units such as UME, Indigenous Affairs, and Francophone Affairs. Finally, the committee reviewed high-level trends in admissions data from the past five years and discussed external pressures and continuous quality improvement efforts that shape the admissions process.

Senate Business – Information / Discussion Items

- Report of the President (President Green)
 - a) Strategic Plan Update
 - b) Northern Routes: [Welcome to 2026: Turning Up the Volume on What Matters Most](#)
 - c) [Leadership Recruitment](#) – VP Research and Graduate Studies (Launched January 2026) and VP Finance and Administration (To Be Launched Feb-March 2026)
 - d) Board of Governors – [November After Meeting Report](#) and [Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#) – Next Meeting February 25, 2025
 - e) Article: [Sudbury post-secondary schools sign pact, aim to boost student retention](#)
- [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 Prowse for Senator Marsh)

Other Business

- [Northern Constellations Conference](#) (Senator Baron)
 - Dates: Thursday, April 30 to Saturday, May 2, 2026
 - Location: Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre
- [Northern Health Research Conference](#) (Senator Sujeenthara Tharmalingam)
 - Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026
 - Location: in-person in Sudbury and online

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 [December 11, 2025 meeting](#) – **Approved as presented.**
- [Senate Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#)

Senate Standing, Business or Working Committees

- [Academic Francophone Health Education Committee/Comité universitaire de formation sur la santé des francophones](#)
- [Academic Indigenous Health Education Committee](#) (Senator Michael/ Senator LeBlanc)
- [Academic Quality Assurance Committee](#) (Senator Larivière)
- [Honorary Degrees Committee](#) (Senator Larivière) (Ad hoc)
- [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)
- [Undergraduate Medical Education](#) (Senator Toner)
 - [Summary of NOSM University 2025 MCCQE Part 1 Report to the Dean](#)
 - [UME Terms of Reference](#) (revised)

Article

- [Generalism as a cross-disciplinary practice in medicine](#) (Sarah Newbery)

Closed/In-camera

- Professor Emeritus Appointments (Senator Prowse)-**Approved as presented**

Meeting Schedule – [Meeting Schedule Online](#)

Next Regular Meeting date: April 9, 2026

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

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