

Senate After Meeting Report

Date: April 9, 2026

From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy

Subject: After Meeting Report – **April 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]

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Speaker – Dr. David MacLean

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:

- IQAP (Senator Larivière/Senator Cain) - ***Approved as presented***
- Academic Freedom Statement (Senator Larivière/Senator Hudson) ***Approved with amendment*****

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](#)

- There were no items presented for first Reading

Senate Business – Second Reading

Senator Cain provided an overview of the feedback received since the first reading in February. Due to the complexity of the document, she has asked for a second reading of the changes to date. She answered questions accordingly.

- [Non-Academic Learner Code of Conduct & Procedure](#) (Senator Cain) – First Reading
 - Please send feedback to Miriam Cain mcain@nosm.ca **by May 4, 2026**

Senate Business – Committee Highlight

[Health Sciences Library Annual Report](#) – Senator Regalado provided a comprehensive overview of the Health Sciences Library Annual Report, highlighting new staff appointments, strategic initiatives, survey results, and key supports such as the *Helping Researchers Choose the Right Journal* resource, along with pilot projects and other critical initiatives led by the Library.

[Health Sciences Report](#) – Senator Larivière, along with guest Dr. Mike Ravenek, presented an overview of the Health Sciences Unit at NOSM University, which includes two core programs and two visiting learner programs. The report highlighted key activities and program developments over the past year.

[Academic Quality Assurance Committee \(AQAC\)](#) – Senator Larivière provided an overview of the Committee’s recent activities and key areas of focus and consideration.

Senate Business – Information / Discussion Items

Report of the President (President Green)

- a) [Presidents Report](#)
- b) Strategic Plan <https://strategicplan.nosm.ca/>
- c) Northern Routes: [Rooted in the North](#)
- d) [Leadership Recruitment](#) – VP Research and Graduate Studies and VP Finance and Operations
- e) Board of Governors – [February After Meeting Report](#) and [Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#) – Next Meeting May 13, 2026
- f) Article: [First-ever pediatric residents to train fully in Sault Ste. Marie](#)
 - 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/Announcements

- [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.*

Duly Moved and Seconded the Consent agenda was approved as presented*.

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

- Minutes – Previous Minutes from the [February 12 meeting](#)
 - [Senate Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#)
- Academic Fee Schedule (Senator Cain) – *removed from the agenda – no item**

Senate Standing, Business or Working Committees

- [Comité universitaire de formation sur la santé des francophones /Academic Francophone Health Education Committee](#)
- [Academic Indigenous Health Education Committee](#) (Senator Michael/ Senator LeBlanc)
- Academic Quality Assurance Committee (Senator Larivière) (Highlighted report)
- [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 Professional Development](#) (Senator Baron)

Faculty Affairs

- [Clinical Sciences](#) (Senator Zelek)
- [Human Sciences & Medical Sciences](#) (Senator MacLean)
- [Postgraduate Medical Education](#) (Senator Anderson)
- [Registrar](#) (Senator Cain)
- [NOSM University 2026 Convocation Information](#)
- [Undergraduate Medical Education](#) (Senator Toner)
 - [UME GenAI Quick Reference](#)

Meeting Schedule – [Meeting Schedule Online](#)

Next Regular Meeting date: June 11, 2026

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

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