

After Meeting Report

Date: October 8, 2026

From: University Secretary, Gina Kennedy

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 in the Senate Portal – [Previous Minutes](#) [NOSMU access is required]

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Speaker – Dr. David MacLean Chair – Dr. Céline Larivière

Orientation

Being the first meeting of the Academic Year, the Chair, Dr. Céline Larivière and Speaker, Dr. David MacLean presented the Senate Orientation. It is uploaded to the Portal. [2026 Senate Orientation](#)

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:

- Senate Executive Committee Terms of Reference (Senator Larivière) - **Approved as presented**
- AQAC Terms of Reference (Senator Larivière) - **Approved as presented**
- Senate Appeals Committee Terms of Reference (Senator Wallenius) - **Approved as Amended***
- Faculty Appointment and Reappointment Policy (Senator MacLean) - **Approved as Amended***
- UME Appeals Policy and Procedure (Senator Toner) - **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.

You are encouraged to share these for feedback with your respective program or committee. If you would like to present any item at your respective committee or unit, please contact the Presenter identified below

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1. Senate Appeals Policy (Senator Wallenius) **Feedback by October 26, 2026. Email governance@nosm.ca**
 - [document\(s\)](#)
2. Access to Learner Personal Records (Senator Cain) **Please send feedback to Miriam Cain mcain@nosm.ca by, November 8, 2026.**
 - [document\(s\)](#)
3. UME Program Course Descriptions (Senator Toner) **Please send feedback to ltoner@nosm.ca**
 - [document\(s\)](#)
4. UME Program Exit Competencies (Senator Toner) **Please send feedback to ltoner@nosm.ca**
 - [document\(s\)](#)
5. University Regulation on Learner Leave Requirements (Senator Cain) **Please send feedback to Miriam Cain mcain@nosm.ca**
 - [document\(s\)](#)

Senate Business – Committee Highlight

The Senate received a comprehensive update from the Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Program, highlighting significant progress in program growth, learner success, curriculum renewal, clinical education expansion, and accreditation readiness. The presentation noted the largest incoming class in program history, ongoing efforts to strengthen learner support and assessment processes, strong MCCQE performance, and continued expansion of clinical training opportunities across Northern Ontario. Particular emphasis was placed on the University's accreditation and quality assurance activities, including preparations for the 2029 accreditation and program review cycles, with a focus on continuous quality improvement, evidence-informed decision-making, and sustainable growth while maintaining an exceptional learner experience.

Senate Business – Information / Discussion Items

President's Report and Update (President Green)

- [Presidents Engagement Report](#)
- [President's Strategic Plan Report](#)
- In the News: [Dr. Melanie Squarzolo Appointed Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs, Clinical Sciences](#)
- In the News: [Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Honours NOSM University Student](#)
- [Northern Roots Blog](#)
- [Board of Governors After Meeting Report](#) – September

[Report of the Provost and Vice President, Academic](#) (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)

Other Business

- [Notice - Speaker and Deputy Speaker Opportunities](#) (Gina Kennedy)

Consent Agenda

Items for Approval/Information * *Changes or amendments at the meeting.*

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 June 2026 Meeting
- [Senate Schedule and After Meeting Reports](#)
- [DPP Graduands Electronic Vote](#) – July 7, 2026 (Minuting)
[Appointment Electronic Vote](#) – August 28, 2026 Carried
- [Lexicon of Common UME Terms](#)
- [UME CBM Name Change](#)
- [UME Phase 2 Syllabus](#)
- [Senate Membership Report - 2026-2027 Slate of Senators](#)

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 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)

Meeting Schedule – [Meeting Schedule Online](#)

Next Regular Meeting date: October 8, 2026

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