



The Senate of Acadia University acknowledges that we are located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a virtual meeting of the Senate of Acadia University using Microsoft Teams will occur from 9:00 to 12:00 noon on Friday May 6th, 2022 using Microsoft Teams due to the COVID pandemic University operations.

The agenda follows:

1) Approval of Agenda

2) Minutes of the Senate Meeting of 11th April, 2022

3) Announcements

4) Time-sensitive Items

- a) Approval of the List of Graduands for the Convocation of May 2022 (*to be circulated separately*)
- b) Enabling Motion ([attached, page 7](#))

5) New Business

- a) Motion from the Admissions and Academic Standing (Policy) Committee: Motion that the following bolded language be added to Part V: Academic Regulations and Policies – Majors and Minors (current page 36): Major and Minor Degree requirements are outlined in the Academic Programs section of this calendar. **Students can declare a minor at any time but should do so before third year to ensure appropriate course selection and program plans.** (*D. Keefe*) ([attached, page 8](#))
- b) Motion from the Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee: Motion that, for the 2021-2022 academic year, the Appeal process for students with Dismissal academic standing be replaced by a Declaration of Intent to Return process and that the Appeal process for students with Probation academic standing remain unchanged. (*A. Kieffe*) ([attached, page 9](#))

- c) Motion from the Senate Curriculum Committee (Administrative): Motion that all curriculum proposals submitted by Music and summarized in the Senate Curriculum Committee (Administrative) report be approved. (*K. Pinder and M. Corbett*) ([attached, pages 10-11](#)) (*additional documents circulated separately*)
 - d) Reports from Senate Sub-Committees:
 - i) Research Ethics Board Report for 2021-2022 ([attached, page 12](#))
 - ii) Senate Nominating Committee ([attached, pages 13-14](#))
 - iii) Senate Archives Committee ([attached, page 15](#))
 - e) Election of Senate Lay Person
 - f) Discussion item- Senate meeting modalities after June 2022
- 6) Question Period- President and Provost & Vice-President Academic**
- 7) Other Business**
- 8) Adjournment**

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Rosie Hare

Recording Secretary to Senate

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President's Report to Senate

May 6, 2022

Student Strike Impact Payment

Following approval by the Board Executive Committee, the university announced the Student Strike Impact Payment on April 11.

In developing the payment, the University's basic principle was that all salaries and benefit costs not incurred during the strike, less any direct costs and "back to work" protocols, would be paid to our students. This amounted to a total of approximately \$2.1 million and through this process, the University will not realize any financial benefit from the labour disruption. I want to thank the ASU for their constructive approach to addressing this issue and determining the amounts to be paid.

The payments are being provided to students who experienced a disruption in course delivery over the period of the strike and are in the form of a flat fee. Full-time domestic (including Nova Scotian) undergraduate and graduate students will receive \$600; full-time international undergraduate and graduate students will receive \$700; part-time domestic (including Nova Scotian) undergraduate and graduate students will receive \$120; and part-time international undergraduate and graduate students will receive \$140. These payments will be applied to individual student accounts.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism

We have now published the Terms of Reference and composition of the new Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Council and will be following up with calling for nominations for the positions on the Council. We can clarify that representatives from the Faculties will be from members of faculty rather than professors only.

We have also created a new position of Vice-Provost for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and we have advertised internally for applications and expressions of interest. If we are not able to fill the position internally, we will seek Board financial approval for going with an external search and appointment. This kind of position was recommended by the PART which was concerned that we have someone in a senior administrative role who can promote EDI across the academy and advocate for students who are having difficulties and need advice and guidance, and provide intervention as appropriate.

COVID-19

Effective April 30, all COVID restrictions on campus have been lifted. However, we have decided to require the wearing of masks for our upcoming convocation ceremonies due to the large number of people that will be gathering within a relatively confined space.

Most universities in Atlantic Canada are lifting their vaccination, testing and mask mandates at the end of April or mid-May at the latest. We are now in the state of living with COVID and we will need to watch how the pandemic evolves over the spring and summer. As always we will be guided by and consistent with the directives and recommendations of NS Public Health.

Maple League Success in 3M National Student Fellowships

Congratulations to Kinesiology student Olivia Grace Stevenson who has been chosen as one of ten students to receive the 2022 3M National Student Fellowship Award. Following on from the success of Leah Creaser last year, this is Acadia's second successive 3MNSF award.

Also, a special thanks to Jessica Riddell and her Maple League team who helped coordinate and support the submission of nominations from each of the Maple League universities, and to Matt Lukeman who was Acadia's institutional champion for this initiative. For the last few years, the Maple League has been coordinating nominations for 3M student and faculty awards with increasing success. This year, all four ML universities were successful in receiving a student award. That means 4 out of the 10 national student fellowships in Canada this year went to the ML universities, which is a stunning achievement. Congratulations to Olivia and to all the ML student award recipients.

I would like to recognise Community Development student Valerie Campbell who will be joining 11 other Indigenous students from the Maple League universities on a study abroad experience in Belize later this month. Originally from Manitoba, Valerie is Cree Anishnaabe and a member of the Peguis First Nation. She transferred to Acadia after starting her studies at the University of Winnipeg.

Also, by the time Senate meets I should be able to announce another national recognition for the Maple League.

Convocation 2022

On May 8 and 9, 2022, more than 800 graduates from Acadia University's four faculties – Arts, Pure and Applied Science, Professional Studies, and Theology – will receive their undergraduate and graduate diplomas, joining Acadia's more than 40,000 alumni worldwide. This will be our first in-person convocation ceremonies since 2019, and I encourage all faculty to turn out for these ceremonies as we celebrate the success and resilience of our students. Despite all of the ups and down of the past two years, and the particularly stressful winter term, convocation reminds us of what we are all about, and it is important that we celebrate it as a community. It is also a way to celebrate that we are finally coming out of that long tunnel that has been the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, Acadia five honorary degree recipients will be part of our Class of 2022. These individuals have distinguished themselves in public service, reconciliation, education, scientific research, and the performing arts. This year's honorees are:

Lorraine Whitman (“Grandmother White Sea Turtle”) – Doctor of Humanities

Michael Bawtree - Doctor of Letters

Colonel (The Reverend) Barbara L. Putnam ('95) – Doctor of Divinity

Vianne Timmons (*80) – Doctor of Humanities

Hans-Otto Pörtner – Doctor of Science

Information about our honorary degree recipients can be found on the [Class of 2022 Convocation website](#).

I want to extend best wishes and sincere congratulations to the Class of 2022 and I look forward to celebrating with them as they join our alumni community and prepare to make their mark as members of Acadia's incredible global alumni community.

I encourage all Senators and members of faculty to attend their respective Faculty ceremonies, and others if possible.

Convocation weekend schedule:

- **Baccalaureate Service**
Sunday, May 8, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Faculty of Arts, Theology and School of Education**
Sunday, May 8, 2022 - 3 p.m.
- **Faculty of Pure and Applied Science**
Monday, May 9, 2022 - 10 a.m.
- **Faculty of Professional Studies**
Monday, May 9, 2022 - 2:30 p.m.

Appointment of David Duke as Acadia's New Marshall

Following in the footsteps of Rob Raeside is never an easy task, but I am delighted that David Duke has agreed to take on the role of Marshall of Convocation. Welcome David and thank you to Rob for his wonderful service to Acadia and the many years of graduating classes he has marshalled.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Ricketts
President and Vice-Chancellor

PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no written announcements for May 6th, 2022.

ASSOCIATE VP RESEARCH AND DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RESEARCH GRANTS and RESEARCH AGREEMENTS

National Science & Research Council of Canada (NSERC) - Discovery Grant Competition

- **Dr. Hassan Sarhadi** (Fred C. Manning School of Business) was awarded **\$120,000/5 Years plus a Discovery Launch Supplement of \$12,500** for his project titled *Safety and Security of Railway Hazardous Material Transportation*.

New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development - \$13,000

- **Dr. Sandra Barr** (Earth & Environmental Science) received \$13,000 for the second part of a project titled *Age and tectonic implications of the New River belt, mainland and Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick*.

Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture – Contribution Agreement - \$25,000

- **Dr. John Murimboh** (Chemistry) and **Hayley Craig-Barnes** (ALAB) received \$25,000 in financial assistance for the purchase of Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) instrument for the Acadia Laboratory for Agri-food & Beverage (ALAB).

National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) Projects

- **Dr. Nicoletta Faraone** (Chemistry) and **Dr. Kirk Hillier** (Biology) were awarded **\$5000** to collaborate with Oberland AgriScience Inc. on a project titled *Nanoencapsulation of Black Soldier Fly oviposition semiochemicals*.

INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES

Acadia Laboratory for Agri-food & Beverage (ALAB) – Update

On April 14, 2022, **Hayley Craig-Barnes** (ALAB) and **Katrin Sommerfeld** (ICE) participated in a Product Testing Program Workshop for the Nova Scotia craft beverage producer community, together with the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) and Perennia. This public facing workshop was held to inform and educate producers about NSLC’s Product Testing Program, and the analytical services ALAB is providing under this Program. This workshop was also a great opportunity to highlight ALAB’s analytical and research services available to the broader food and beverage sector.

RESEARCH FUNDING PROGRAMS AND SUBMISSION DATES

Internal

- SSHRC Institutional Grants (SIG, up to \$3000): applications due 26 May
- Harrison McCain Foundation Program grants: TBA in May

External

- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants - June 15, September 15, December 15
- SSHRC Connection Grants - August 1, November 1
- SSHRC Insight Grants - October 1
- SSHRC Partnership Development Grants – November 15
- NSERC Discovery Grant - Notification of Intent - August 1; Application - November 1
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments - October 25
- NSERC Alliance (partnership) Grants – Open Call
- MITACS (student and post-doc internships; various programs) – Open Call

ACADIA STUDENTS’ UNION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements received by May 3rd, 2022.

COLLEGE OF DIVINITY / FACULTY OF THEOLOGY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements received by May 3rd, 2022.

Enabling Motion:

Any candidate for an Acadia degree, diploma or certificate who should receive a grade or otherwise qualify or be disqualified between this Senate meeting and the Senate meeting in September 2022, may, if circumstances require, be considered by the Chair of the Admission and Academic Standing (Policy) Committee, the appropriate Dean, the appropriate Head/Director, and the Registrar, acting as an ad hoc committee of Senate, they having the power to make consequential amendments to the graduation list. Any such amendments to the list shall be reported to Senate at the next Senate meeting.

List of Graduates for the Spring Convocation will be circulated separately.

Admission and Academic Standing Committee (Policy)
Senate Motion
May 6, 2022

Meeting of Senate, May 6, 2022
Admissions and Academic Standing Committee (Policy)

Motion:

Proposed addition to the Academic Regulation – Majors and Minors (current page 36):

Major and Minor Degree requirements are outlined in the Academic Programs section of this calendar.

“Students can declare a minor at any time but should do so before third year to ensure appropriate course selection and program plans.”

Motion from the Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee:

Motion that, for the 2021- 2022 academic year, the Appeal process for students with Dismissal academic standing be replaced by a Declaration of Intent to Return process and that the Appeal process for students with Probation academic standing remain unchanged. (*attached*)

The committee is proposing the following as an approach for 2021-2022:

- Students who are placed on Dismissal this spring and summer will not be required to submit an appeal this year. They will be required to complete a Declaration of Intent to Return to Studies. This will take the form of a modified version of what has been the Step 1 Questionnaire for the appeal process in recent years. A subgroup of the Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee composed of the Chair of the committee, and non-voting members the Registrar and the Executive Director of Student Services, will review the submissions for completeness. Any student who submits a complete Declaration of Intent will have their academic standing changed from Dismissal to Probation.
- Students who are placed on Probation this academic year may still appeal their academic standing as usual. The Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee will be convened to review any probation appeals following the established procedures. If a student's appeal is successful, the student's academic standing will be changed from Probation to Good Standing.
- This procedure was employed in the Spring and Summer of 2020 and 2021 following the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years, and the Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee recommends that it be employed in the Spring and Summer of 2022 as a temporary change for this year as well.

Senate Curriculum Committee (Administrative)

2021-2022 Curriculum Change Proposals

**Report to Senate
27 April 2022**

Motion

That all curriculum proposals submitted by Music and summarized in the Senate Curriculum Committee (Administrative) report be approved.

Committee Members: Mark Bishop (Registrar), Shawna Singleton (Associate Registrar), Roxanne Seaman (Chair SCC Policy), Heather Saunders (Library), Sonia Hewitt (FA), Kait Pinder (Co-Chair, FA), Igor Semenenko (FPS), Michael Corbett (Co-chair, FPS), Andrew Mitchell (P&AS), Rob Raeside (P&AS), Chris Killacky (Theology), Student Rep (position currently unfilled)

Eleven curriculum change proposals from Music were received by the Senate Curriculum Committee (Administrative) following the April Senate meeting. The SCCA met on April 27, 2022 to review these proposals which are summarized below.

Summary Listing of Curriculum Proposals – FPAS

MUSIC

Form 3: Proposed Modification to an Existing Course

The proposals change the course numbers and credit hours of existing courses.

- MUSI 169A: Playing and Hearing Music 1A – divides “Playing and Hearing” into two 1.5 hour courses
- MUSI 169B: Playing and Hearing Music 1B – divides “Playing and Hearing” into two 1.5 hour courses
- MUSI 271A: Chamber Music Workshop – divides “Chamber Music Workshop” into two 1.5 hour courses
- MUSI 271B: Chamber Music Workshop – divides “Chamber Music Workshop” into two 1.5 hour courses
- MUSI 326A: Music Production Workshop – divides “Music Production Workshop” into two 1.5 hour courses
- MUSI 326B: Music Production Workshop – divides “Music Production Workshop” into two 1.5 hour courses
- MUSI 431A: Introduction to High School Instrumental Music – divides “Intro to High School Instrumental Music” into two 1.5 hour courses

- MUSI 431B: Introduction to High School Instrumental Music – divides “Intro to High School Instrumental Music” into two 1.5 hour courses
- MUSI 4323: Introduction to Elementary Classroom Music – change in course number

Form 4: Proposed Modification to a Program – update course listings to reflect new courses and course codes

RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT, 2021–2022

For the period 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022:

Committee Membership: Erin Crandall (Arts, from July 1), David Duke (Arts, to June 30), Jim Grant (Professional Studies, from July 1), Nina Harvey* (AGSA, from July 1), Michael Jeffrey (Community), Stephanie Jones (Science), Cheri Killam (Community), Ryan MacNeil (Professional Studies, to June 30), Stephen Maitzen (Chair), Melody Maxwell (Theology), Anna Redden* (RGS, *ex officio*), Mary Tajeddin* (AGSA, to June 30), Shon Whitney (Community)

* non-voting

Meetings and Review of Applications: The REB met via Teams teleconference on 11 occasions and reviewed 71 new formal applications for ethics approval. The Chair also reviewed numerous formal requests from researchers to approve changes to previously approved research.

Other activities: The REB's Chair responded to numerous informal inquiries from student and faculty researchers at Acadia and elsewhere. The Chair serves as the University's liaison to the Canadian Secretariat for Research Ethics, prepares and distributes the agendas for meetings, records the minutes at meetings and distributes them for approval, writes letters of ethics approval or rejection, performs all filing and maintenance of records, follows up on unapproved research, reviews annual reports from department-level ethics committees, publicizes the role and requirements of the REB, maintains the REB website, and prepares reports for Senate and other bodies concerning the business of the REB.

Training of members: Each newly appointed REB member receives a detailed written orientation from the REB Chair describing the new member's duties and the REB's procedures.

Ad hoc advisors: Ad hoc advisors are appointed only when the REB judges that it lacks the knowledge needed to review a particular application. None were required during the reporting period.

Appeals: None

Guidance sought from the Canadian Secretariat on Research Ethics: None

Matters out of the ordinary: None

Transitional Chair for Summer: S. Maitzen

Other comments: None

Submitted by Stephen Maitzen (Chair)

Senate Nominating Committee: Report (May 2022)

Duties: (1) to nominate for the April meeting of Senate the Chairperson and Deputy Chair of Senate, for election by Senate in May, to take office the following July;
(2) to nominate for the May meeting of Senate, to be elected by Senate and take office in July:
a) candidates to fill the non-*ex officio* positions on the Executive Committee of Senate;
b) candidates to fill annual vacancies designated for the Senate on ad hoc and standing committees of Senate;
d) lay persons to be members of Senate;
e) a person to fill the office of Faculty Elections Officer
(3) to act upon such other matters as may from time-to-time be referred to it by Senate;
(4) in extraordinary circumstances dictated by time constraints, the Nominating Committee will recommend to the Executive Committee of Senate, the name(s) of a Senator(s) to specific-Senate and/or other University Committees.

Membership

1 President (Non-voting) Peter Ricketts *ex-officio* --
1 Arts (Senator) Anne Quéma (Chair)
1 Arts Ian Wilks
1 P&A Sc. (Senator) Michael Robertson
1 P&A Sc. Caroline Cochrane
1 Prof. St. (Senator) Paul Callaghan
1 Prof. St. Paula Rockwell

Summary of activities

In fulfilling the mandate of the Nominating Committee, the chair of the committee communicated on a regular basis with various faculty and officers, including Anna Kiefte, Rosie Hare, Ruben Sandapen, and the three Elections Officers in the three faculties. On March 17, 2022, Rosie Hare and Anna Kiefte received a list of vacancies and replacements on Standing Committees and *ad hoc* Committees of Senate for the three Faculties. Lists were also communicated to the Elections Officers of the three Faculties. The Chair of the Committee communicated and consulted with the members of the Committee by email whenever necessary: in the winter of 2022, communication occurred on March 18, 21, 23, 29, 31 and April 1, 4, 6, 30, and

1. Chairperson

Nominated by Senate Nominating Committee after a call to Senate and all Faculty. Elected by Senate in May to begin term in July

Anna Kiefte was nominated for Chair of Senate and acclaimed as Chair at April meeting

2. Deputy-Chair

Nominated by Senate Nominating Committee, after a call to all Senators. Elected by Senate in May to begin term in July

Donna Seamone for Deputy-Chair was nominated and acclaimed at April meeting

3. Faculty Elections Officer

The Faculty Elections Officer will be elected annually by Senate.

Hamed Aly was nominated and accepted the nomination

4. Lay Person

Nominated by the Senate Nominating Committee after a call to all Senators, Faculty, and staff, and elected by Senate. Ruben sent a call to faculty; Anna Kieft sent a message to the faculty and to Oonagh Proudfoot.

Replacing Lay person Roger Prentice 3 years

Susan Markham-Starr was nominated by René Murphy and accepted the nomination (see cv and email)

Ross Firth was nominated by Glyn Bissix and accepted the nomination (see cv and email)

5. Senate Executive

Procedures for Appointment: Senate representatives are nominated by the Nominating Committee, with further nominations from Senate, and elected by Senate.

Tanya Surette nominated for Senate FPS representative 1 year

Brian Wilson nominated for Senate P&A Science representative for 1 year

Waiting for nominations:

replacing Senate representative Kait Pinder (Arts) 1 year

6. Academic Planning Committee

The Nominating Committee also nominates candidates to fill annual vacancies designated for the Senate on ad hoc and standing committees of Senate (for the May meeting of Senate, to be elected by Senate and take office in July). Faculty members on this APC are elected from the Faculty as a whole***Faculty members include instructors, lecturers, librarians, archivists and professors. They shall be elected by a general call for nominations from the Faculty Elections Officer.*

Position 1: to replace FA faculty member Rachel Brickner, for 3 years.

Position 2: to replace IDST Prog. faculty member Ian Spooner, for 3 years.

Position 3: to replace PS faculty member Kelly Dye, for 3 years

Sandapen issued three calls for nominations for replacements

Positions 1 and 2: No nominations have been received

Position 3: Janna Wentzell was acclaimed as FPS faculty member for 3 years

7. Officers of the Faculty of Acadia University Council

Chair: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members: to replace Anna Kieft

Vice-Chair: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members

Secretary: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members: to replace Stephanie Jones

Anna Kieft was nominated and was acclaimed as Chair

No nominations have been received for Vice-Chair and Secretary

May 3, 2022

Anne Quéma

SENATE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 2021-22

May 2, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Committee Chair and Arts Representative: Paul Doerr
Archivist: Pat Townsend (ex-officio)
Archivist: Wendy Robicheau (ex-officio)
Dean of Libraries and Archives: Heather Saunders (ex-officio)
Arts representative: Xiaoting Wang
Arts representative: Richard Cunningham
Professional Studies representative: Michelle Boyd
Pure and Applied Science representative: Catherine Morley
Theology representative: Melody Maxwell
Alumni appointee: Eleanor Palmer
Presidential appointee: Britanie Wentzell
Canadian Baptists of Canada representative: Scott Kindred-Barnes
Student representative: Dotun Olutoke
Secretary: Kelly Bennett

COMMITTEE MANDATE: As members of their various constituencies, members of the Senate Archives Committee will work collaboratively;

1. To advise and guide on long-term and short-term directions that are consistent with the mandate and strategic direction of the Archives;
2. To advocate for the Archives within the University, the Convention of the Atlantic Baptist Churches and the local community;
3. To make an annual report;
4. To address other Archives-related issues that shall arise from time to time;
5. To support academic activity.

The committee met on three occasions this year: October 18, December 15 and April 27. All meetings took place via Teams. The committee heard detailed reports and updates from the Archivists. The Kirkconnell Room reopened to on-campus researchers in September and then to the wider community in March (with limited seating). The University Archives are heavily used by students, faculty and community members and thus form a crucial link in the University's community engagement. No fewer than 12 on-campus disciplines have incorporated the Archives into course work over the years. New deposits to the Archives continue to arrive at an impressive rate. A variety of energetic new initiatives are emerging from the Archives as well. A proposal for a new research masterclass aimed at providing 12 hours of instruction and practice for students is in the works along with a possible revival of the ever-popular Archives Trivia quiz. The Archives also undertook a SWOT exercise which will be circulated to interested parties for feedback. The next Archives Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 4 pm.