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***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 meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This will be a hybrid meeting and will take place in person in the Langley Classroom of the Divinity College and online using Zoom.

The agenda follows:

**1) Approval of Agenda**

**2) Time Sensitive Items**

- a) Motion to approve the October 2023 list of graduands ([attached, pages 3-7](#))
- b) Enabling motion ([attached, page 8](#))
- c) Report of ad hoc Committee of Senate: List of graduands approved in August 2023 ([attached, page 9-10](#))

**3) Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Discussion item: Contact Hours During Academic Term - Timetable, Instructional Hours, and Examinations Committee (*H. Chipman*) ([attached, pages 11-13](#))

**4) Minutes**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- b) Approval of the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- c) Approval of the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**5) Announcements and Communications**

- a) Chair (*A. Kieft*)
- b) President and Vice-Chancellor (*J. Hennessy*) ([attached, pages 14-15](#))
- c) Vice-President Academic (*K. Ashley*) ([attached, pages 16-18](#))
- d) Associate Vice-President Research, Innovation, and Graduate Studies (*A. Redden*) ([attached, pages 19-22](#))
- e) Acadia Students' Union (*S. McAlear and B. Morris*)
- f) Acadia Divinity College and Faculty of Theology (*A. Robbins*) ([attached, page 23](#))
- g) Other announcements

**6) Transition Reports from Senate Subcommittees**

- a) Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (*K. Ashley*) ([attached, pages 24-25](#))
- b) Admissions and Academic Standing (Policy) Committee (*K. Ashley*) ([attached, page 26](#))
- c) Board of Open Acadia (*K. Ashley*) ([attached, pages 27-28](#))

**7) New Business**

- a) Academic Planning Committee Report (*K. Ashley*) ([attached, pages 29-30](#))
- b) Report of the ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee (*C. Haigh*) ([attached, pages 31-33](#))
- c) Discussion item: Artificial Intelligence- current initiatives, needs, and areas of concern and opportunity across the academic sector at Acadia (*K. Ashley*)
- d) Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning - role, responsibilities, and Senate committees (*K. Ashley*)

**8) Question Period – President/Provost and Vice-President Academic**

**9) Other Business**

**10) Adjournment**

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

J. Peckham,  
Recording Secretary of Senate and University Secretary

**October 2023 list of graduands**

|          |                  |  |
|----------|------------------|--|
| Troy     | Kelsey           | Bach. of Arts English                                      |
| Brent    | Billing          | Bach. of Arts Politics                                     |
| Mya      | McIntyre         | Bach. of Arts Politics                                     |
| Lacey    | Allen            | Bach. of Arts Psychology                                   |
| Sarah    | Stewart          | Bach. of Arts Psychology with Co-op                        |
| Mitchell | Karel            | Bach. of Arts Sociology                                    |
| Molly    | Sutherland       | Bach. of Arts Hons. Sociology 2nd Maj. WGST                |
| Sherelle | Higgs            | Bach. of Applied Science                                   |
| Nelson   | Kruszewski       | Bach. of Applied Science                                   |
| Omair    | Vega             | Bach. of Applied Science                                   |
| Lian     | Young            | Bach. of Applied Science                                   |
| Michael  | Bronfman         | Bach. of Business Admin.                                   |
| Jenna    | Keizer           | Bach. of Business Admin.                                   |
| Logan    | MacGillivray     | Bach. of Business Admin.                                   |
| Danielle | Ouellette        | Bach. of Business Admin.                                   |
| Ghani    | Warnakulasooriya | Bach. of Business Admin.                                   |
| Kobe     | Knowles          | Bach. of Business Admin. Marketing                         |
| Ho Jun   | Jeon             | Bach. of Community Develop.                                |
| Eric     | Columbus         | Bach. of Computer Science                                  |
| Yekyung  | Seo              | Bach. of Science Environmental Science                     |
| Taylor   | Hayden           | Bach. of Science Physics                                   |
| Hannah   | Rushton          | Bach. of Science Psychology                                |
| Chase    | DeViller         | Certificate in Applied Science (Civil Engineering)         |
| Omair    | Vega             | Certificate in Applied Science (Civil Engineering)         |
| Syed     | Razvi            | Certificate in Applied Science (Electrical Engineering)    |
| Sherelle | Higgs            | Certificate in Applied Science (Environmental Engineering) |
| Juliana  | Dizor            | Certificate in Applied Science (Industrial Engineering)    |
| Grace    | Eisnor           | Certificate in Applied Science (Industrial Engineering)    |
| Omar     | Hammoud          | Certificate in Applied Science (Industrial Engineering)    |
| Ahmad    | Usman            | Certificate in Applied Science (Mechanical Engineering)    |
| Kally    | Goodwin          | Honours Conversion Certificate in Science in Nutrition     |
| Drew     | Robichaud        | Honours Conversion Certificate in Science in Nutrition     |

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| Dallas    | Smith            | Honours Conversion Certificate in Science in Nutrition      |
| Gabrielle | Vandaele         | Honours Conversion Certificate in Science in Nutrition      |
| Haley     | McDonald         | Master of Arts Sociology                                    |
| Felicia   | Tembo            | Master of Arts Sociology                                    |
| Spencer   | Shaw             | Master of Arts Theology                                     |
| Ann       | Huntley          | Master of Community Development                             |
| Dotun     | Olutoke          | Master of Community Development                             |
| Alexandra | Camp             | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Nicole    | Chanway          | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Regan     | Chapman          | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Ruth-anne | Donellsen        | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Richelle  | Gallant Williams | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Dorothy   | Hunse            | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Raylee    | Isenor           | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Doris     |                  |   |
| Heather   | Kearney          | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Tiffany   | Kenny            | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Sam       | Krueger          | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Wendy     | Ma               | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Emily     | MacCosham        | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Ella      | Milligan         | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Lisa      | Page-Bouley      | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Sean      | Ponnambalam      | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Jordan    | Sheridan         | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Catherine | Small            | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Chasity   | St.Louis         | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Sarah     | Terauds          | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Susan     | Young            | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Emilie    | Zimmer           | Master of Education Counselling                             |
| Darlene   | Barr             | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies             |
| Travers   | Maurice          | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies             |
| Anna      | Petley-Jones     | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies             |
| Tara      | Dahn             | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Health Prof |
| Katherine | Branscombe       | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ  |
| Anisley   | Bravo Calderin   | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ  |
| Ashley    | Brockway         | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ  |
| Daniel    | Craven           | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ  |
| Maribeth  | Gauthier         | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ  |

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|-------------|------------------|--|
| Katelyn     | Gillis           | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Kimberly    | Gorman           | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Lillian     | Holton-Melong    | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Leah        | Jordan           | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Christa     | MacBride         | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Karen       | MacDonald        | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Shona       | MacPhee          | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Carmen      | McDowell         | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Margaret    | Myette           | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Alana       | Scharfstein      | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Anona       | Siwik            | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
|             | Sookram          |  |
| Subrina     | McElcheran       | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Nicolas     | Stephenson       | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Ronald      | Suban            | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Jonathan    | Sykes            | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Amanda      | Taylor           | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Robyn       | Verhoeven        | Master of Education Graduate Curriculum Studies Music Educ |
| Amie        | Carnes-Arsenault | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Ashlea      | Coleman          | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Hannah      | Cusack           | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Goral       | Desai            | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Heather     | Fitzpatrick      | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Rachel      | Gertridge        | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Vivianne    | Griffiths        | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Krista      | Langille         | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Glen        | Larade           | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Rebecca     | Roberts          | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Melanie     | Samson           | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Stephanie   | Wannamaker       | Master of Education Inclusive Education                    |
| Laura       | Elliott          | Master of Education Leadership                             |
| Monica      | Fraser           | Master of Education Leadership                             |
| Christopher | Georgeson        | Master of Education Leadership                             |
| Melissa     | Hyson            | Master of Education Leadership                             |
| Kerry       | Lawrence         | Master of Education Leadership                             |
| Kyra        | Marks            | Master of Education Leadership                             |
| Brad        | Read             | Master of Education Leadership                             |
| Colin       | Smith            | Master of Education Leadership                             |

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|---------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Alysa   | Czenze    | Master of Science Biology          |
| Sarah   | Mackinnon | Master of Science Biology          |
| Maria   | Roy       | Master of Science Biology          |
| Taylor  | Swanburg  | Master of Science Biology          |
| Matthew | Warner    | Master of Science Biology          |
| Jordan  | Pippy     | Master of Science Computer Science |

## Acadia Divinity College Potential Graduands – Fall 2023

*as of October 6, 2023*

List of Fall 2023 potential graduands from Acadia Divinity College, and Christ International Divinity College (CINDICO)

### ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE

Master of Arts (Theology)

Shaw, Spencer

### CHRIST INTERNATIONAL DIVINITY COLLEGE (CINDICO)

#### Bachelor of Theology

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Abetesola, Yetunde Oluwakemi    | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 2. Abina, Elizabeth Modupe         | Kwara State, Nigeria |
| 3. Adelakun, Ebenezer Adelegan     | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 4. Adewumi, Babatunde Daniel       | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 5. Adewumi, Richard Adekanmi       | Ekiti State, Nigeria |
| 6. Afolabi, Igbekele James         | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 7. Ajayi, James                    | Ekiti State, Nigeria |
| 8. Aje, Sunday Gabriel             | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 9. Akinneye, Dayo Oluwaranmilowo   | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 10. Akinnibinu, Rufus Yolemi       | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 11. Akinrotimi, John Oluwole       | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 12. Alalade, Sayo Sina             | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 13. Anthony, Monday Adekunle       | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 14. Awe, Lawrence Sunday           | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 15. Babayemi, Ebenezer Ifeoluwa    | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 16. Elijah, Temitope Esther        | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 17. Fagbade, Kolawole Zacchaeus    | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 18. Michael, Sunday Onimisi        | Kogi State, Nigeria  |
| 19. Obiwale, Bamikole James        | Ekiti State, Nigeria |
| 20. Ogunjobi, Pius Olarewaju       | Ekti State, Nigeria  |
| 21. Oladipo, Olufemi Sunday        | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 22. Olamoyesan, Oluwakemi Esther   | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 23. Olaniyan, Olawale Samson       | Oyo State, Nigeria   |
| 24. Oloruntoba, Temitayo Samuel    | Ekiti State, Nigeria |
| 25. Oluwadiyilemi, Taye            | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 26. Oluwagbohunmi, Olawale Elkanah | Ekiti State, Nigeria |

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 27. Oluwole, Morayo              | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 28. Omisope, Henry Olumuyiwa     | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 29. Omoyajowo, Nicholas Ipinlaye | Ekti State, Nigeria  |
| 30. Owoeye, Producer Akinbayode  | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 31. Oyebade, Kola Daniel         | Ondo State, Nigeria  |
| 32. Oyeniran, Jacob Akinloye     | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 33. Oyeyemi, Timothy O.          | Oyo State, Nigeria   |
| 34. Raji, Paul Lasisi            | Osun State, Nigeria  |
| 35. Salami, Joseph Oluwatoyin    | Kwara State, Nigeria |

## BETHEL BIBLE SEMINARY

### Master of Divinity

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Cheung, Yee Ki         | Hong Kong |
| 2. Fong, Chi To           | Hong Kong |
| 3. Koon, Lai Ha Irene     | Hong Kong |
| 4. Lau, Wai Cheong        | Hong Kong |
| 5. Lee, Pui Kin           | Hong Kong |
| 6. Ng, Ting Fung          | Hong Kong |
| 7. Pang, Heung Ying Alice | Hong Kong |
| 8. Tsai, Lai Yung         | Hong Kong |
| 9. Tung, Yuk Yiu          | Hong Kong |
| 10. Wong, Siu Man         | Hong Kong |

### Master of Theological Studies

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Chan, Yee Kwan           | Hong Kong |
| 2. Choi, King Lap           | Hong Kong |
| 3. Choi, Suk Ling           | Hong Kong |
| 4. Choy, Wai Chu Alice      | Hong Kong |
| 5. Ho, Chiu Fan             | Hong Kong |
| 6. Ho, Wai Yuk Angel        | Hong Kong |
| 7. Ip, Yuk Ying             | Hong Kong |
| 8. Kwok, Sze Man            | Hong Kong |
| 9. Lee, Lok Wang            | Hong Kong |
| 10. Lee, Ting Yan Linus     | Hong Kong |
| 11. Leung, Wing Yin         | Hong Kong |
| 12. Tang, Choi Hung Rainbow | Hong Kong |
| 13. Wong, Suet Yee          | Hong Kong |
| 14. Yeung, Chi Yin          | Hong Kong |
| 15. Yeung, So Hing          | Hong Kong |

### Master of Theological Studies

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|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Wang, Ling Ya | Hong Kong |
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**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 April, may, if circumstances require, be considered by the Chair of the Admissions 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.



**Report of ad hoc Committee of Senate: List of graduands approved in August 2023**

|           |                   |                               |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Andrea    | Alldred           | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Haley     | Andrews           | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Christa   | Bates             | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Donald    | Beaulieu          | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Jade      | Beaupre-Touchette | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Lison     | Belliveau         | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Olivia    | Bolt              | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Justin    | Brown             | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Carleigh  | Campbell          | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Hannah    | Devoe             | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Logan     | DiAdams           | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Michael   | Dill              | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Amanda    | Donovan           | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Evan      | Doucette          | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Morgan    | DuPlessis         | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Matthew   | Ferguson          | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Kaitlyn   | Firth             | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Jack      | Flaman            | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Steven    | Fullerton         | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Caleigh   | Goodwin           | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Kathryn   | Green             | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Emma      | Hackett           | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Michael   | Hammett           | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Kaitlyn   | Hancock           | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Danielle  | Hayden            | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Nicholas  | Hazelwood         | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Grace     | Heighton          | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Maya      | Iatrou            | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Mackayla  | Jollimore         | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Christina | Kelly             | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Mckenzie  | Kelly             | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Maya      | Landesman         | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Hanna     | Larder            | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Breagh    | Lebert            | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Steven    | Lee               | Bach. of Education Secondary  |
| Conor     | McCollum          | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Emma      | McDermid          | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Lindsey   | McGinnis          | Bach. of Education Elementary |
| Lochlan   | Morrison          | Bach. of Education Secondary  |

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| Mckenna  | Morse Mitchell  | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Claire   | Oickle          | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Jillian  | Oldreive        | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Charlene | Porter          | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Emma     | Robertson       | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Lydia    | Ross            | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Emma     | Ryan            | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Hayden   | Saulnier        | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Nicholas | Schofield       | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Justine  | Senior          | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Madison  | Steele          | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Mary     | Steele          | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Luke     | Stepaniak       | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Elijah   | Stephenson      | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Madison  | Thalen          | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Jonathan | Vroom           | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Kaycee   | Ward            | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Amelia   | Ward            | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Taylor   | Witty           | Bach. of Education Elementary                 |
| Bree     | Young           | Bach. of Education Secondary                  |
| Kaethe   | Habenstein-Leal | Bach. of Arts Hons. Sociology 2nd Maj. German |

**Discussion item: Contact Hours During Academic Term- Timetable, Instructional Hours, and Examinations Committee**

Principles for the Preparation of Academic Dates

Principles

1. Class hours that are lost due to holidays will be rescheduled and accounted for in the academic dates. It is possible that these hours may be scheduled during regular hours of the University on days other than the regular class meeting days.
2. The first day of classes in the fall semester will be scheduled on the first Wednesday in September after Labour Day.
3. The first day of classes in the winter semester will be scheduled on the first Monday after January 5<sup>th</sup>.
4. A 5-day reading week will be scheduled in each of the fall and winter terms. In the fall, the break will be scheduled in the last week of October / first week of November. In the winter, it will be scheduled in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Heritage Day holiday.
5. At least one day will be designated as a study day and be scheduled between the last day of classes and the first day of exams.
6. It is desirable that the exam period end as early as possible. No exams should be scheduled after December 20. If required, exams may be scheduled on Sundays.
7. There will be a period of 7 working days between the first day of classes and the last day to add a course or receive a no record withdrawal.
8. The last day to withdraw from classes and receive a 'W' will be the first Friday, two weeks after the Fall and Winter breaks.
9. When possible, there will be 12 weeks of classes.
10. Due to the prevalence of Monday holidays in the fall term, courses with 3h instruction on Mondays are discouraged for that term.
11. In the event that a holiday falls on a weekend, and the holiday is to be observed on a weekday, that the observance be on Friday.
12. Classes are not held on the following holidays:
  - The 6 holidays identified in the Nova Scotia Labour Standards Code as holidays with pay: New Year's Day, Nova Scotia Heritage Day, Good Friday, Canada Day, Labour Day, and Christmas Day.
  - Civic Holiday (1st Monday in August)
  - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
  - Thanksgiving Day
  - Remembrance Day

Survey of Fall 2023 calendar dates for various Canadian institutions, and a few in the US as comparators:

| University                   | Fall Start & End Date | Holidays Observed                          |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Mount Saint Vincent          | Sept. 6th & Dec. 7th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 6-10)          |
| Cape Breton                  | Sept. 6th & Dec. 5th  | TRD, Thks, Rem, Fall Break (Nov 13-17)     |
| Saint Francis Xavier         | Sept. 5th & Dec. 6th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 6-10)          |
| University of King's College | Sept. 5th & Dec. 6th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 13-17)         |
| St. Mary's University        | Sept. 6th & Dec. 6th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 6-12) Rem 13   |
| Dalhousie                    | Sept. 5th & Dec. 6th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov 13-17)          |
| UPEI                         | Sept. 6th & Dec. 6th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 10-13) Rem 13  |
| MUN                          | Sept. 6th & Dec. 2nd  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 10-12) Rem 11  |
| Mount Allison                | Sept. 6th & Dec. 8th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 6-10)          |
| UNB                          | Sept. 6th & Dec. 7th  | Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 6-10)               |
| Bishop's University          | Sept. 6th & Dec. 7th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 23-28)         |
| McGill                       | Aug. 30th & Dec. 5th  | Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 6-11)               |
| McMaster                     | Sept. 5th & Dec. 6th  | Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 9-13)               |
| Waterloo                     | Sept. 6th & Dec. 5th  | Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 9th-13)             |
| University of Toronto        | Sept. 7th & Dec. 6th  | Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 6-10)               |
| Trent University             | Sept. 7th & Dec. 6th  | Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 23-27)              |
| University of Manitoba       | Sept. 6th & Dec. 11th | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 13-17)         |
| University of Winnipeg       | Sept. 5th & Dec. 4th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 8-14), Rem     |
| University of Saskatchewan   | Sept. 6th & Dec. 8th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 9-14), Rem     |
| University of Regina         | Aug. 30th & Dec. 5th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Oct. 9-14), Rem     |
| University of Calgary        | Sept 5th & Dec. 6th   | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 12-18)         |
| University of Alberta        | Sept. 5th & Dec. 8th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 14-17) Rem     |
| UBC                          | Sept. 5th & Dec. 7th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 13-15) Rem     |
| University of Victoria       | Sept. 6th & Dec. 4th  | TRD, Thks, Fall Break (Nov. 13-15) Rem     |
| Simon Fraser                 | Sept. 6th & Dec. 5th  | TRD, Thks, Rem                             |
| Boston University            | Sept. 5th & Dec. 12th | TRD, Thks Fall Break (Nov. 22-26)          |
| University of Maine          | Aug. 28th & Dec. 8th  | Rem, Fall Break Oct. 9/10 Thks (Nov 22-26) |

Note: In 2023, Labour day is Monday September 4, Truth & Reconciliation Day is Saturday September 30, Thanksgiving Monday is October 9 and Remembrance day is Saturday November 11.

There are 7 possible fall terms, determined by what day of the week is September 1<sup>st</sup>. A table summarizing these calendars and the number of days and teaching hours is given below:

| Year         | 1 Sep | #Mon | #Tue | #Wed | #Thu | #Fri | MWF hr | TTh hr | MW hr |
|--------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2025         | M     | 11   | 10   | 13   | 13   | 13   | 37     | 34.5   | 36    |
| 2026         | T     | 11   | 12   | 11   | 12   | 12   | 34     | 36     | 33    |
| 2027         | W     | 11   | 12   | 12   | 11   | 12   | 35     | 34.5   | 34.5  |
| 2022         | Th    | 11   | 12   | 13   | 12   | 10   | 34     | 36     | 36    |
| 2023         | F     | 11   | 12   | 12   | 12   | 10   | 33     | 36     | 34.5  |
| 2029         | Sa    | 11   | 12   | 13   | 13   | 11   | 35     | 37.5   | 36    |
| 2024         | Su    | 10   | 12   | 12   | 12   | 12   | 34     | 36     | 33    |
|              |       |      |      |      |      |      |        |        |       |
| average of 7 |       | 10.9 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 12.1 | 11.4 | 34.6   | 35.8   | 34.7  |

Dates for 2029 have not been approved by Senate, and are constructed using the “Principles”.

**Announcements**

**PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR REPORT – OCTOBER 11, 2023**

Senior Administrative Searches

Searches are in progress for the roles of Provost and Vice President Academic, and Vice President Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer. The Griffith Group has been engaged as the agency of record to facilitate these searches. Campus and community consultations for the PVPA position will begin shortly and Senators are encouraged to provide input on the ideal candidate profile for this important role. The VPFA/CFO search is in the first interview stage.

Search Committee: VPFA/CFO

Genna Beed (Acadia Students' Union)

Kerry Deveau (Human Resources)

Nancy Handrigan (Senior Admin)

Jeff Hennessy (Chair)

Stephen MacLean (Faculty)

Bethany Moffat (Board of Governors)

Darrell Youden (Senior Admin)

Search Committee: PVPA

Stephen Ahern (Faculty of Arts)

Jeff Banks (Faculty of Pure and Applied Science)

Mark Bishop (Registrar)

Melinda Daye (Board of Governors)

David Duke (Dean of Arts)

Shelley Fleckenstein (Board of Governors)

Jeff Hennessy (President and Chair)

Sadie McAlear (Acadia Students' Union)

Donna Sears (Faculty of Professional Studies)

Danny Zacharias (Faculty of Theology)

Support for both Searches:

Natalie Weekes, Acadia

Jane Griffith, Griffith Group

The position of Vice Provost, Equity Diversity and Inclusion remains vacant currently. This crucial role is under review to clarify its mandate, reporting lines, budget, resources, and scope. I hope to report a direction on this to the next meeting of Senate.

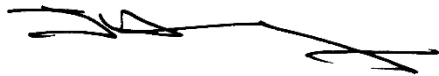
The ultimate goal is to build a senior leadership team that places a priority on positive workplace culture, community building, collaboration, empathy, and a focus on advancing the academic mission of the university.

#### Government Relations

With the recent provincial government Cabinet shuffle, the Department of Advanced Education was assigned a new Deputy Minister. Ryan Grant was formerly the Executive Director of Finance and Treasury Board, and before that was the Chief of Staff to former Premier McNeil. He is scheduled to visit Acadia on October 20.

The Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP) has made several presentations to the Department of Advanced Education in anticipation of the next funding agreement with the province, and AE has presented to Treasury Board. We are waiting for a response from TB regarding next steps. We anticipate the funding arrangement will involve a blanket MOU with additional bilateral agreements between the government and individual universities. Acadia has submitted short and long-term capital and operating funding needs assessments to the Department regarding the Nursing program, and this will partially inform our bilateral funding discussions over the next several months.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey J. Hennessy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey J. Hennessy, Ph.D. (he/him)  
President and Vice Chancellor

## **PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC REPORT TO SENATE – OCTOBER 11, 2023**

### **ACADEMIC PLANNING UPDATES:**

- The Academic Units and Faculties submitted requests for 33 tenure-track/continuing positions. These positions have been ranked – please see the report of the Academic Planning Committee.
- An Academic Program Development, Quality Assurance, and Planning website will soon be launched. The website will contain information and resources for both program development processes and academic program reviews.

### **TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATES:**

The Teaching and Learning website will officially launch for the Winter 2024 semester. It will act as an online hub for the Acadia teaching community to access important information, services, and resources. The website will initially be managed by the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, and sections will go live throughout the fall semester as they are completed. The website will be supported with a SharePoint or ACORN course site for teaching resources and an opt-in Teaching Listserv for improved communication.

Initially the website will connect faculty members with:

- Workshops and Events
- ACORN Support
- Professional Development opportunities for faculty (Including Maple League Initiatives)
- Teaching Awards (Information for applications and highlighting past winners)
- Grants (Evans Scholars and TLEA)
- Teaching Resources
- Policies (directing faculty members to up-to-date policies that support their teaching)
- Curriculum
- Senate Learning and Teaching Committee

Creating communities of practice will be the focus for faculty professional development programming through the VP TLE this year, starting with the launch of the New Faculty Community of Practice in October 2023.

### **PEOPLE UPDATES:**

- Acadia is going to begin a “Last Lecture” series to celebrate its retiring faculty members. This initiative is spearheaded by the Dean of Arts.
- Laurie Bolland of the School of Education and the AVRCE is the recipient of a French Second Language Advocate of the Year award in recognition of her work promoting education and training of French teachers in the Valley and across the province.



## **PROGRAM UPDATES:**

### **APPLIED BIOSCIENCE**

The proposal has been submitted to MPHEC.

### **ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP)**

Acadia and NSCC have signed a pathway agreement to facilitate the admission of qualified NSCC students to academic programs at Acadia. The agreement recognizes completion of NSCC's EAP program as meeting Acadia's English Proficiency requirement.

### **M.Ed COUNSELLING**

The Red Spruce Mental Health Centre has officially opened. This is a partnership between the Counselling Centre and the M.Ed. in Counselling. Acadia University M.Ed Counselling students, counsellors, coordinators, and research assistants will provide all services in the Red Spruce Centre under the supervision of counsellor educators/faculty.

The aim of the Red Spruce Centre is to “provide accessible, affordable, and responsive services to individuals, groups, couples, and families, while simultaneously promoting the development of leaders in the counselling profession”. The vision of the Red Spruce Centre is to “be a national model for equitable counselling, counsellor education, and research, providing services to our communities and partnerships across the Annapolis Valley”.

The M.Ed is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counsellor Education Programs (CACEP). Accreditation requires a minimum of 500 hours of practicum, divided into two parts (100 + 400 hours). Acadia's program has been unable to meet this requirement. M.Ed students will now be able to complete their first practicum internally at the Red Spruce, which will also provide low-cost counselling services to Acadia students and the community.

### **NURSING PROGRAM**

A defined operating agreement with Cape Breton University is being prepared. This is a requirement under MPHEC approval of the satellite Nursing program at Acadia. The agreement will clarify the responsibilities and obligations of our two institutions in terms of program oversight, recruitment and employment status, curriculum and accreditation, and financial responsibilities.

Emmerson Hall has been identified as the temporary home for the Nursing program. Acadia is in contact with CBU for specs in order to begin renovations so that the classrooms and simulation labs are ready for Fall 2024. This is imperative for approval of the program by the Nova Scotia College of Nurses.

A job description for an Administrative Assistant is being prepared and the position will be advertised shortly. Two CBU faculty members are on campus: Steve Iduye is the Chair of the Nursing Expansion and Sue Venter is responsible for the placement component of the program.

Now that operational matters are clearer, the Ad Hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee will shift its focus to primarily academic matters.

### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN MARITIME SECURITY**

The Maritime Security Certificate is a program run by Open Acadia and the International Association of Maritime Security Professionals. It was created with external funding provided by Irving Shipbuilding.

Under the agreement between Acadia and IAMSP, students are supposed to follow a series of courses at Acadia and IAMSP. The agreement states that the Acadia courses will be a mix of credit and non-credit courses; however, this is not the way the program has been implemented, and only non-credit courses are being offered as part of the program.

The program is an anomaly compared to other non-credit programs offered through Open Acadia. Its viability is under review and programs of this nature will not be pursued by Acadia in the future without consultation.

### **PSYD (PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORATE)**

The Government has signalled its support for the development of a PsyD program at Acadia. The Department of Psychology is now working to prepare a PsyD budget proposal that takes into account the continued existence of its Master's in Psychology. Acadia has committed to submitting this budget by 30 November 2023, with a view to offering the program starting in the 2025-2026 academic year. The emphasis of the Acadia PsyD will be Clinical Psychology with a trauma focus.

### **STUDENT SURVEYS:**

Last year, the Senate Subcommittee on Course and Teaching Effectiveness recommended an MoA on student surveys because there was a lack of clarity over the process. The committee recommended reviewing articles 15.55, 15.60(b) and 17.02 A(n). An MoA for 2023-2024 has not been agreed, which means that the language in the Collective Agreement relating to surveys still stands. That said, the administration is unable to compile aggregate data.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Ashley  
Vice-President Academic (Interim)

## **ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND GRADUATE STUDIES REPORT TO SENATE – OCTOBER 11, 2023**

### **Associate VP Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies Report to Senate – October 2023**

On September 18th, a well-attended, campus-wide Honours Student Summer Research Showcase was held in the KC Irving Environmental Science Centre auditorium. The event provided in-person highlights of more than 20 student projects that were supported by Acadia's HSRA program, Donor awards or the Tri-Council Undergraduate Student Research Award program. This celebratory research event was organized by two graduate students, Molly Sutherland and Allie Delaney, with support from Dr Jenny Rand and the Office of Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies. Thanks to all who came out to support our undergraduate research students! The next student research showcase (Honours and Graduate Students) is expected in March 2024.

### **EXTERNAL GRANTS TO FACULTY**

#### **Canadian Foundation for Innovation (John R. Evans Leaders Fund) & Research Nova Scotia**

- Dr. Emily Bremer (Kinesiology & Tier II Canada Research Chair) has been awarded \$458,390 from CFI (40%) and \$458,390 from Research Nova Scotia (40%) towards creating the Acadia University Inclusive Movement & Health Lab. This will be a modern suite of facilities, located in the Athletics Complex, for the study of physical literacy, physical activity, and health among children and youth with disabilities. Total project funding is \$1,145,976.

#### **University of Regina/SSHRC– Funding Sub-Agreement**

- Dr. Mary Sweatman (Community Development) received \$5,000 in SSHRC funding for her collaboration in the University of Regina led SSHRC Partnership Development Grant project entitled: *Community-campus responses to crisis: Opportunities for community engagement and networked learning for climate change resilience.*

#### **University of Victoria/SSHRC – Funding Sub-Agreement/Amendment**

- Dr. Jon Saklofske (English & Theatre) received \$10,277 for his collaborative contributions to an ongoing SSHRC Large Partnership project entitled: *Implementing open scholarship: foundations for social engagement at scale.*

### **RESEARCH & SERVICE AGREEMENTS**

#### **Province of New Brunswick – Services Agreement**

- Dr. Laura Ferguson (Biology) was awarded \$88,000 in funding for her project, *Vector Mosquitos in New Brunswick*.

#### **Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) – Services Agreement**

- Dr. Michael Stokesbury (Biology) received \$7,000 in funding for his project *Acoustic tagging of migratory fish to determine species specific movement, residency, and distribution in Minas Passage*.

#### **Environment & Climate Change Canada – Services Agreement**

- Dr. Mark Mallory (Biology) received \$39,100 in funding for his project entitled: *Analysis of plastic pollution in sediments from eastern Canada*.

#### **International Commission of the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)**

- Acadia University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ICCAT from Madrid, Spain. Dr. Michael Stokesbury (Biology) will assist on the project, *Atlantic-Wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna*.

#### **MITACS AWARDS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH INTERNS**

- Dr. Mary Sweatman (Community Development) was awarded \$20,000 in Mitacs Accelerate Internship funding in partnership with Native Council of Nova Scotia. Project Title: *Weaving Narratives: Nourishing Kinship through stories of Self-Determination from women of the non-status Mi'kmaq nation*.

#### **OTHER AWARDS/RESEARCH FUNDING**

National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) Projects - \$10,000

- Dr. Suzie Currie (Biology) was awarded \$5,000 to collaborate with Manewagi Technologies Inc. Project Title: *Using a fish model to understand effects of psilocybin on neurogenesis and behaviour*.
- Dr. Mo Snyder (Earth & Environmental Science) was awarded \$5,000 to collaborate with Scient Analytics Inc. Project Title: *Hyperspectral Imaging in Nova Scotia's Maritimes Basin*.

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

In August & September 2023, ALAB conducted analytical testing for 26 clients in the Atlantic region (\$3,162). These tests are in addition to testing conducted under a \$200,000/yr Service Agreement with the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC).

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **Acadia Hosts Springboard Atlantic's Network Meeting**

On September 20 & 21, the Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICE) welcomed Springboard Atlantic and over 30 representatives from Springboard's 19 member institutions (14 universities – including Acadia and five colleges from across Atlantic Canada) for the Fall network meeting.

As part of this meeting, ICE organized a tour of the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens to highlight the expertise and infrastructure available for research collaborations.

Research Information Session: *Grants, Awards, Contracts & Research Accounts - From the Funding Proposal to the Account Set-up and Everything In-Between!*

In partnership with the Finance Office, the Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies (RIGS) Office hosted an information session (via TEAMS) for new and established faculty members on September 25th. The session covered the internal processes involved in applying for/receiving external grants and contracts, setting up research accounts, ongoing project management and reporting, etc. The session was recorded and is now available on the RIGS website.

### **Acadia Hosts NRC-IRAP Industry Technology Advisor (ITA) Annual Meeting**

Acadia's Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICE) hosted 20 Industry Technology Advisors (ITAs) from the National Research Council's - Industry Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) on September 26th & 27th. During their meeting ICE and the Acadia Institute for Data Analytics (AIDA) gave presentations to the ITAs highlighting the expertise, programs and infrastructure available on campus followed by a tour of research facilities, including the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, the Huestis Innovation Pavilion and the Sensory Centre.

## **RESEARCH GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS - SUBMISSION DATES**

### **Internal**

- University Research Fund (Article 25.55) - October 15; February 1
- Harrison McCain Foundation Grants – anticipated in Spring, date TBA

### **External**

- SSHRC Insight Grants - October 1 (extended to the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- SSHRC Connection Grants - November 1, February 1, May 1, August 1
- SSHRC Partnership Development Grants - November 15
- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants - September 15 December 15, March 15, June 15
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments - October 25

- NSERC Discovery Grant - November 1
- NSERC Alliance (partnership) Grants – Open Call
- Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI-JELF) - October 15
- NS Habitat Conservation Fund - October 15
- MITACS (student and post-doc internships; various programs) – Open
- CLARI (Change Lab Action Research Initiative; <https://actionresearch.ca/>) – Open Call

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Redden, PhD

Associate VP Research, Innovation & Graduate Studies

**ACADIA STUDENTS' UNION – OCTOBER 11, 2023**

No written announcements received as of October 6, 2023.

## ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE AND FACULTY OF THEOLOGY – OCTOBER 11, 2023

- The Acadia Centre for Baptist and Anabaptist Studies hosted the Zeman Lecture on September 18 . The title of the lecture was "Mennonites and the Dutch Art World: Faith and Visual Culture in the Dutch Republic," and was given by Dr. Nina Schroeder-van't Schip from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
- On behalf of Acadia University, ADC hosted the leadership of Bethel Bible Seminary on September 19-22. Dr. Wai Ho (Benjamin) Wat, President; Dr. Sau Yi (Kenny) Wan, Registrar; and Dr. Yee Kin (Rachel) Wat-Lai, Director of Field Education & Professor of Christian Education. Special thanks to President Hennessy for making the time in his day to meet with President Wat.
- The annual Hayward lectures took place on October 2–4. We welcomed Dr. Willie James Jennings from Yale Divinity School, who is a thought leader in constructive theology, Africana, and race studies. The topic of the lectures was “The Redemption of the Land: Rethinking the Place of Salvation.”
- ADC is beginning the process of year-long research funded by In Trust Centre for Theological Schools, to determine the changing continuing education needs of clergy in Atlantic Canada. This will feed into a new continuing education program called ADC Expand that begins this summer during our East Coast Theology summer school.
- We are beginning a new phase of collaborative work with our partners at NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community to relate together as a learning community for decolonization and innovation in theology education. This is a large project involving other seminary partners, and funded through a \$5 million grant from the Lilly Endowment to NAIITS. This work will merge with our own Lilly project focused on experimentation and the future of theological education.
- Changes are coming to the partnerships we steward on behalf of the University. The first of these that will come to the Senate relates to actions of the Hong Kong government to disallow the awarding of Acadia certificates to degree students at Bethel Bible Seminary.

Dr. Anna Robbins,  
President of Acadia Divinity College, and Dean of Theology for Acadia University

**Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)  
Senate Transition Report  
4 October 2023**

Membership:

Provost & VP Academic (Chair): Kate Ashley

Registrar or delegate: Mark Bishop

1 Arts: vacant

1 Professional Studies: Janna Wentzell

1 Pure and Applied Science: Glenys Gibson

1 Governor: Tracey McGillivray

Dean of Faculty under review: David Duke, Corinne Haigh, Rob Raeside

The APRC committee met on 25 September 2023 and reviewed the tasks assigned to it by the Senate.

The **Chair** of this committee is Kate Ashley.

**Meeting Dates:** The APRC will meet twice in the Fall term, once in the Winter term, and additional meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

**Meeting modalities:** Meetings will take place in-person or in a hybrid format using Teams.

The APRC's **mandate** is:

- a. to determine policy and procedures for conducting program reviews;
- b. to determine annually which academic units are to be reviewed;
- c. to select the members of each unit review committee;
- d. to oversee the process of review in each case;
- e. to make recommendations to Senate on the basis of the findings of each unit review committee;
- f. to deal with such matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

The APRC's **goals** for 2023-2024 are to:

- Review how to deal with requests for deferrals
- Review how to approach program reviews for small units
- Review how to make better use of unit plans
- Discuss how to follow up on program reviews that were started but not completed



- **Discuss process for reviewing minors**

The APRC also voted unanimously in favour of a motion to be brought to the Senate By-Laws Committee: "That the Program Development, Quality Assurance and Planning Coordinator be added as a non-voting member to the APRC".

**Admissions and Academic Standing (Policy) Committee  
Transition Report to Senate – 4 October 2023**

**Committee Membership:**

VP Academic (Chair): Kate Ashley

Registrar: Mark Bishop

Student VP Academic and External: vacant

Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies: Corinne Haigh

Dean, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences: Rob Raeside

Dean, Faculty of Arts: David Duke

Director, Open Acadia: vacant

Arts (Head): vacant

Arts (Representative): Marc Ramsay

Professional Studies (Director): Darren Kruisselbrink

Professional Studies (Representative): Ayman Aljarrah

Pure & Applied Science (Head): Paul Arnold

Pure & Applied Science (Representative): Bobby Ellis

Theology Representative (voting on Theology matters only): vacant

The Committee met on October 2, 2023, and reviewed the tasks assigned to it by the Senate of Acadia University.

The Chair of this committee is: Kate Ashley

Set meeting dates for the upcoming year: The committee will meet once per term, with additional meetings as needed.

Decide on acceptable meeting modalities for the upcoming year: Meetings will take place in-person or in a hybrid format using Teams.

The committee's mandate is as follows:

Duties: To interpret and to apply the conditions of admissions and academic standing as outlined in the University Calendar and to make recommendations to Senate with respect to policy as it relates to admissions, failures, and academic regulations.

The committee's goals for the 2023-2024 are:

1. To discuss restricted admission goals and processes and to coordinate with other relevant committees on this.
2. To work with academic units to discuss any unit-specific revisions of academic and admission policies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Ashley, Chair

**Board of Open Acadia  
Transition Report 2023  
Meeting of the Senate 4 October 2023**

Membership:

VP Academic (Chair): Kate Ashley

Associate VP Finance & Treasure: Mary MacVicar

Director of Open Acadia: vacant

Registrar: Mark Bishop

Dean, Faculty of Pure & Applied Science: Rob Raeside

Dean, Faculty of Arts: David Duke

Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies: Corinne Haigh

Student Representative: Vacant

The Committee met on September 21, 2023, and reviewed the tasks assigned to it by the Senate of Acadia University.

The Chair of this committee is: Kate Ashley

Set meeting dates for the upcoming year: The committee will meet twice per term, with additional meetings as needed.

Decide on acceptable meeting modalities for the upcoming year: Meetings will take place in-person or in a hybrid format using Teams.

The Board of Open Acadia's mandate is as follows:

The duties of the Board of Open Acadia are to formulate, review and modify policy pertaining to the operation and enhancement of the program in Continuing Education at Acadia University.

Goals for the coming year are identified as follows:

1. Review the current organization and functions of Open Acadia;
2. Review the 'Open Acadia: Where to Now?' document;
3. Review Committee membership;
4. Review Open Acadia reporting (types of information needed, frequency).

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ashley, Chair

**Academic Planning Committee (APC)**  
**Report to Senate**  
**4 October 2023**

Membership:

Vice-President Academic: Kate Ashley  
Dean, Faculty of Arts: David Duke  
Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies: Corinne Haigh  
Dean, Faculty of Pure & Applied Science: Rob Raeside  
Dean: Libraries and Archives: Jennifer Richard  
Faculty, Faculty of Arts: Paul Abela  
Faculty, Faculty of Professional Studies: Janna Wentzell  
Faculty, Faculty of Pure & Applied Science: Jeff Banks  
Faculty, IDST Program: Donna Seamone  
Student: Benjamin Morris

The Academic Planning Committee met on 5 September 2023 and 2 October 2023.

Prior to the September meeting, committee members reviewed the reports and plans from the Faculties and the Library and Archives. The academic units requested 33 faculty positions (24 tenure track, 8 instructors, 1 'other'). Between 5-13 September, committee members submitted their individual rankings of all positions to the Chair, who averaged the rankings to create the overall committee ranking:

Rank Position

- 1 FPAS 1 TT Earth and Environmental Science – First-Year/Igneous Geology
- 2 FA 1 Instructor - ESST
3. FPS 1 TT Education – Teacher Education (Healthy Learning Environments)
4. FPAS 2 Instructor – Math & Stats Lab Support
5. FA 2 TT History & Classics
6. FPS 2 TT Education – Teacher Education (Assessment)
7. *FPAS 3 TT Psychology – Developmental Psychology*
8. *FPS 3 Instructor – Kinesiology – Teaching, Leadership and Coaching*
9. FPAS 4 Instructor – Biology – Biodiversity
10. FA 3 TT German – Modern German Studies
- 11 FPAS 5 TT Biology – Marine Biology
- 12 FA 4 TT English & Theatre - Victorian
- 13 FPS 4 TT Education – Counsellor Education
- 14 FPAS 6 Instructor – Psychology – Statistics Help Centre
- 15 FPS 5 Instructor – Kinesiology – Motor Learning/Motor Development

- 16 FPAS 7 TT Math & Stats – Data Science
- 17 FPAS 8 TT Psychology – Social Neuroscience
- 18 *FPAS 9 TT Biology – Animal Physiology*
- 19 *FA 5 TT Sociology – Criminology*
- 20 FPS 7 TT Music – Music Therapy
- 21 FPS 6 TT equivalent – the CLT extension
- 22 FPAS 10 Instructor – Nutrition and Dietetics – Food Management
- 23 FPAS 11 TT Biology – Human Biology
- 24 FA 6 TT ESST/CODE – Food Sustainability
- 25 FPS 7 TT Education – Teacher Education (Secondary Science and Technology)
- 26 FPAS 12 TT Earth and Environmental Science
- 27 FPS 7 TT Community Development/ESST – Food sustainability
- 28 FA 7 TT Politics – Indigenous Politics
- 29 FPAS 13 TT Math & Stats – Actuarial Science
- 30 FPAS 14 Instructor Math & Stats – MASH Instructor
- 31 *FA TT Sociology – Health, Environment and/or Food Studies*
- 32 *FPAS 15 TT Nutrition and Dietetics*
- 33 FPAS 16 TT Biotechnology

\*italics = a tie between two positions

The committee met again on 2 October and discussed the ranking process and timelines for academic hiring. Specifically, the committee discussed the following items, with a view to making recommendations to Senate at a later date:

- The participation of APC faculty representatives at relevant faculty planning meetings;
- Inviting all APC members to faculty planning meetings;
- Moving the submission date for unit and faculty plans forward to early June to allow for more detailed review and discussion by the APC;
- The advantages/disadvantages of ranking instructor, librarian and tenure-track positions together or separately.

At its next meeting, it will continue these discussions and also identify academic priorities for 2024-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ashley, Chair

## **Report of the ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Current committee membership (alphabetical):

- Kate Ashley, VP Academic (Interim)
- Mark Bishop, University Registrar (guest)
- Corinne Haigh, Dean, Professional Studies (Chair)
- Matt Lukeman, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Pure and Applied Science representative
- Benjamin Morris, VP Academic for the Acadia Students' Union
- Rob Raeside, Dean, Pure and Applied Science (Interim)
- Maggie Neilson, Vaughan Memorial Library
- Roxanne Seaman, School of Kinesiology, Chair, Senate Curriculum Committee (Policy)
- Janna Wentzell, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Professional Studies representative
- Ian Wilks, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts representative
- Brian Wilson, Department of Biology

This report is intended to provide Senate with an overview of this committee's work to date, and to share information related to a Nursing Program at Acadia University, as curated by this committee.

The ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee has met three times since the July meeting of Senate (July 20<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>).

### *Updates on approvals required*

- Satellite Program: CBU has secured approval from both the Atlantic Advisory Committee on Health Human Resources (AACHHR) and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) to deliver their program at a satellite location (Acadia). Approval is still needed from the Nova Scotia College of Nursing (NSCN). As with previous proposals, CBU is the lead on this submission with Acadia providing supporting information as needed. to deliver their program at a satellite location (Acadia)
  - A copy of the MPHEC submission was shared with the ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee

### *Recruitment and admissions*

- We currently have 23 direct entry students admitted to the program.
- We did not meet our target with regard to designated seats. Only 1 of 21 seats is filled by a student who is Mi'kmaq, Indigenous, and/or African Nova Scotian.
  - We will continue to work with CBU who have developed extensive expertise in recruitment of designated groups. We will also build on existing community partnerships and explore new partnerships in Western Nova Scotia.
- The Nursing program was represented at the Open House on September 28<sup>th</sup>. An information session was led by our partners from the CBU School of Nursing (Steve Iduye and Sue Venter), with an introduction to this inter-institutional partnership by the Dean of Professional Studies. These colleagues also participated in the academic program fair.
- There will be no opportunity for Direct Admission at Open House events as students need to write the Casper test before applying and being admitted.

### *Academic orientation*

- Students were block registered into their 1<sup>st</sup> year classes over the summer.
- An orientation event for incoming nursing students took place on September 5<sup>th</sup> and was a very positive event, led by our partners from the CBU School of Nursing (Steve Iduye and Sue Venter), with an introduction to this inter-institutional partnership by the Dean of Professional Studies.

### *Curriculum submissions*

- There has been some discussion of a revisiting of the purpose/focus of the Committee. In the long term, it may become an advisory committee for the Nursing Program. This discussion will continue as we move through this next academic year and any change in mandate would be brought to Senate for discussion and approval.
- In the short-term, it was agreed that the ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee will serve as the “academic unit” when it comes to the passing of curricular changes. As the School of Nursing is within the Faculty of Professional Studies, the ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee will review curriculum documents for presentation and approval by the Planning Committee in the Faculty of Professional Studies (FPS), followed by FPS Council, the Senate Curriculum Committee, and then Senate. The committee will invite CBU representatives to participate in this committee, and to support our discussion of these curriculum submissions.
  - Initially, existing CBU practical and clinical courses need to be adopted and approved. At a later stage, Acadia can develop our own program with additions and changes to the curriculum.
  - The committee will next meet to discuss curriculum documents the week of Oct. 16-20, and will start by prioritizing courses for terms 3-5.



- The committee has begun some discussion of placements, including how far from campus these should be. Students in other programs (e.g., School of Nutrition and Dietetics) are placed in Bridgewater, Yarmouth and Kentville. Housing may be a challenge for students in placements.

*Infrastructure and equipment*

- It is anticipated that Emmerson Hall will serve as a site for the pilot program for a few years.
- Acadia is planning on building a new facility for the Nursing School which might serve other programs on campus as well.
- Marcel Falkenham, Executive Director of Facilities and the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, is working with counterparts at CBU on both of these projects.
- A list of Nursing specific equipment has been created for purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Haigh

Chair, ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee

Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies