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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 Monday, September 11th, 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) Reports from Senate Sub-Committees

- i) Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee (*A. Kiefte*) ([attached, pages 2-3](#))
- ii) Academic Planning Committee (*K. Ashley*) ([attached, pages 4-5](#))

3) Announcements ([attached, pages 6-16](#))

4) New Business

- a) Enrolment Update (*S. Duguay*) ([attached, pages 17-20](#))
- b) Senate Survey Brief Report (*A. Kiefte*) ([attached, page 21](#))
- c) Nursing programming update (*J. Sachs*)
- d) Micro-credentials, certificates, and non-credit programming update- work of both Ad Hoc Committee and Board of Open Acadia (*J. Sachs*)

5) Question Period – President and Vice-President Academic

6) Other Business

7) Adjournment

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

G. Menon,
Recording Secretary of Senate and University Secretary

**Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee
Report to Acadia University Senate
September 2023**

The Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee met in June and August to adjudicate student academic appeals of dismissal and probation academic standing. Work was also carried out electronically when necessary. There was a quorum of voting members present at all meetings.

The appeal process is carried out through ACORN submission “courses”, within which the students submit responses to the self-reflection questionnaire, submit a person letter written by them, and submit any other supporting documents. Student transcripts and other supporting documents received are also provided on the ACORN pages for committee review.

There were two appeal deadlines:

June 16, 2023- for students who received notification of dismissal or probation by May 19

July 28, 2023- for students who received notification of dismissal or probation after May 19 (due to grade changes, etc)

Considered during the June meetings (received by the June 16th deadline):

101 students with Dismissal academic standing

- 31 students appealed
- 17 appeals granted (academic standing changed from Dismissal to Probation)

97 students with Probation academic standing

- 23 students appealed
- 7 appeals granted (academic standing changed from Probation to Good Standing)

Considered in August:

14 additional students with Dismissal academic standing after May 19

- 6 students appealed
- 3 appeals granted (academic standing changed from Dismissal to Probation)

8 additional students with Probation academic standing

- 1 student appealed
- 0 appeals granted

The committee members for 2022-2023 were:

Chair (Chair of Senate): Anna Kiefte - ex-officio

Registrar or Delegate (non voting): Mark Bishop - ex-officio

Executive Director of Student Services or Delegate (non voting): Adam Detienne - ex-officio

1 Arts faculty member: Jessica Slights

1 Arts faculty member: Christian Thomas

1 Prof. St. faculty member: Ashley Doyle
1 Prof. St. faculty member: Jeff Torbert (until June 2023), Birdie Bezanson (as of July 2023)
1 P&A Sc. faculty member: Emma Connon
1 P&A Sc. faculty member: John Murimboh
1 Theology faculty member: Anna Robbins
1 Student: Benjamin Morris (ASU VPA/E)

The Chair wishes to express her gratitude and appreciation to the committee for their work and careful deliberations. In addition, the Chair wishes to thank the Registrar for receiving documents and correspondence from students and communicating decisions on behalf of the Committee, and Terry Aulenbach for his careful work in creating the secure ACORN “courses” for this process.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Kiefe
Chair

**Academic Planning Committee
Transition Report 2023
Meeting of the Senate
September 11, 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: vacant
Student: Benjamin Morris

The Academic Planning Committee (APC) met on September 5, 2023 to review the tasks assigned to it by the Senate of Acadia University.

Chair: Kate Ashley, Vice-President Academic

Meeting dates for the upcoming year: The APC will meet on a monthly basis.

Meeting modalities for the upcoming year: Hybrid meetings held via MS Teams and in-person.

The APC's mandate is as follows:

1. The APC shall make recommendations to Senate on matters relating to academic principles and planning.
2. In carrying out its work, the APC shall consult widely with all stakeholders and relevant bodies on campus. The APC shall report regularly to Senate, no less than two times per year.

APC goals for the coming year:

1. Establish academic priorities for 2024-2025
2. Prepare and present a post-budget report to Senate
3. Review and rank faculty position requests for 2024-2025
4. Invite heads/coordinators of new programs to submit concise reports to APC
5. Identify and make recommendations on academic matters relating to incoming students
6. Review tenure-track position ranking process

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ashley, Chair

Announcements

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR REPORT – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

No written announcements received as of September 1, 2023

VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC REPORT TO SENATE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC REPORT TO SENATE – SEPTEMBER 2023

This is a time of transition within the Vice-President's Office. I'd like to acknowledge the work done by Dr. Anna Redden, who took on the role of interim Provost and Vice-President Academic over the summer, and who has helped facilitate my move into the interim VPA role.

APPOINTMENTS UPDATES:

This year Acadia welcomes 17 faculty to full-time continuing appointments, 35 new and returning faculty in limited term appointments, one instructor conversion, and over 80 faculty members in per-course appointments. Please join me in thanking them for helping to make Acadia's quality undergraduate education possible.

Full-time faculty from the Faculty of Arts:

- Barry Watson (ECON)
- Amanda Peters (ENG/THEA)
- Fikir Haile (POLI) (Starting July 2024)
- Foroogh Mohammadi (SOCl)
- Kim Borden Penney (WGST)
- Stephen Goyette (LANG/LIT)
- Alicia Kantor (LANG/LIT) PAD
- Nikola Hausen (LANG/LIT) PAD
- Koudjo Mario Degle (LANG/LIT) LECTEUR
- Nateo Djefal (LANG/LIT) LECTEUR
- Elyana Matos (LANG/LIT)
- Marina Davidson (LANG/LIT)
- Emily Lockhart (SOCl)
- Rabindra Chaulagain (SOCl)
- Natalie Swain (HIST)
- Sheena Bernett (ENG/THEA)
- Sabujkoli Bandopadhyay (WGST)
- Patrick Vitale (WGST ESST)

Full-time Faculty from the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science:

- Andrew Daoust (PSYCH) (starting Nov 1)
- Esteve Hassan (COMP) (starting Dec 1)

- Sazia Mahfuz (COMP)
- Lydia Bouzar-Benlabiod (COMP)
- Zoe Panchen (BIO) (starting Nov 1)
- Kenneth Leslie (PSYCH)
- Dawn Ryan (PSYCH)
- Matt Orr (PSYCH)
- Sandra Barr (EES)
- Nathan Grieve (MATH)
- Danielle Quinn (MATH)
- Matthew Hazel (BIO)
- Jennifer Kershaw (BIO)
- Wasundara Fernando (BIO)
- Kendra Sampson (BIO)
- Judy Lowe (NUTR)
- Acacia Puddester (NUTR)
- Mark Amegadzie (ENGINEER)

Full-Time Faculty from the Faculty of Professional Studies:

- Shelley Price (BUSI) (Starting Dec 2023)
- Martin Morrison (EDUC)
- Ahlam Rahal (EDUC)
- Deborah Toope (EDUC)
- Alicia Noreiga-Mundaroy (CODE)
- Birdie Bezanson (EDUC)
- Marie-Christina Edwards (EDUC)
- Natalie Dempsey (EDUC)
- Tristan De Borba (MUSI)
- Ian Squires (KINE)
- Chelsey Hall (KINE)
- Sarah Bohunicky (KINE)
- Kent Williams (BUSI)
- David Smart (BUSI)

Full-Time Faculty from the Libraries and Archives:

- Ciaran Purdome – Digital Archivist
- Agnieszka Hayes (LIB)

Full-Time Faculty from the Divinity College:

- Grace Wing Yi Au – Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies
- Glen Berry – Associate Professor of Pastoral Psychology
- Jody Linkletter – Assistant Professor of Next Generation Ministry
- D. Steven Porter – Assistant Professor of Church Innovation and Evangelism

We also are happy to welcome several academic administrators to Acadia (or to new roles at Acadia):

- Jeff Hennessy – President and Vice-Chancellor
- Darrell Youden – Interim Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Chief Financial Officer
- David Duke – Dean of Arts
- Robert Raeside – Interim Dean of Pure and Applied Science
- Jennifer Richard – Acting Dean of Libraries and Archives
- Kristin Williams - Director of the School of Business
- Connie Foote – Acting Director of the School of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Paul Arnold – Acting Director of Engineering (until Dec 31, 2023)
- Scott Bishop – Director of the School of Engineering (starting Jan 2024)
- Liam Swiss, Head of Sociology

- John Colton, Head of Community Development
- Nelson O'Driscoll, Head of Environmental and Earth Sciences
- Mary Sweatman, Acting Head of Community Development (while J. Colton is on sabbatical)
- Jessica Slights, Acting Head of English and Theatre
- Stephen Henderson, Acting Head of History
- Glyn Bissix – Coordinator of the ESST program
- Erin Crandall – Coordinator of the LAWS program
- Andrew Biro – Coordinator of the SPT program

We also have new chairs:

- Alex Marland, Jarislowsky Chair
- Matthew Lukeman, George H. Wallace Chair
- Jennie Rand, Alan D. Foulis Chair

PROGRAM UPDATES:

POLITICS

MPHEC approval has been received to modify the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science to a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, subject to the condition that Acadia confirm that it has added a regulation requiring students doing a second major in Politics to complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-level content.

LAW and SOCIETY PROGRAM

The Law and Society major is welcoming its first students this term (29 majors). The introductory LAWS 1003 has proven popular, and an additional section was added. A proposal to create a cooperative education option will go to the Senate Curriculum Committee this fall.

APPLIED BIOSCIENCE

The proposal received Senate approval at the June 14 meeting, and the finalized proposal will be submitted to MPHEC this month.

NURSING PROGRAM

On July 25th, Cape Breton University received stage I approval from the MPHEC for a satellite offering of its Nursing program at Acadia, and the first cohort (22 students) begins this fall. Next steps for the program include a budget submission to Government, a defined operating agreement between Acadia and CBU, and the identification of a temporary physical space for the School of Nursing including renovations to meet the pedagogical needs of the program (such as simulation rooms). The Ad Hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee will also continue to meet this fall and will report regularly to Senate. A communication will be sent to the campus with the following detailed update on the program:

This past March, Senate was apprised that consideration was being given by the Provincial Government to have Acadia host a Nursing program. Two special meetings of Senate were held on this topic on March 31st and April 6th.

At the regular April Senate meeting, Senate established the Ad Hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee consisting of the Provost, the Dean of Pure and Applied Sciences, Dean of Professional Studies, the chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee (Policy), one faculty representative from the Biology Department, and one faculty representative from each of the Faculty of Pure & Applied Sciences, the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Professional Studies, and the Library, and one student representative appointed by the ASU. The first meeting of the Committee occurred on April 21st.

The Committee met again on May 2nd and May 9th. At the May 9th meeting, the Committee was informed that the Premier would be on campus on May 11th for a special announcement.

On May 11th, the Premier announced funding for the establishment of a Nursing program at Acadia, initially as a satellite campus of CBU's program, with the intention of moving to a joint program, and ultimately Acadia's own School of Nursing.

On May 13th, Senate further discussed the proposed Nursing program and the work of the Ad Hoc Nursing Steering Committee. The Committee met on May 25th, May 30th and June 6th.

At the Senate meeting of June 14th, the following motion was passed: "That Senate endorses the delivery of the satellite Nursing program, with Acadia delivering CBU's Nursing program on the Acadia campus, provided that the program is adequately externally resourced and does not compromise the resourcing of existing programs."

At a special meeting of Senate on June 19th, the Senate approved the motion that "the Senate supports the proposal of the ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee that the BSc Nursing Program reside in the Faculty of Professional Studies as a School of Nursing, with a Director."

On June 26th and 27th, the Dean of Professional Studies, the Registrar, and the Manager of Admissions visited CBU to discuss logistics, temporary operational plans and procedures, as well as to finalize admissions for the inaugural September intake of CBU's Nursing program at Acadia.

Working jointly, the Admissions Offices of CBU and Acadia continued to admit students throughout July until the initial cohort of approximately 22 was reached.

On July 25th, CBU received stage I approval from the MPHEC for a satellite offering of its Nursing program at Acadia.

During the first week of August, the Nursing students were registered in select Acadia courses as per the CBU Nursing program curriculum. An email, nursing@acadiu.ca, was created to ensure timely responses to Nursing-related questions from incoming and prospective students.

At the end of August, representatives from CBU visited Acadia to continue to finalize logistics for this year and to provide advice and support for Acadia's development of our own program. They were greeted warmly by members of the Acadia community, and many people expressed how positive it is to have colleagues to reach out to across institutions.

In terms of next steps, items being worked on currently include:

- A fulsome budget submission to Government;
- A defined operating agreement between Acadia and CBU;
- The hiring of an administrative assistant for the School of Nursing;
- The identification of a temporary physical space for the School of Nursing, plans for renovations to meet the pedagogical needs of the programs (e.g., creation of simulation rooms), and ordering of program specific materials and equipment;

- Continued discussion with academic units teaching courses in the 1st year of the program about resource needs;
- Collaboration with individuals from CBU, on-site at Acadia to provide program advising to their students, and to liaise with Acadia directly, assisting with the evolution of the program into a partnership.

The Ad Hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee will also continue to meet this fall and will report regularly to Senate.

This is a timely and exciting opportunity for Acadia, our region and the Province to partner in addressing an educational and holistic need in health care. Not only will it increase the number of nursing professionals supporting our health care system, but it will also provide easier access to Nova Scotians in the south/west part of the province to this essential training. This new partnership builds on the already significant time and expertise lent to discussions of a Nursing program here at Acadia over the past years.

We are extremely grateful for the support and efforts of our CBU partners, the Ad Hoc Nursing Steering Committee and Senate for their guidance and willingness to meet, and for academic units, faculty, and staff who have put in much effort already.

We will continue to provide communications throughout the development process and are always open to feedback and questions.

ACCREDITATION UPDATES:

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING (CEWIL)

The following Acadia programs have been accredited by CEWIL for 6 years, ending in December 2028:

- Bachelor of Science (BSC, BSCH, BSN, BSNH), Majors in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Geoscience, Environmental Science, Geology, Mathematics and Statistics, Nutrition and Dietetics, Physics, Psychology
- Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS, BCSH, BCSS), Specializations in Software Development, Game Development, Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA, BBAH), Majors in Accounting, Business Technology Management, Employment Relations, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Finance, Marketing
- Bachelor of Arts (BA, BAH), Majors in Economics, English, French, German, Spanish, History, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, ESST
- Bachelor of Community Development (BCD, BCDH)
- Bachelor of Community Development with Environmental and Sustainability Studies (BCD ESST, BCDH, ESST)
- Master of Computer Science (MSCH)
- Master of Science, Math and Statistics (MSC)

Acadia was commended for its program accessibility and for the coop program's structural position within the university (Director of Co-Op and Career Services reporting to Provost and VP Academic). Acadia was encouraged to conduct a program review to address program retention and attrition, with particular emphasis on obtaining student feedback. It was also encouraged to review the pre-employment training from a pedagogical and student experience perspective, and to create a syllabus to make clear the career pedagogy and learning objectives for cooperative education students.

NUTRITION and DIETETICS

The School of Nutrition and Dietetics has met the requirements identified by the Nova Scotia College of Dietitians and Nutritionists to ensure that its accreditation continues to be recognized for registration of Acadia graduates with provincial regulatory bodies. The accreditation will remain in effect until 2026.

ACADEMIC PLANNING UPDATE:

The Academic Units and Faculties submitted their reports to the Academic Planning Committee on 28 August. The APC will meet on 5 September to complete an initial review of the reports prior to ranking them.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ashley

Vice-President Academic (Interim)

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

INTERNAL GRANTS TO FACULTY

2023 Harrison McCain Foundation Awards:

Emerging Scholar Awards

- **Dr. Ayman Aljarrah** (Education). *Designing for the Cultivation of Mathematical Creativity for All Learners: An Intervention for Elementary Teacher Professional Learning* – **\$6,000**
- **Dr. Daniel Blustein** (Psychology). *Motor learning in the wild using virtual reality* – **\$9,000**
- **Dr. Jennifer Brady** (Nutrition & Dietetics). *Response Ability: A Symposium on Health profession(al)s' Roles in Social Justice* – **\$10,000**
- **Dr. Marianne Clark** (Kinesiology). *Building More Positive Period Pedagogies in Collaboration with Young People* – **\$9,758**
- **Dr. Amir Eaman** (Computer Science). *Employing Graph Neural Networks for Advanced Anomaly Detection in SELinux Security Policies* – **\$5,000**
- **Dr. Lauren Lattimer** (Kinesiology). *An Exploration of Patient Outcomes and Clinic Efficiency with Athletic Therapists as Physician Extenders in a Campus Student Health Clinic* - **\$9,000**
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology). *Using genomics to breed tastier strawberries* - **\$10,000**
- **Dr. Kait Pinder** (English & Theatre). *Feminisms and Canadian Literature* - **\$7,410**
- **Dr. Mo Snyder** (Earth & Environmental Science). *Determining the timing of salt expulsion in sedimentary basins* - **\$9,000**
- **Ryan Stack** (Business Administration). *Accountability Audits: Public Gaze, Public Discourse* - **\$9,995**
- **Dr. Tanya Surette** (Education). *Red Spruce: Reciprocity in counsellor development and community service* - **\$9,000**
- **Dr. Jennifer Tinkham** (Education). *Culturally Responsible Social Studies: Teacher Education, Curriculum and Pedagogy to Support Teachers of Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian Learners* - **\$10,000**
- **Dr. Deanne van Rooyen** (Earth & Environmental Science). *Origin, age, and affinity of the Clyburn Brook Formation, Cape Breton Highlands, NS.* - **\$10,000**

Visitorship Awards

- **Dr. Liesel Carlsson** (Nutrition & Dietetics). Visitorship to the University of Sunshine Coast and Australia Centre for Pacific Islands Research, Sippy Downs, Queensland Australia - **\$10,000**

- **Dr. Kirk Hillier** (Biology). Visitorship to 1) Daniel K. Inouye U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, Hilo, HI, 2) Pohakuloa Training Area, U.S. Army, HI, 3) University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, Honolulu, HI - **\$6,000**
- **Dr. Karen Kendall** (Kinesiology). Visitorship to Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia - **\$9,982**
- **Dr. Mark Mallory** (Biology). Visitorship to Flatey Research Station, Iceland - **\$6,800**
- **Dr. Carley O'Neill** (Kinesiology). Visitorship to Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, Ottawa, ON - **\$8,435**
- **Dr. Laura Robinson** (English & Theatre). Visitorship to University of Guelph, Leaskdale Manse National Historic Site (Uxbridge Ontario), Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum and Literary Centre (Norval Ontario) - **\$8,585**
- **Dr. James Sedgwick** (History & Classics). Visitorship to 1) Georgetown Law Library, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, and 2) Arthur J. Morris Law Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA - **\$5,635**

Visiting Professor Awards

- Dr. Randolph Quaye, Ohio Wesleyan University, Columbus, OH, to visit Dept. of Sociology, Acadia (invited by **Dr. Rebecca Casey**) - **\$7,915**
- Dr. Mark Stoutenberg, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, to visit School of Kinesiology, Acadia (invited by **Dr. Jonathon Fowles**) - **\$6,935**
- Prof. Tom Sizmur, University of Reading, UK, to visit Dept. of Earth & Environmental Science, Acadia (invited by **Dr. Nelson O'Driscoll**) - **\$9,500**
- Deantha Edmunds, St. John's, NL, to visit School of Music, Acadia (invited by **Dr. Christianne Rushton**) - **\$5,700**

EXTERNAL GRANTS TO FACULTY

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - Planning & Dissemination Grant - Institute Community Support

- **Dr. Jonathon Fowles** (Kinesiology) received **\$31,500** in funding for his project entitled: *Integrating Qualified Exercise Professionals into Health Service Delivery: Bridging the Gap between Exercise and Health Professionals and Primary Health Care to community physical activity.*

SSHRC Insight Development Grant

- **Dr. Cara MacInnis** (Psychology) received **\$74,938** in funding for her project entitled: *Sharing in lieu of caring: Can prospective self-disclosure reduce death anxiety among parents with early onset cancer?*

AGE WELL - Catalyst Funding Program in Healthy Aging

- **Dr. Karen Kendall** (Kinesiology) received **\$47,726** in funding for her project entitled: *Stronger Together: The Feasibility of an Interdisciplinary Virtual Care Program Targeting Older Adults at Risk for or Living with Frailty.*

Canadian Geological Foundation - Jérôme H. Remick III Endowment Trust Fund

- **Dr. Mo Snyder** (Earth & Environmental Science) received **\$9,000** in funding for their project entitled: *Creating a positive field culture guidebook for the geosciences.*

Nova Scotia Museum – Research Grant

- **Dr. Allison Walker** (Biology) received **\$3,750** in funding for her project entitled: *2023 Nova Scotia MycoBlitz.*

Lakehead University/Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) - Transfer Agreement

- **Dr. Nandini Thiyagarajan** (English & Theatre) received **\$5,801** in transfer funding from Lakehead University for their project entitled: *Racialized Ecologies in and Beyond Settler - Colonial Canada: Documentary, Speculative, and Poetic Texts and Contexts*.

RESEARCH & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA) – Research Agreement

- **Dr. Liesel Carlsson** (Nutrition & Dietetics), **Dr. Edith Callaghan** (Business) and **Dr. Justin Beaudoin** (Economics) were awarded **\$125,000** over 4 years for their work on the *Nova Scotia Living Labs (NSLL) project*. This project is led by the NSFA and includes several project partners, including Perennia, Horticulture Nova Scotia, Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP), Dalhousie University, Agriculture Agrifood Canada (AAFC), the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, and various NS agriculture producers (horticulture, fruit, animals, and dairy). The project is funded by AAFC under the Agricultural Climate Solutions (ACS) Program (AAFC).

Nova Scotia Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care – Funding Agreement

- **Dr. Jonathon Fowles** (Kinesiology) received **\$150,000** in funding for the *2023-2024 Centre of Lifestyle Studies (COLS) - Clinical Exercise Physiologists Program*. This represents the 5th year of funding for this pilot program that places Clinical Exercise Physiologists (former Acadia students) in healthcare settings throughout the Annapolis Valley.

The International Confederation of Dietetics Association (ICDA) – Project Agreement

- **Dr. Liesel Carlsson** (Nutrition & Dietetics) received **US \$22,500** (FY 2023/2024) in funding for her ongoing *ICDA Sustainable Food Systems Initiative* project.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. – Amendment Agreement

- **Dr. Michael Stokesbury** (Biology) received **\$15,000** in additional funding for his project entitled: *Monitoring of Anadromous Fish Movements, Migration and Seasonal Habitat Residency in the Annapolis River, Nova Scotia*.

Queen's University/Public Health Agency of Canada – Funding Sub-Agreement

- **Dr. Nicoletta Faraone** (Chemistry), **Dr. Laura Ferguson** (Biology), **Dr. Kirk Hillier** (Biology) and **Dr. Dave Shutler** (Biology) received **\$17,000** in funding from Queen's University for their project entitled: *Surveillance for ticks and tick-borne pathogens in sentinel regions across Canada*.

MITACS AWARDS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH INTERNS

- **Dr. Matthew McSweeney** (Nutrition & Dietetics), **Dr. Greg Lee** (Computer Science) and **Dr. John Murimboh** (Chemistry) have been awarded **\$270,000** in Mitacs Accelerate Internship funding in partnership with Greenlight Analytical. Project Title: *Quantification of target chemical from complex Mass Spectrometry data*.
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$15,000** in Mitacs Business Strategy Internship (BSI) funding in partnership with the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia. Project Title: *Production of New Balsam Fir Lines Using Somatic Embryogenesis*.
- **Dr. Michael Stokesbury** (Biology) and **Dr. Trevor Avery** (Biology) have been awarded **\$45,000** in Mitacs Accelerate Internship funding in partnership with Nova Scotia Power and the Clean Annapolis River Project. Project Title: *Investigation of Striped Bass Morone saxatilis, Atlantic Sturgeon Oxyrinchus oxyrinchus, and American Eel Anquilla rostrata movements and migrations in Annapolis River, Nova Scotia*.

OTHER AWARDS/RESEARCH FUNDING

Invest Nova Scotia Productivity and Innovation (P&I) Voucher Program Awards - \$230,000

Twelve new Productivity & Innovation (P&I) Vouchers were recently awarded to companies collaborating with Acadia faculty members to develop innovative new products and services. Tier I projects are awarded for new industry/university collaborations, while Tier II projects build on work previously completed under a Tier 1. Acadia is second only to Dalhousie University in the number of Voucher Awards received this year.

Tier I Projects (\$15,000 each):

- **Dr. Matthew Lukeman** (Chemistry) – Mara Renewables Corporation
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) – Cotex Technologies inc.
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) – Foodimprover Inc.
- **Kendra Sampson** (KC Irving Environmental Centre) – Urban Lighthouse Farm Inc.
- **Dr. Matthew McSweeney** (Nutrition & Dietetics) – Annapolis Valley Luffa
- **Dr. Ian Spooner, Alain Belliveau & Kendra Sampson** (KC Irving Environmental Centre) – LaHave Drumlins Native Plan Nursery
- **Dr. Matthew McSweeney** (Nutrition & Dietetics) – Dr. Kombu Brewing Company

Tier II Projects (\$25,000 each):

- **Dr. Nicoletta Faraone** (Chemistry) & **Dr. Amitabh Jha** (Chemistry) – Halucenex Life Sciences Inc.
- **Dr. Nicoletta Faraone** (Chemistry) & **Dr. Kirk Hillier** (Biology) – Oberland Agrisciences Inc.
- **Dr. Danny Silver** (Acadia Institute for Data Analytics) – MotionBed Inc.
- **Dr. Andrew McIntyre** (Acadia Institute for Data Analytics) – Academic Edge Inc. (Reach)
- **Dr. Allison Walker** (Biology) – Reazent Inc.

National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) Projects - \$42,000

- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia. Project Title: *Development of a cryopreservation protocol for Balsam fir.*
- **Dr. Nicolette Faraone** (Chemistry) & **Dr. Kirk Hillier** (Biology) were awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Greenlight Analytical. Project Title: *Volatile Metabolites from Plant Pathogens Impacting Hot Pepper Plants, Saffron, and Arugula: Feasibility of Qualitative Detection through Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry.*
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with CoteX Technologies Inc. Project Title: *Preliminary investigation of coated fertilizer efficiency in a greenhouse setting.*
- **Dr. Allison Walker** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Mycaro. Project Title: *Development of high protein mycelium product from apple pomace.*
- **Dr. Danny Silver** (Acadia Institute of Data Analytics) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Emotiv VR Inc. Project Title: *Scaling up Performance Coaching with Virtual Reality + Artificial Intelligence.*
- **Dr. Andrew McIntyre** (Acadia Institute of Data Analytics) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Dr. Jaime Snowdon Professional Corporation. Project Title: *Investigation into MicroCT Imaging for Margin Assessment in Skin Tissue.*
- **Angelo Posteraro** (Engineering) was awarded **\$2,000** to collaborate with Urban Lighthouse Farm. Project Title: *Development and 3D printing of cage structure to hold coconut coir plug.*
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with McConnell Gordon Estates Ltd. Project Title: *A literature review on ethanol and glycerol production by yeast.*
- **Kendra Sampson** (KC Irving Environmental Centre) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Vitis Vines Inc. Project Title: *Consultation and identification of optimum growth vessels for maintaining virus-tested grapevine mother plantlets in culture.*

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

In June & July 2023, ALAB conducted analytical testing for 34 clients in the Atlantic region (**\$7,245**). These tests are in addition to testing conducted under a \$200,000/yr Service Agreement with the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC).

SUMMER STUDENT GRANTS

Service Canada – Canada Summer Jobs Funding

- **Melanie Priesnitz** (K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens) **\$1,776** – Native Plant Conservationist
- **Dr. Donna Sears** (Business Administration) - **\$2,030** – Research Support Officer: MacDonald House/Steamspace
- **Jodie Noiles** (Sustainability Office) - **\$4,060** – Education Coordinator for the Acadia Community Farm (2 positions)
- **Dr. Donna Sears** (Business Administration) - **\$1,776** – Research Support Officer: Wine Tourism
- **Dr. Matthew Lukeman** (Chemistry) - **\$4,060** – Research Assistant (2 positions)
- **Dr. Nelson O’Driscoll** (Earth & Environmental Science) - **\$2,030** – Environmental Health Researcher
- **Nicholas Sharpe** (Events Acadia) - **\$2,030** – Event & Resident Accommodations Coordinator

Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations (YCWHO)– Student Funding Grant

- **Alain Belliveau** (K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens) **\$6,000** – Herbarium Assistant
- **Melanie Priesnitz** (K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens) - **\$6,000** – Living Collections Assistant & Interpreter

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Town of Wolfville Campus Visit and Tour

On June 22nd representatives from the President’s Office and Acadia’s Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICE) welcomed Mayor Wendy Donovan, Erin Beaudin, Chief Administrative Officer, and Jen Ingham, Town Counsellor to campus. They toured the David Huestis Innovation Pavilion, including the Centre for the Sensory Research of Food, the Agri-Tech Lab and ALAB. The visit concluded with an ICE Office presentation and discussion.

Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture (NSDA) Black Students Planting Initiative - Campus Tour

On July 20th, 2023, Acadia’s Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICE) hosted a campus tour for 16 students participating in the *Black Youth Planting Their Future* initiative. The tour was designed to highlight Acadia’s applied research initiatives in agriculture, and included a visit to ALAB, the AgriTech Lab, the Centre for the Sensory Research of Food, the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and the E.C. Smith Herbarium. This was followed by a tour of the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens, led by Melanie Priesnitz.

Invest NS - Tour & Meeting

On August 23rd, 2023, Acadia’s Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICE) hosted a visit with Invest NS’s new President & CEO, Peter MacAskill. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Acadia’s applied research initiatives and the P&I Voucher Program. Mr. MacAskill toured ALAB and the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre, followed by a meeting with Dr. Danny Silver and Dr. Andrew McIntyre from the Acadia Institute for Data Analytics. The visit ended with a lunch meeting with Interim President Raymond Ivany and Interim Provost & Vice President Academic, Dr. Anna Redden.

RESEARCH GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS / SUBMISSION DATES

Internal

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

External

- SSHRC Insight Grants - October 1
- 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 Call
- CLARI (Change Lab Action Research Initiative; <https://actionresearch.ca/>) – Open Call

Respectfully submitted,

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ACADIA STUDENTS' UNION – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

No written announcements received as of September 1, 2023

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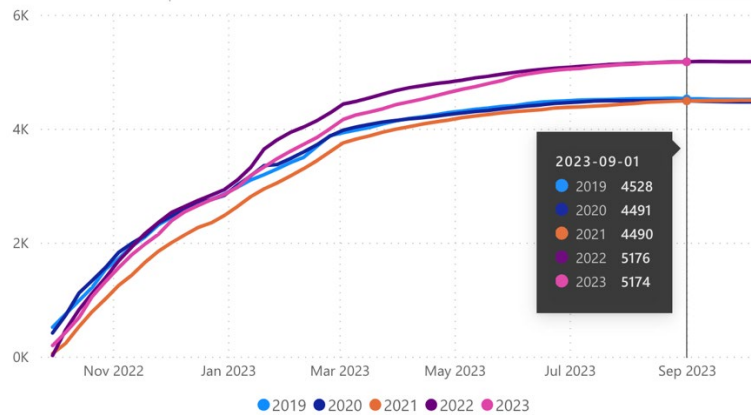
Enrolment Update

September 2, 2023

Total applications for Fall 2023 have reached 5,168, matching Fall 2022's application high mark, and well above pre-pandemic levels.

Both the domestic and international recruitment teams as well as all those who touch the student recruitment process, from tours to just offering a smile to a campus visitor, should be commended.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2023
September 1, 2023

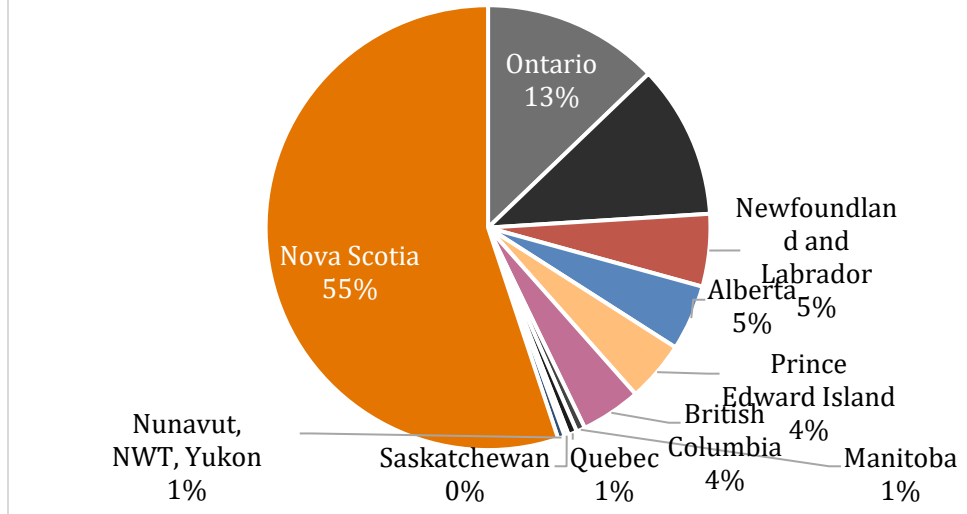


After Acadia's home market of Nova Scotia, Ontario and New Brunswick combine to generate almost a quarter of total applications.

Newfoundland applications are rising quickly in the wake of tuition policy change in the province. Alberta, Prince Edward Island, and British Columbia represent potential growth markets with increasing demographics.

Fall 2023 Applications by Region (Canada)

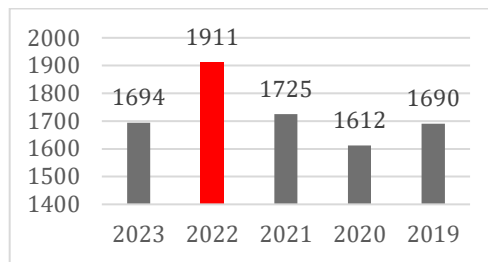
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Nova Scotia applications are back down to pre-pandemic levels, which is primarily due to travelling opening back up to students and the passing of a large high school graduating class, created by a change in grade 1 entrance age over a decade ago.

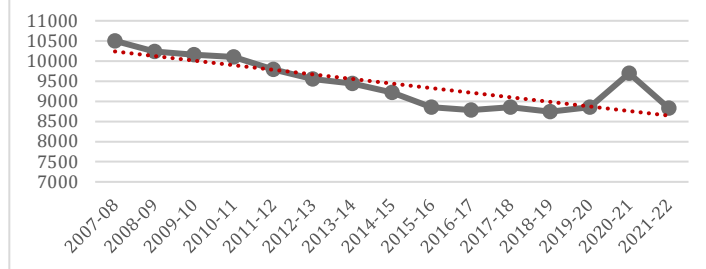
Nova Scotia Applications

June 17, 2023



Other than the adnominally in 2021-22, Nova Scotia high school graduation numbers declined consistently over the past few decades.

Nova Scotia Graduating Students (2008-2022)



Source: <https://stats-summary.ednet.ns.ca>

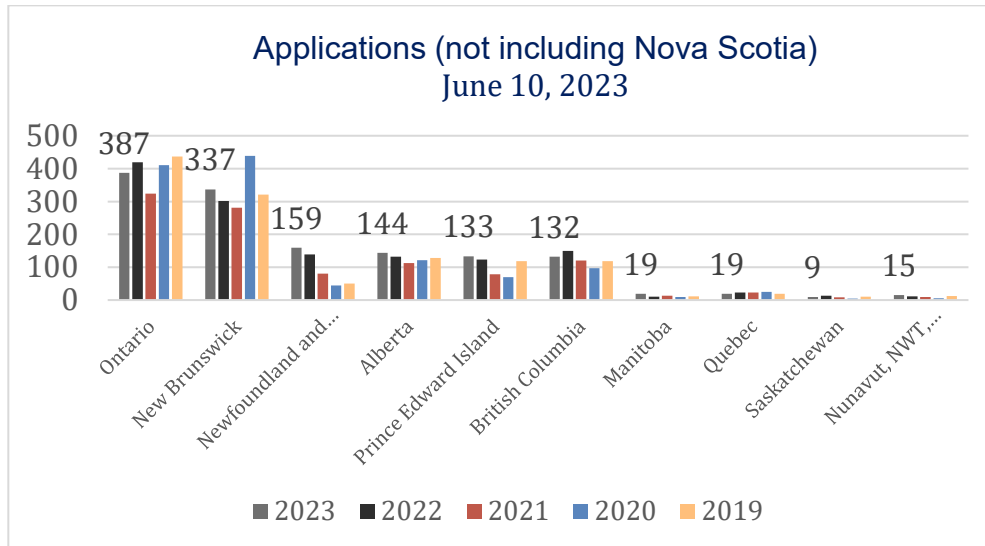
Looking ahead, current enrolment in lower grades in Nova Scotia suggests relatively stable high school graduating classes moving forward, not factoring for variations in immigration and emigration trends of course.

Nova Scotia Enrolment by grade

Sept 2022

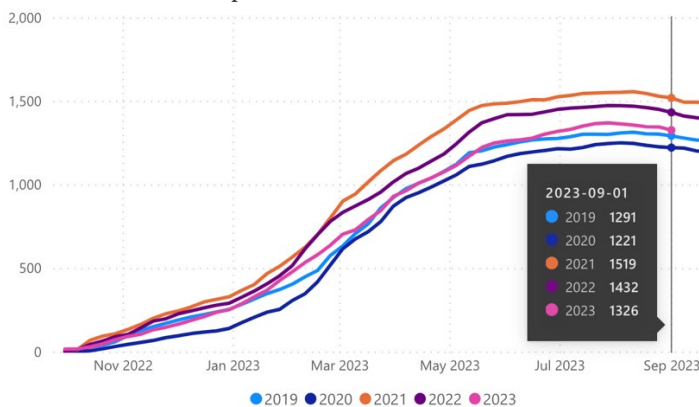
Grade 7	79,417
Grade 8	89,544
Grade 9	99,790
Grade 10	9,911
Grade 11	9,666
Grade 12	9,473

Outside of NS, total Canadian applications were up almost 2% over last year, with notable increases and continued growth in NB, NL, PE, and AB over the last three years.



FALL 2023 ADMITTED AND REGISTERED

Total Admitted and Paid
September 1, 2023

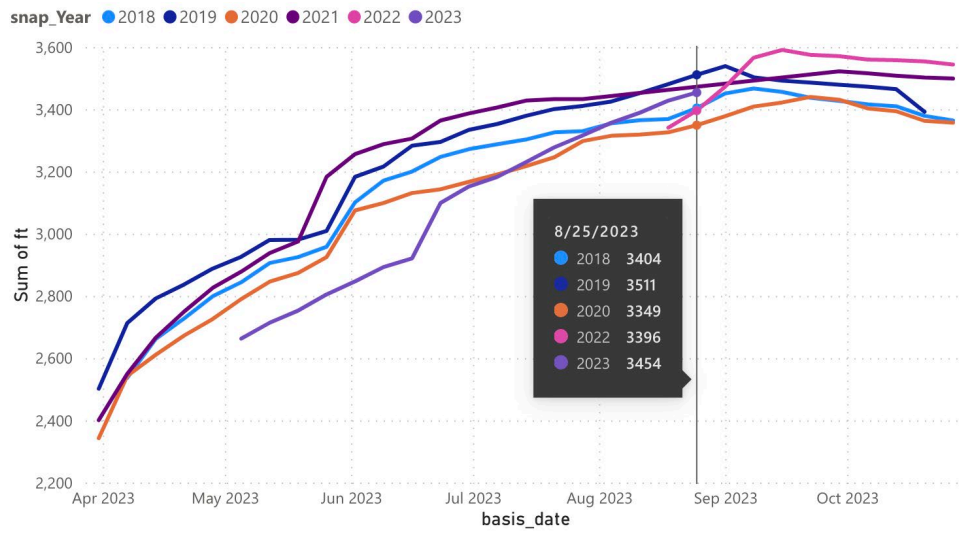


Total Admitted and Paid reached 1,345 on August 25, below what we saw during the pandemic years, but above pre-pandemic.

What is unknown is whether the pandemic drove deposits up because students wanted to secure their seats in Nova Scotia, and how this year's conversion rate from Admitted and Paid to Registered will look like by October 1.

As of August 25, Acadia has 3,454 full-time students registered, 58 more than this time last year.

Total Full-Time Student Registrations August 25, 2023



Brief Report: Senate Survey 2022-2023 Results Summary

There were 48 responses/submissions received from the Senate Survey conducted in 2022-2023. Responses were received from both individuals who had served on Senate and individuals who had not. While a full study of perceptions of Senate would need a higher response rate, two general themes arise out of the information we received.

One of the themes in the responses was that of Time. There were comments about how time is used during the Senate meetings (e.g. how much time is used for announcements, time debating motions, etc) and keeping meetings within the scheduled time (i.e. not extending the meetings too often). In addition, there were comments about the 4:00-6:00 pm end-of-workday meeting time, but there was not a consensus on this as there were others who commented about how other times may not be tenable for a variety of reasons.

Another theme was that of Culture. Comments were made regarding the culture of Senate and the broader culture of Acadia. It was noted that the University and its structures are colonial constructs, including the Senate. Some comments were made regarding antagonistic tone within debates and questions. There were comments about how creating open spaces for discussion can be challenging within the structure, both as a result of format and culture and time available. There were also comments regarding who can serve on Senate.