

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026-2027

ON

THE SENATE OF ACADIA UNIVERSITY

AND

SENATE COMMITTEES

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Senate of Acadia University Membership for 2026-2027

	Membership	Representative	Term	Term End	Notes
1	Chair (see Note on page 2)	Anna Kieft	1 yr	2027	
1	Deputy-Chair	Christianne Rushton	1 yr	2027	
1	Secretary/Registrar (<i>non-voting</i>)	Mark Bishop	ex-officio		
1	Recording Secretary/University Secretary (<i>non-voting</i>)	Sonya Pineo	ex-officio		
1	Chancellor	Nancy McCain	ex-officio		
1	President	Jeff Hennessy	ex-officio		
1	Provost and Vice-President Academic	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio		
1	Vice-President Finance & Admin. and CFO (<i>non-voting</i>)	Erin Beaudin	ex-officio		
1	Vice-Provost Curriculum and Planning	Lauren Wilson Finniss	ex-officio		
1	Vice-Provost Research and Innovation (<i>non-voting</i>)	Peter Ludlow	ex-officio		
1	Vice-President, Student Experience (<i>non-voting</i>)	Scott Duguay	ex-officio		
1	Vice-Provost Academic Planning and Graduate Studies	Kate Ashley	ex-officio		
1	Associate Vice-President EDIAR	Lerato Chondoma	ex-officio		
1	Dean of Arts	David Duke	ex-officio		
1	Dean of Professional Studies	Corinne Haigh	ex-officio		
1	Dean of Pure & Applied Science	Jeff Hooper	ex-officio		
1	Dean of Library and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio		
1	Dean of Theology (ADC Pres.)	Anna Robbins	ex-officio		
1	President, Student Union	Emma Boles	ex-officio		
1	Director of Human Rights and Human Rts Education (<i>non-voting</i>)	Allison Smith	ex-officio		
1	Executive Advisor, L'n'u Affairs and Indigenization	VACANT	ex-officio		
1	Board of Governors	Candy O'Connor	3 yr	2027	
1	Board of Governors	Tracey McGillivray	3 yr	2028	
1	Board of Governors	Shelley Fleckenstein	3 yr	2029	
1	Theology	Danny Zacharias	3 yr	2028	
1	Librarian	Ciaran Purdome	3 yr	2028	
1	Arts	Donna Seamone	3 yr	2027	
1	Arts	Jessica Slights	3 yr	2027	
1	Arts	Julia Poertner	3 yr	2027	
1	Arts	Jesse Carlson	3 yr	2028	
1	Arts	Forough Mohammadi	3 yr	2028	
1	Arts	Sonia Hewitt	3 yr	2028	
1	Arts	Kait Pinder	3 yr	2029	
1	Arts	Marc Ramsay	3 yr	2029	
1	Arts	Jeffrey Sachs	3 yr	2029	H. Moussa to repl. J. Sachs (Jan.- June 2027)
1	Prof. St. (Act. Dir. Business)	Edith Callaghan	ex-officio		
1	Prof. St. (Act. Head Comm. Dev.)	Mary Sweatman	ex-officio		Sabbatical replacement for J. Colton (July – Dec 2026)
1	Prof. St. (Director Counselling)	Tanya Surette	ex-officio		
1	Prof. St. (Director Education)	Ayman Aljarrah	ex-officio		
1	Prof. St. (Director Kinesiology)	Darren Kruisselbrink	ex-officio		
1	Prof. St. (Director Music)	Christianne Rushton	ex-officio		
1	Prof. St. (Director Nursing)	Cassel Busse	ex-officio		
1	Prof. St.	Jonathon Fowles	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	Nicholas D'Amato	3 yr	2027	
1	P&A Sc. (Biology)	Hélène d'Entremont	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc. (Chemistry)	Anthony Tong	3 yr	2029	

1	P&A Sc. (Director Comp. Sci)	Darcy Benoit	ex-officio		
1	P&A Sc. (Earth & Environmental)	Deanne van Rooyen	3 yr	2029	<i>Repl. N. O'Driscoll (Sept-Dec 2026)</i>
1	P&A Sc. (Director Engineering)	Scott Bishop	ex-officio		
1	P&A Sc. (Math and Stats)	Eva Curry	3 yr	2028	
1	P&A Sc. (Dir. Nutrition & Diet.) (Int)	Liesel Carlsson	ex-officio		
1	P&A Sc. (Physics)	Michael Robertson	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc. (Psychology)	Joseph Hayes	3 yr	2028	
1	Student SRC rep (VP Acad-Ext)	Lily Rich	1 yr	May 2026-April 2027	
1	Student (Graduate)	VACANT	1 yr	May 2026-April 2027	
1	Student SRC rep (Arts)	Elizabeth Bettenson	1 yr	May 2026-April 2027	
1	Student SRC rep (Prof. St)	VACANT	1 yr	May 2026-April 2027	
1	Student SRC rep (Science)	Celine Hoyeck	1 yr	May 2026-April 2027	
1	Student (Theology)	Remmi Boisjoli	1 yr	May 2026-April 2027	
1	Lay person	Oliver Jacob	3 yr	2028	
1	Lay person	Howard Williams	3 yr	2027	
1	Mi'kmaw Lay person	VACANT	3 yr	2029	

CURRENT VOTING MEMBERS = 53

CURRENT QUORUM = 27

The process for selection and terms for Senators, Senate Officers, and Senate Committee members are outlined in the following governing documents:

- **Constitution and By-Laws of Senate**
- **Constitution and By-Laws of the Faculty Council**
- **Constitution of the Faculty of Arts Council**
- **Constitution of the Faculty of Professional Studies Council**
- **Constitution of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science Council**

The Terms of Reference/Descriptions/Mandates of all Standing Committees of Senate are found in the Constitution and By-Laws of Senate.

The current versions of these documents can be retrieved at:

<https://senate.acadiau.ca/governing-bodies-document.html>

Other Senate-related Officers:

Chair Faculty Council – VACANT (2026-2027)

Vice-Chair of Faculty – VACANT (2026-2027)

Faculty Elections Officer – Paul Arnold (2026-2027)

Secretary to Faculty Council – VACANT (2026-2027)

Faculty of Arts Elections Officer – Stephen Henderson (2024-2027)

Faculty of Arts Nominating Chair – VACANT (2026-2029)

Faculty of Pure and Applied Science Elections Officer – Paul Arnold (2026-2029)

Faculty of Pure and Applied Science Nominating Chair – Ann Smith (2024-2027)

Faculty of Professional Studies Elections Officer – Christianne Rushton (2026-2027)

Faculty of Theology – Anna Robbins (ex officio, President of ADC and Dean of Faculty of Theology)

Senate Executive

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Chair of Senate	Anna Kiefte	ex-officio	--	
1	Deputy Chair of Senate	Christianne Rushton	ex-officio	--	
1	President	Jeff Hennessy	ex-officio	--	
1	Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Arts	David Duke	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of P&A Sc.	Jeff Hooper	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Prof. St.	Corinne Haigh	ex-officio	--	
1	Vice-Provost Academic Policy and Graduate Studies	Kate Ashley	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Library and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio	--	
1	Registrar (<i>non-voting</i>)	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Theology (Theology only)	Anna Robbins	ex-officio	--	
1	Student Vice-President Acad/Ext	Lily Rich	ex-officio	--	
1	Faculty Senator (Arts)	Marc Ramsay	1 yr	2027	
1	Faculty Senator (Science)	Darcy Benoit	1 yr	2027	
1	Faculty Senator (Prof. Studies)	Edith Callaghan	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **Chair of Senate—Anna Kiefte (2026-2027)** Secretary: **Sonya Pineo (2026-2027)**

Academic Integrity Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Registrar	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	Prof. St.	Tristan DeBorba	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc.	Darcy Benoit	3 yr	2027	
1	Dean of Library and Archives (or delegate)	Ann Smith	3 yr	2028	
1	Student	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **VACANT (2026-2027)**- *The Chair shall be one of the faculty members.*

Procedures for Appointment of Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty.

Academic Planning Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio	--	
1	Vice-Provost Academic Policy and Graduate Studies	Kate Ashley	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Arts	David Duke	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Prof. Studies	Corinne Haigh	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of P&A Science	Jeff Hooper	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Library and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio	--	
1	Faculty Member from FPS	Janna Wentzell	3 yr	2029	
1	Faculty Member from FPAS	Jeff Banks	3 yr	2027	
1	Faculty Member from IDST Prog	VACANT	3 yr	2028	
1	Faculty Member from FA	Jeffrey Sachs	3 yr	2028	
1	Student VPA/E	Lily Rich	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2026-2027)**

Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio	--	
1	Academic Program Development, Quality Assurance, and Planning Coordinator (<i>non-voting</i>)	Shawna Singleton	ex-officio		
1	Vice-Provost Curriculum and Planning	Lauren Wilson Finniss	ex-officio	--	
1	Registrar or Delegate	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Kevin Whetter	3 yr	2029	
1	Prof. St.	Krissy Keech	3 yr	2027	
1	P&A Sc.	Craig Bennett	3 yr	2028	
1	Board of Governors	Tracey McGillivray	3 yr	2028	
1	Dean of Faculty under review (Arts)	David Duke	--	--	
1	Dean of Faculty under review (Professional Studies)	Jeff Hooper	--	--	
1	Dean of Faculty under review (Pure and Applied Science)	Corinne Haigh	--	--	
1	ASU VPA/E	Lily Rich		2027	

Chair: **Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2026-2027)** Secretary: **Registrar – Mark Bishop**

Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Chair of Senate	Anna Kiefe	ex-officio	--	
1	Registrar or Delegate (<i>non-voting</i>)	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Executive Director of Student Services or delegate (<i>non-voting</i>)	James Sanford	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Stephen Henderson	3 yr	2028	
1	Arts	James Sedgwick	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	Jeff Torbert	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	Janet Dymment	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc.	Ying Zhang	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc.	Anna Redden	3 yr	2028	
1	Theology	Anna Robbins	ex-officio	--	
1	Student (ASU VPA/E)	Lily Rich	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **Chair of Senate – Anna Kiefe (2026-2027)**

Admissions and Academic Standing (Policy) Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio	--	
1	Registrar	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of P&A Sc.	Jeff Hooper	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Arts	David Duke	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Prof. St.	Corinne Haigh	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts (Head or Director)	Can Mutlu	3 yr	2029	
1	Arts	Stephen Ahern	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St. (Head or Director)	Darren Kruisselbrink	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	Ayman Aljarrah	3 yr	2028	
1	P&A Sc. (Head or Director)	Richard Karsten	3 yr	2027	
1	P&A Sc.	Paul Arnold	3 yr	2028	
1	Theology (voting on Theology matters only)	VACANT	3 yr	2026	
1	Student (ASU VPA/E)	Lily Rich	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2026-2027)**

Procedures for Appointment of Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty.

Archives Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Archivist	Ciaran Purdome	ex-officio		
1	Archivist	Wendy Robicheau	ex-officio		
1	Dean of Library and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio		
1	Arts	Ian Wilks	3 yr	2029	
1	Arts	Jon Saklofske	3 yr	2027	
1	Arts	Marina Davidson	3 yr	2028	
1	Prof. St.	Alicia Noreiga-Mundaroy	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc.	Deanne van Rooyen	3 yr	2029	
1	Theology	Melody Maxwell	3 yr	2027	
1	Alumni Appointee	VACANT	3 yr	2028	
1	Presidential Appointee	Catherine Fancy	3 yr	2028	
1	Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada	Shirley Soleil Day	3 yr	2028	
1	Student (Graduate or Honours)	VACANT	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **Jon Saklofske (2026-2027)**

Secretary: **Kelly Bennett**

Awards Committee for Honorary Degrees and Emeriti Distinction (Awards Committee)

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	President	Jeff Hennessy	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Erin Patterson	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	Janet Dymont	3 yr	2028	
1	P&A Sc.	Deanne van Rooyen	3 yr	2029	
1	Acadia Divinity College/Theology	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	Librarian/Archivist	Ann Smith	3 yr	2027	
1	Governor or Senator (lay member)	Rob McGregor	3 yr	2027	
1	Student	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **President – Jeff Hennessy (2026-2027)**

Secretary: **Executive Assistant to the Office of the President – Natalie Weekes**

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty.

Librarian/Archivist: Nominated and elected by librarians/archivists.-

Governor or Senator: Appointed by the Board.

Student: Appointed by the Student Representative Council.

Board of Open Acadia

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio	--	
	Associate VP (Finance) and Treasurer	VACANT	ex-officio	--	
1	Director of Open Acadia	Lauren Wilson Finniss	ex-officio	--	<i>*Vice-Provost Curriculum and Planning filling in while Director of Open Acadia position is vacant</i>
1	Dean of Arts	David Duke	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of P&A Sc.	Jeff Hooper	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Prof. St.	Corinne Haigh	ex-officio	--	
1	Registrar or Delegate	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Student	Lily Rich	1 yr	2027	
1	Part-time student	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2026-2027)**

By-Laws Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Arts (Senator)	Jesse Carlson	3 yr	2028	
1	Prof. St. (Senator)	Ayman Aljarrah	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc. (Senator)	Eva Curry	3 yr	2027	
1	Theology (Senator)	Danny Zacharias	3 yr	2028	

Chair: **Jesse Carlson (2026-2027)**

Procedures for appointment of members: Elected by each Faculty. All members must be current Senators.

Curriculum Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Registrar or Delegate (non-voting)	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Associate Registrar (non-voting)	Hayley van Kroonenburg	ex-officio	--	
1	Vice-Provost Curriculum and Planning (non-voting)	Lauren Wilson Finniss	ex-officio	--	
1	Academic Programming, Quality Assurance, and Planning Coordinator (non-voting)	Shawna Singleton	ex-officio	--	
1	Dean of Library and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	Arts	Liam Swiss	3 yr	2028	
1	Prof. St.	Jeff Torbert	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc.	Melanie Coombs	3 yr	2027	
1	P&A Sc.	Eva Curry	3 yr	2028	
1	P&A Sc.	Andy Mitchell	3 yr	2028	
1	Theology	Christopher Killacky	3 yr	2027	
1	Student	Lily Rich	1 yr	2027	

Co-Chairs: **Melanie Coombs** (Administrative) & **Jeff Torbert** (Policy) (2026-2027) Recording Secretary: **VACANT**

Disability Policy Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Disability Resource Facilitator or Delegate	Gillian Hastey	ex-officio	--	
1	Academic Support Coordinator or Delegate	Marissa McIsaac	ex-officio	--	
1	Registrar or Delegate	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Becky Casey	3 yr	2028	
1	Professional Studies	Shelley Price	3 yr	2028	
1	Pure and Applied Science	Richard Karsten	3 yr	2027	
1	Theology	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	Student	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: VACANT (2026-2027)

Secretary: VACANT

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty

Student: Appointed by the Student Representative Council

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (EDI)

This Committee is currently in transition and development

Duties:

- a) to address, with campus partners, recommendations outlined in the “Senate Ad Hoc Diversity and Inclusion Committee Final Report” (October, 2018);
- b) to help elevate the voice of under-represented and marginalized communities at Acadia University Senate meetings;
- c) to advocate for best practices surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion in an academic setting;
- d) to engage in ongoing consultation with groups, programs, departments, committees, and individuals across the campus who have a unique stake in the equity, diversity and inclusiveness of the Acadia University community;
- e) to collect further recommendations on equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives on campus and oversee their coordination;
- f) to consider national and international trends in equity, diversity and inclusion policy development;
- g) and to support efforts on campus to develop and implement policies that further equity, diversity and inclusion at Acadia University.

The membership of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee shall be elected in accordance with Article VI. 1. The Nominating Committee is encouraged to invite and recruit members from marginalized or under-represented communities. Elected members are to be elected by their respective faculties and shall be as follows:

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement Leave Replacement Period
1	Provost & VPA or AVP EDIAR	Lerato Chondoma	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Accessible Learning Coordinator (or designate)	Emily Duffett	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Vice-Provost Research and Innovation	Peter Ludlow	<i>ex-officio</i>	--
1	Director, Human Rights and Human Rights Ed.	Allison Smith	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Coord. of Indigenous Affairs & Student Advising	Zabrina Whitman	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Director of the International Student Centre	VACANT	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Black Student Advisor	Janique Ellis Panza	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Black Students' Association President	VACANT	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Indigenous Student Society of Acadia President	VACANT	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	International Student Society President	VACANT	<i>ex officio</i>	--
1	Member of Faculty of Pure & Applied Science	Daniel Blustein	*3 yr	2027
1	Member of Faculty of Arts	Barry Watson	*3 yr	2028
1	Member of Faculty of Theology	Grace Au	*3 yr	2029
1	Member of Faculty of Professional Studies	Kristin Williams	*3 yr	2029
1	ASU Diversity and Inclusion Representative	VACANT	1 yr	2027
1	ASU Pride or Women's Centre Coordinator	VACANT	1 yr	2027
1	Student disability representative	VACANT	1 yr	2027

Chair: **VACANT (2026-2027)**

The Chair of this committee shall be elected from among the committee members

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty.

ASU Diversity and Inclusion Representative: Appointed by ASU

ASU Pride or Women's Centre Coordinator: Appointed by ASU

Student disability representative: Appointed by the Acadia Students Union

*In order to stagger the terms, the initial terms for the four faculties-appointed positions will be 2 years for Pure and Applied Science, 3 years for Arts, 4 years for Theology, 5 years for Professional Studies. After the initial period these terms will revert to 3 years.

Faculty Support Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Vice-Provost Curriculum and Planning	Lauren Wilson Finniss	<i>ex-officio</i>	--	
1	Association of Atlantic Universities FDC rep	Darcy Benoit	<i>ex-officio</i>	--	
1	Coordinator of Academic Technologies	Sharon Churchill-Roe	<i>ex-officio</i>	--	
1	Arts	Anna Wilks	3 yr	2028	
1	Prof. St.	Cassel Busse	3 yr	2029	
1	P & A Sc.	Darcy Benoit	3 yr	2029	
1	Theology	VACANT	3 yr	2027	
1	Librarian/Archivist	Maggie Neilson	3 yr	2029	
1	Student	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

**Initial term is 1 or 2 years to stagger retirements going forward.*

Procedures for Appointment

Chair: **Lauren Wilson Finniss (2026-2027)** Secretary: Sharon Churchill-Roe

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty

Librarian/Archivist: nominated and elected by the Librarians and Archivists in Research Services

Student: Appointed by the ASU VP Academic

Graduate Studies

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Vice-Provost Academic Policy and Graduate Studies	Kate Ashley	ex-officio	--	
1	Graduate Studies Officer (<i>non-voting</i>)	Theresa Starratt	ex-officio		
1	Program Coordinator (Psychology)	Anne Sophie Champod	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Biology)	Mark Mallory	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Comp Sc)	Sazia Mahfuz	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (English)	Kait Pinder	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Educ Ph.D)	Ahlam Rahal	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Education)	Deborah Toope	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Kine)	Matthew Vierimaa	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Politics)	Inna Viriasova	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Comm Dev)	Glyn Bissix	ex-officio	--	<i>Sabbatical replacement for G. Donnelly July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027</i>
1	Program Coordinator (Sociology)	Sarah Rudrum	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Math/ Stats)	Franklin Mendivil	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (ENVS)	Nelson O'Driscoll	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Geology)	Deanne van Rooyen	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Chemistry)	Nicoletta Faraone	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Theology)	Steven Porter	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Applied Geomatics)	Mo Snyder	ex-officio	--	
1	Program Coordinator (Social & Political Thought)	Jesse Carlson	ex-officio		
1	Graduate Student (Arts)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	
1	Graduate Student (Prof. St.)	Lalitha Prasad	1 yr	2027	
1	Graduate Student (P&A Sc.)	Lucy van Haften	1 yr	2027	
1	Graduate Student (Theology)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: VACANT (2026-2027)

Honours Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Vice-Provost Academic Policy and Graduate Studies	Kate Ashley	ex-officio	--	
1	Registrar (or designate)	Hayley van Kroonenburg	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Xiaoting Wang	3 yr	2029	
1	Arts	Kevin Whetter	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	Kelly Dye	3 yr	2029	
1	Prof. St.	Lauren Lattimer	3 yr	2028	
1	P&A Sc.	Matthew McSweeney	3 yr	2027	
1	P&A Sc.	Esteve Hassan	3 yr	2029	
1	Honours Student (Arts)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	
1	Honours Student (Prof. St.)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	
1	Honours Student (P&A Sc.)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: VACANT (2026-2027) Secretary: VACANT (2026-2027)

Nominating Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement Leave Replacement Period
1	President (<i>non-voting</i>)	Jeff Hennessy	ex-officio	--
1	Arts (Senator)	Hassouna Moussa	3 yr	2027
1	Arts	Anna Wilks	3 yr	2028
1	P&A Sc. (Senator)	VACANT	3 yr	2029
1	P&A Sc.	Jen Kershaw	3 yr	2029
1	Prof. St. (Senator)	Nicholas D'Amato	3 yr	2029
1	Prof. St.	Maddie Gallant	3 yr	2028
1	Theology	VACANT	3 yr	2027

Chair: **Anna Wilks (2026-2027)**, as selected by committee. Secretary: **Jen Kershaw (2026-2027)**

Research

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Vice-Provost Research and Innovation	Peter Ludlow	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Liam Swiss	3 yr	2028	
1	Prof. St.	Rene Murphy	3 yr	2029	<i>Sydney Breneol Sab rep. for R. Murphy - Winter 2027</i>
1	P&A Sc.	Iain Beaton	3 yr	2027	
1	Theology	Spencer Boersma	3 yr	2028	
1	Librarian/Archives	Tochukwu Ukwuezech	3 yr	2029	
1	Canada Research Chair	Mark Mallory	3 yr	2028	
1	Director of a Research Centre	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	Graduate Student	VACANT	1 yr	2027	
1	Undergraduate (Honours) Student	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **Vice-Provost Research and Innovation—Peter Ludlow (2026-2027)**

Research Ethics Board

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Vice-Provost Research and Innovation (Non-voting)	Peter Ludlow	ex-officio	--	
1	Faculty/Ethics (Chair)	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	Arts	Rachel Brickner	3 yr	2028	
1	P&A Sc.	Matthew Orr	3 yr	2028	
1	Prof. St.	Ryan MacNeil	3 yr	2029	
1	Theology	Melody Maxwell	3 yr	2028	
1	Community Member with no affiliation with Acadia University and not currently engaged in scientific, legal, or academic work	Michael Jeffrey	3 yr	2027	
		Shon Whitney	3 yr	2027	
1	Community Member who has legal knowledge, but with no affiliation with Acadia University	VACANT	3 yr	2029	
1	Graduate Student (Non-voting)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **Faculty Member Knowledgeable in Ethics – Stephanie Jones** (until June 2026 and until position is filled)

Scholarships, Prizes and Awards Committee (SPAC)

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Registrar or Delegate	Kim Rhymes	ex-officio	--	
1	Financial Aid Counsellor	VACANT	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Marina Davidson	3 yr	2028	
1	Arts	Emily Lockhart	3 yr	2029	
1	Prof. St.	Scott Landry	3 yr	2027	
1	Prof. St.	Wenxia Guo	3 yr	2028	
1	P&A Sc.	Jennie Rand	3 yr	2027	
1	P&A Sc.	Iain Beaton	3 yr	2029	
1	Student (Arts)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	
1	Student (Science)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	
1	Student (Prof Studies)	VACANT	1 yr	2027	

Chair: **VACANT (2026-2027)** Secretary: **VACANT**

Procedures for Appointment of Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty.
Students: Appointed by the Student Representative Council.

Sub-Committees:

(1) Bursary and Loan Committee

- 1 Registrar or Delegate
- 1 Financial Aid Counselor
- 1 Manager of Student Accounts
- 1 ASU VP Academic
- 1 SPAC faculty member and alternate (faculty member)

(2) Awards and Appeals Committee

- 1 Registrar or Delegate
- 1 Financial Aid Counselor
- 1 Chair of SPAC
- 1 SPAC faculty member in different faculty than Chair

Timetable, Instruction Hours, and Examination Committee

	Membership	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1	Registrar or Delegate	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Executive Director of Student Services (<i>non-voting</i>)	James Sanford	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Jessica Slights	3 yr	2028	
1	Prof. St.	Christianne Rushton	3 yr	2029	
1	P&A Sc.	Iain Beaton	3 yr	2027	
1	Student	Sam Richard	1 yr	2027	
1	Student	Emma Boles	1 yr	2027	

Guest: Associate Registrar Hayley van Kroonenburg

Chair: **Jessica Slights (2026-2027)** Secretary: Christianne Rushton (2026-2027)

Academic Discipline Appeals Committee (Ad Hoc)

Type: Ad-hoc

Status: Appointed and meets only when necessary.

The Academic Discipline Appeals Committee shall be activated as needed by the Chair of Senate, after notification by the Vice-President (Academic). The membership of the Academic Discipline Appeals Committee shall be elected in accordance with Article VI. 1. and shall be as follows:

- One member of the Faculty of Arts
- One member of the Faculty of Professional Studies
- One member of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science
- Two students

The duties of the Academic Discipline Appeals Committee shall be:

To deal with any matter of academic discipline which cannot be resolved by the Vice-President (Academic).

Membership (5)	Representative	Period of Service
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1	Prof. St.	
1	P&A Sc.	
1	Arts	
1	Student	
1	Student	

Chair: **Senate Chair – Anna Kiefte (2026-2027)**

Procedures for Appointment of Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty when needed to be activated.

Interdisciplinary Program Committee (IDST) Ad Hoc Committee of Senate

Type: Ad-hoc

BE IT MOVED THAT Senate establish an Interdisciplinary Program Committee that will make proposals for:

- (a) the rationalized governance and administration of IDST programs;
- (b) the representation of IDST faculty on major decision-making committees, including hiring committees to ensure that IDST programs are supported when hiring is done;
- (c) the support of IDST programs through curriculum visibility, flexibility, and procedures such as systematic cross-listing and cross-coding;
- (d) mechanisms by which departments will be advantaged by supporting interdisciplinary studies and programs.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED THAT the proposed committee be composed of a representative from each of the IDST programs chosen by the respective IDST program, as well as a faculty representative from each of the faculties, elected via the appropriate faculty elections officer and a student preferably from an IDST program and chosen by the SRC.

Ad Hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee

Type: Ad-hoc

Formed at Senate meeting on April 10, 2023

Mandate extended on June 25, 2024

Committee membership:

- Corinne Haigh, Dean, Professional Studies (Chair)
- Jeff Hooper, Dean, Pure and Applied Science
- Cassel Busse, Director of the School of Nursing
- Ashlee Cunsolo, Provost and VP Academic
- Matt Lukeman, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Pure and Applied Science representative
- Lily Rich, VP Academic of the Acadia Students' Union
- Maggie Neilson, Vaughan Memorial Library
- Jeff Torbert, Co-Chair of Senate Curriculum Committee (Policy)
- Janna Wentzell, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Professional Studies
- Ian Wilks, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts representative
- **VACANT**, Department of Biology

Motion to form committee passed at Senate April 10, 2023:

Whereas the Act of Incorporation defines the power of Senate as being “to control, regulate and determine the educational policy of Acadia University, and, with the approval of the Board of Governors insofar as the expenditure of funds and the establishment of faculties are concerned, may create such faculties, schools, departments, and institutes...as the Senate may determine,” and to “determine the courses of study and standards of admission” to Acadia University;

Whereas the provincial government has expressed an interest in having Acadia establish a Nursing Program with an initial intake of students as early as September 2023;

Whereas this proposal represents an important opportunity for Acadia to expand its educational offerings and help to address Nova Scotia’s ongoing healthcare challenges;

Whereas a Nursing Program may have a significant impact on the current educational offerings and distribution of resources within multiple academic units within the university;

Therefore an ad hoc Nursing Program Steering Committee shall be struck to consider the establishment of a Nursing Program at Acadia University and to make to the Senate whatever recommendations related to the program it deems fit. This shall include recommendations regarding the suitability of establishing such a program, its curriculum, appropriate structure and faculty home, and any other matters related to educational policy. The committee shall have authority to consult where appropriate with relevant individuals and academic units at Acadia University and other colleges and universities. The committee will receive from the Provost a description of how resources could be allocated to address the corresponding needs of existing and new academic units. The committee shall receive from and provide assistance to the Provost around discussions with Government of Nova Scotia and any other appropriate bodies as the committee may deem necessary.

This committee shall consist 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. The members shall select a Chair of the committee.

The committee shall investigate this matter with all deliberate speed and shall make regular reports to Senate on its progress.

Ad Hoc Committee for Senate and Senate Executive Composition

Type: Ad-hoc

Formed by Senate Executive on Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Members

- Provost and Vice President Academic - Chair
- Deputy Chair of Senate
- Registrar and Senate Secretary
- Vice-Provost, Academic Policy and Graduate Studies
- One Dean appointed by the President
- 3 Senators, one from each current Faculty
- One non-Senate member of the Faculty appointed by the President
- 1 Senate representative from the Acadia Divinity College
- One Student appointed by the ASU

Terms of Reference

1. The ad-hoc Committee shall report regularly to both the Chair of Senate and the President on the committee progress
2. The ad-hoc Committee shall consult the wider Acadia community in determining a preferred structure for Senate and Senate Executive composition.
3. The ad-hoc Committee shall review other University Senate structures to determine best practices.
4. The ad-hoc Committee shall recommend a new Senate and Senate Executive structures to the By-Laws Committee for review by July 31, 2026.

Members Names:

- Provost and Vice President Academic – Chair- **Ashlee Cunsolo**
- Deputy Chair of Senate- **Christianne Rushton**
- Registrar and Senate Secretary- **Mark Bishop**
- Vice-Provost, Academic Policy and Graduate Studies- **Kate Ashley**
- One Dean appointed by the President- **Corinne Haigh**
- 3 Senators, one from each current Faculty- **Marc Ramsay** (Arts), **Mary Sweatman** (Professional Studies), **Darcy Benoit** (Pure and Applied Science)
- One non-Senate member of the Faculty appointed by the President- **Erin Crandall**
- 1 Senate representative from the Acadia Divinity College- **Danny Zacharias**
- One Student appointed by the ASU- **Lily Rich**