

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2025-2026

ON

THE SENATE OF ACADIA UNIVERSITY

AND

SENATE COMMITTEES

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**Senate of Acadia University
Membership for 2025-2026**

Membership	Representative	Term	Term End	Notes
1 Chair (<i>see Note on page 2</i>)	Anna Kieft	1 yr	2026	
1 Deputy-Chair	Christianne Rushton	1 yr	2026	
1 Secretary/Registrar (<i>non-voting</i>)	Mark Bishop	ex-officio		
1 Recording Secretary (<i>non-voting</i>)	Sonya Pineo	ex-officio		
1 Chancellor	Nancy McCain	ex-officio		
1 President	Jeff Hennessy	ex-officio		
1 Provost and VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio		
1 VP, Finance & Admin(<i>non-voting</i>)	Erin Beaudin	ex-officio		
1 Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning Excellence	Lauren Finnis	ex-officio		
1 Vice-President, Student Experience (<i>non-voting</i>)	Scott Duguay	ex-officio		
1 Associate Vice-President RIGS (Interim)	Kate Ashley	ex-officio		
1 Associate Vice-President IDEA	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 Libraries and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio		
1 Dean of Theology	Anna Robbins	ex-officio		
1 President, Student Union	Yas Jawad	ex-officio		
1 Director of Human Rights and Equity (<i>non-voting</i>)	Polly Leonard	ex-officio		
1 Executive Advisor, L'nu Affairs and Indigenization	Zabrina Whitman	ex-officio		
1 Board of Governors	Tracey McGillivray	3 yr	2028	
1 Board of Governors	Shelley Fleckenstein	3 yr	2026	
1 Board of Governors	Candy O'Connor	3 yr	2027	
1 Theology	VACANT	3 yr	2028	
1 Librarian	VACANT	3 yr	2028	
1 Arts	Hassouna Moussa	3 yr	2026	
1 Arts	Jeffrey Sachs	3 yr	2026	
1 Arts	Marc Ramsay	3 yr	2026	
1 Arts	VACANT	3 yr	2027	
1 Arts	Donna Seamone	3 yr	2027	
1 Arts	Julia Poertner	3 yr	2026	
1 Arts	Jesse Carlson	3 yr	2028	
1 Arts	Sonia Hewitt	3 yr	2028	
1 Arts	Foroogh Mohammadi	3 yr	2028	
1 Prof. St. (Acting Dir. Business)	Edith Callaghan	ex-officio		
1 Prof. St. (Head Community Dev)	John Colton	ex-officio		
1 Prof. St. (Designated Director Education)	Corinne Haigh	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.	Nicolas D'Amato	3 yr	2027	
1 Prof. St.	Kelly Brenton	3 yr	2026	
1 P&A Sc. (Biology)	Kirk Hillier	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for G. Gibson (July 1-Dec 31, 2025)</i>
1 P&A Sc. (Chemistry)	Matthew Lukeman	3 yr	2026	
1 P&A Sc. (Math and Stats)	Holger Teismann	3 yr	2028	
1 P&A Sc. (Earth & Environmental)	Cliff Stanley	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for C. Stanley (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)</i>

1	P&A Sc. (Physics)	Michael Robertson	3 yr	2026
1	P&A Sc. (Dir. - Nut. & Diet.) (Interim)	Liesel Carlsson	ex-officio	
1	P&A Sc. (Dir. – Comp. Sci)	Darcy Benoit	ex-officio	
1	P&A Sc. (Dir. – Eng.)	Scott Bishop	ex-officio	
1	P&A Sc. (Psychology)	Joe Hayes	3 yr	2028
1	Student SRC rep (VP Acad-Ext)	Zahide Cam	1 yr	2026
1	Student (Graduate)	VACANT	1 yr	2026
1	Student SRC rep (Arts)	Elizabeth Bettenson	1 yr	2026
1	Student SRC rep (Prof. St)	VACANT	1 yr	2026
1	Student SRC rep (Science)	Eren Narinoglu	1 yr	2026
1	Student (Theology)	VACANT	1 yr	2026
1	Lay person	Oliver Jacob	3 yr	2028
1	Lay person	Howard Williams	3 yr	2027
1	Mi'kmaw Lay person	Eric Paul	3 yr	2026

CURRENT VOTING MEMBERS = 52

CURRENT QUORUM = 27

Note: The position of Chair is open to ex officio members of Senate, Senators, and Faculty members who are not Senators. Should an ex officio member of Senate be elected as Chairperson, there shall be no adjustment to the composition of Senate; should a Faculty member of Senate be elected as Chairperson, a replacement member shall be elected from the Faculty to which the Chair belongs; should a member from the Faculty at large be elected, there shall be no adjustment to the composition of Senate.

Procedures for Appointment:

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

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

Board of Governors - three representatives nominated and elected by BOG, term expires on September 30 of each year.

Faculty:

Pure and Applied Science - Six departments choose their representative by consensus. The three schools of Applied Science, Computer Science, and Nutrition and Dietetics have by tradition been represented by their Directors, and the Constitution of the FPAS states that they should be represented by their Directors. HOWEVER, the Senate Constitution, Appendix A: Membership, 7:3, which is based on the Acadia Act, states that “each School shall be guaranteed one place on Senate, the appointee to be named by the School concerned and chosen in a manner determined by the individual schools”. As the Senate Constitution is what determines Senate membership, individual Schools could decide to choose a representative other than the Director if they wished, notwithstanding the FPAS Constitution. The FPAS Constitution should likely be changed to bring it into line with the Senate Constitution.

Arts - Nine members are elected within the Faculty of Arts.

Professional Studies – by tradition and the FPS Constitution, the Director/Head of each Academic unit plus one additional member elected each from School of Business Administration, School of Education, and School of Kinesiology; and one member at large elected by the Faculty of Professional Studies. Again, though, the Senate Constitution states that Schools are free to choose their representatives in a manner they determine; therefore, individual schools could decide to choose their representatives differently if they so desired.

Theology - one member elected from within the Faculty of Theology

Professional Librarian - one representative nominated and elected by Professional Librarians

Lay People – One Mi'kmaw Lay Person nominated by the Mi'kmaq Bands in the community and two members nominated by the Senate Nominating Committee after a call to all Senators, Faculty, and staff, and elected by Senate. They must not be eligible for membership in Senate in any of the other roles or categories, and must not be full-time employees of Acadia.

Graduate Student - chosen by the Graduate Students' Association

SRC Student reps - chosen by the Acadia Students' Representative Council. By tradition, one has been the Student V-P Academic, and one has been chosen to represent each of the faculties of Arts, Pure and Applied Sciences, and Professional Studies. However, the exact nature of these four representatives is up to the SRC, and is not mandated by Senate.

Theology Student rep – normally chosen by the Acadia Divinity College Student Association; if that group is not able to make an appointment in a timely fashion in a given year, the position may be chosen by the Dean of Theology.

Makeup of Senate (59 positions, including Deputy Chair; number of members may be fewer in any given year, if one person occupies more than one role)

Chair	Nine from Faculty of Arts
Chancellor	Nine from Faculty of Professional Studies
President	Nine from Faculty of Pure and Applied Science
Provost and Vice-President, Academic	One from Faculty of Theology
Vice-President, Enrolment and Student Services (non-voting)	One Professional Librarian
Vice-President, Finance & Admin (non-voting)	<i>(Note, one of the 29 elected faculty members of Senate shall also serve in the position of Deputy Chair)</i>
Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning Innovations	Three from Board of Governors
Associate Vice President Research and Dean of Graduate Studies	Two Lay People
Registrar as Secretary (Non-voting)	One Mi'kmaw Lay Person
Dean, Arts	President, Student Union
Dean, Pure and Applied Sciences	Four SRC Student Representatives
Dean, Professional Studies	One Graduate Student
Dean, Theology	One Theology Student
Dean, Libraries and Archives	

Chair Faculty Council – Krissy Keech (2025 –2026)
Vice-Chair of Faculty – Anna Kieft (2025 –2026)
Faculty Elections Officer – Paul Arnold (2025 –2026)
Secretary to Faculty Council – Natalie Swain (2025 –2026)
Faculty of Arts Elections Officer – Stephen Henderson (2024-2027)
Faculty of Arts Nominating Chair – Ian Wilks (2023-2026)
Faculty of Pure and Applied Science Elections Officer – Paul Arnold (2023-2026)
Faculty of Pure and Applied Science Nominating Chair – Ann Smith (2024-2027)
Faculty of Professional Studies Elections Officer – Christianne Rushton (2025 –2026)
Faculty of Professional Studies Nominating Chair – Christianne Rushton (2025 –2026)
Faculty of Theology – Anna Robbins (ex officio, President of ADC and Dean of Faculty of Theology)

Committee: **Senate Executive**

(1) and

Membership (15)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	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 Associate VP RI&GS (Interim)	Kate Ashley	ex-officio	--	
1 Dean of Libraries 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 Academic	Zahide Cam	ex-officio	--	
1 Senate representative (Arts)	VACANT	1 yr		
1 Senate representative	Kelly Brenton	1 yr		
1 Senate representative	Darcy Benoit	1 yr		

Chair: **Chair of Senate – Anna Kiefte (2025-2026)**

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

Committee: **Academic Integrity Committee**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to advocate for any additional resources that are necessary and appropriate to support effective proctoring of tests and examinations, plagiarism detection software, campus awareness programs, etc.;
- (2) to recommend practical and technical measures to deter and detect cheating and plagiarism;
- (3) to monitor University policy on cheating and plagiarism and to recommend any changes deemed necessary;
- (4) to promote uniform procedures across campus for reporting cheating and plagiarism;
- (5) to oversee a Registry in the Registrar's Office of reported incidences of penalties applied for cheating and plagiarism in order to deter repeated offences; and
- (6) to review as necessary policy and procedures in other Canadian universities and to act as a liaison with outside organizations as appropriate.

Membership (5)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	Replacement Period
1 Registrar	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1 Arts	Johannes Wheeldon	3 yr	2026	
1 Prof. St.	Mark Adam	3 yr	2026	
1 P&A Sc.	Darcy Benoit	3 yr	2027	
Dean of Libraries and Archives (or delegate)	VACANT	3 yr	2028	
1 Student	VACANT	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **VACANT (2025-2026)**

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

Committee: Academic Planning Committee

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Mandate:

The Academic Planning Committee shall make recommendations to Senate on matters relating to academic principles and planning.

In carrying out its work, the Committee 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.

Membership (10)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave	
				Replacement	Period
1 Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio	--		
1 AVP RIGS	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 Libraries and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio	--		
1 Faculty Member from the FPS	Janna Wentzell	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for J. Wentzell (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)</i>	
1 Faculty Member from FP&S	Jeff Banks	3 yr	2027		
1 Faculty Member from IDST Prog	VACANT	3 yr	2028		
1 Faculty Member from the FA	Jeffrey Sachs	3 yr	2028		
1 Student VPA/E	Zahide Cam	1 yr	2026		

Chair: Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2025-2026)

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

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty members - elected from the Faculty as a whole**

Student – VP Academic, appointed by the Student Representative Council

***Faculty members include instructors, lecturers, librarians, archivists and professors. They shall be elected by a general call for nominations from the Faculty Elections Officer.*

Committee: Academic Program Review Committee (APRC)

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to determine policy and procedures for conducting program reviews;
- (2) to determine annually which academic units are to be reviewed;
- (3) to select the members of each unit review committee;
- (4) to oversee the process of review in each case;
- (5) to make recommendations to Senate on the basis of the findings of each unit review committee;
- (6) to deal with such matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

Membership (6 + 1)		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	Registrar or Delegate	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1	Arts	Kevin Whetter	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for K. Whetter (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)</i>
1	Prof. St.	Krissy Keech	3 yr	2027	
1	P&A Sc.	Craig Bennett	3 yr	2028	
1	Board of Governors	VACANT	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	--	--	

Chair: **Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2025-2026)** Secretary: **Registrar – Mark Bishop**

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

Committee: **Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties: to hear appeals against academic regulations or the interpretation of such regulations that have not been resolved at the Departmental, School, or Faculty level or through the Registrar's Office.

Membership (11)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	Replacement Period
1 Chair of Senate	Anna Kiefte	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.	VACANT	3 yr	2026	
1 P&A Sc.	John Murimboh	3 yr	2026	
1 P&A Sc.	Anna Redden	3 yr	2028	
1 Theology	Anna Robbins	ex-officio	--	
1 Student (ASU VPA/E)	Zahide Cam	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **Chair of Senate – Anna Kiefte (2025-2026)**

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

Committee: Admissions and Academic Standing (Policy) Committee

Type: Standing

Status: Active

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.

Membership (14)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	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 Director, Digital and Extended Learning	Jack Rice	ex-officio	--	
1 Arts (Head or Director)	VACANT	3 yr	2026	
1 Arts	VACANT	3 yr	2027	
1 Prof. St. (Head or Director)	Darren Kruisselbrink	3 yr	2027	
1 Prof. St.	VACANT	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)	Matthew Walsh	3 yr	2026	
1 Student (ASU VPA/E)	Zahide Cam	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2025-2026)**

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

Committee: Archives Committee

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

As representatives of their various constituents, members of the Senate Archives Committee will work collaboratively:

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

Membership (13)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Replacement
1 Archivist	Ciaran Purdome		ex-officio	
1 Archivist	Wendy Robicheau		ex-officio	
1 Dean of Libraries and Archives	Jennifer Richard		ex-officio	
1 Arts	Julia Rombough	3 yr	2026	
1 Arts	VACANT	3 yr	2027	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for J. Saklofske 2025-2026</i>
1 Arts	Marina Davidson	3 yr	2028	
1 Prof. St.	Alicia Noreiga-Mundaroy	3 yr	2026	
1 P&A Sc.	Peter Williams	3 yr	2028	
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	VACANT	3 yr	2028	
1 Student (Graduate or Honours)	VACANT	1 yr	2026	

Chair: VACANT (2025-2026)

Secretary: Kelly Bennett

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty.

Student: Appointed by the Acadia Students Union, preferably a graduate student or a fourth year Honours student.

Various Representatives: Appointed by Alumni, President, Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada

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

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Purpose: The purpose of the Awards Committee for Honorary Degrees and Emeriti Distinction (Awards Committee) is to:

1. Invite nominations for Honorary Doctorate degrees and Professores, Librarian, Archivist and Instructor Emeriti awards.
2. Adjudicate the nominations; and recommend nominees thereon to Senate.

Membership (8)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	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	2026	
1 Acadia Divinity College/Theology	Anna Robbins	3 yr	2026	
1 Librarian/Archivist	Ann Smith	3 yr	2027	
1 Governor or Senator (lay member)	Rob McGregor	3 yr	2027	
1 Student	Yas Jawad	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **President – Jeff Hennessy (2025-2026)** 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.

Committee: **Board of Open Acadia**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties: to formulate, review and modify policy pertaining to the operation and enhancement of the program in Continuing Education at Acadia University.

Membership (8)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	Replacement Period
1 Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio	--	
1 Associate VP Finance & Treasurer	VACANT	ex-officio	--	
1 Director, Digital and Extended Learning	Jack Rice	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 Registrar or Delegate	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--	
1 Part-time student	VACANT	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **Provost and Vice-President Academic – Ashlee Cunsolo (2025-2026)**

Procedures for Appointment of Student: Nominated by Open Acadia to the SRC for approval and appointment.

Committee: By-Laws Committee

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to incorporate, on an annual basis, any changes to the By-laws of Senate occasioned by the decisions and operations of Senate;
- (2) to review any changes to the By-laws of Faculty and Faculty Councils prior to their presentation to Senate and recommend any revisions or additions deemed necessary;
- (3) to conduct periodic reviews of the By-laws of the Senate, Faculty and Faculty Councils and recommend any changes or additions deemed necessary. These reviews should be staggered such that the By-laws of each of these bodies are reviewed at a minimum every five years;
- (4) to monitor the evolution of the academic committees and to recommend changes to the committee structure of Faculty Councils and other bodies at the University for which it is responsible;
- (5) to deal with any other matters which Senate might refer to the Committee.

Membership (3)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement	Period
1 Arts (Senator)	VACANT	3 yr	2028		
1 Prof. St. (Senator)	Kelly Brenton	3 yr	2026		
1 P&A Sc. (Senator)	Holger Teismann	3 yr	2027		
1 Theology (Senator)	VACANT	3 yr	2028		

Chair: **VACANT (2025-2026)**

Procedures for Appointment of Faculty: Nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by Senate. All members must be members of Senate.

Committee: **Curriculum Committee (Administrative)**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

(1) The duties of the Curriculum Committee (Administrative) shall be:

- 1) to oversee and co-ordinate all proposed changes in undergraduate degree, certificate or diploma requirements, including interaction with the originators, and to make recommendations to Senate concerning such changes.
- 2) to identify issues arising as a result of recommended changes in undergraduate degree, certificate or diploma requirements, and to forward issues to relevant bodies for consideration and action.
- 3) to consider all changes in undergraduate courses from all departments or schools, or from any individual concerning changes in the curriculum, including interaction with the originators, and to make recommendations to Senate concerning such changes.
- 4) to collaborate with the Registrar's office to produce the programs of study and course listings sections of the annual Calendar.
- 5) to consider such matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

The membership of the Curriculum Committee (Administrative) shall be elected in accordance with Article VI. 1. And shall be as follows:

Membership (11)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement	Period
1 Chair of Curr. Comm. (Policy)	VACANT	ex-officio			
1 Registrar or Delegate (Non-vote)	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--		
1 Associate Registrar or Delegate	Hayley van Kroonenburg	ex-officio			
1 Dean of Libraries and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio	--		
1 Arts	Sonia Hewitt	3 yr	2026		
1 Arts	VACANT	3 yr	2028		
1 Prof. St.	VACANT	3 yr	2028		
1 Prof. St.	VACANT	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for A. Doyle 2025-2026</i>	
1 P&A Sc.	Melanie Coombs	3 yr	2027		
1 P&A Sc.	Nathan Grieve	3 yr	2028		
1 Theology	Christopher Killacky	3 yr	2027		
1 Student	Zahide Cam	1 yr	2026		

Chair: **VACANT (2025-2026)**

Recording Secretary: **VACANT**

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

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

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

Committee: **Curriculum Committee (Policy)**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- 1) to investigate innovative and alternative methods of provision of undergraduate curriculum, and to make recommendations to Senate concerning such methods.
- 2) to develop policies to ensure that undergraduate curriculum is consistently provided and administered across faculties and to make recommendations to Senate concerning such policies.
- 3) to ensure that the implementation of Senate approved policies for undergraduate curriculum is managed, revised, evaluated and disseminated in a coherent and coordinated fashion.
- 4) to collaborate with the Curriculum Committee (Administrative) to ensure the maintenance of an appropriate structure for the consideration of curricular changes.
- 5) to consider such matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

The membership of the Curriculum Committee (Policy) shall be elected in accordance with Article VI. 1. And shall be as follows:

Membership (8)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement	Period
1 Chair of Curr. Comm. (Admin)	VACANT		ex-officio		
1 Registrar or Delegate (<i>non-voting</i>)	Mark Bishop		ex-officio		
1 Dean of Libraries and Archives	Jennifer Richard		ex-officio		
1 Arts*	Kait Pinder	3 yr	2026		
1 Prof. St.*	Jeff Torbert	3 yr	2027		
1 P&A Sc.*	Eva Curry	3 yr	2028		
1 Theology	Christopher Killacky	3 yr	2026		
1 Student	VACANT	1 yr	2026		

Chair: VACANT (2024-2025)

Secretary: VACANT

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

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

* one of the members from the Faculties of Arts, Pure and Applied Science and Professional Studies is designated as having specific responsibility for IDST issues, on a rotating basis.

Committee: **Disability Policy Committee**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to monitor the implementation of the Acadia University Disability Policy.
- (2) to conduct an annual review of the Acadia University Disability Policy and if necessary, recommend to Senate amendments to the policy;
- (3) to deal with any other matters which Senate might refer to the Committee.

Membership (8)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	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 Science	Richard Karsten	3 yr	2027	
1 Theology	Shawna Peverill	3 yr	2026	
1 Student	VACANT	1 yr	2026	

Chair: VACANT (2025-2026)

Secretary: VACANT

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty

Student: Appointed by the Student Representative Council

Committee: **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (EDI)**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

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 (16)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement Period
1 Provost &VPA or AVP IDEA	Lerato Chondoma	<i>ex officio</i>		
1 Accessible Learning Coordinator (or designate)	Emily Duffett	<i>ex officio</i>		
1 Campus Equity Officer	Polly Leonard	<i>ex officio</i>		
1 Coord. of Indigenous Affairs & Student Advising	Zabrina Whitman	<i>ex officio</i>		
1 Director of the International Student Centre	Janet Harnum	<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	Amitabh Jha	*3 yr	2027	Sabbatical Repl. for D. Blustein 2025-2026
1 Member of Faculty of Arts	Barry Watson	*3 yr	2028	
1 Member of Faculty of Theology	Grace Au	*3 yr	2026	
1 Member of Faculty of Professional Studies	Kristin Williams	*3 yr	2026	
1 ASU Diversity and Inclusion Representative	VACANT	1 yr	2026	
1 ASU Pride or Women’s Centre Coordinator	VACANT	1 yr	2026	
1 Student disability representative	VACANT	1 yr	2026	

Chair: **VACANT (2025-2026)**

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.

Committee: Faculty of Acadia University Council

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Mission Statement:

Duties:

the Faculty shall, at its discretion, give consideration and make recommendations to Senate on any and all matters pertaining to academic policy.

b) the Faculty may, if it so desires, express opinions on all affairs of Acadia University (sometimes referred to herein as “the University”).

c) the Faculty shall recommend to the Senate of Acadia University (sometimes referred to herein as “the Senate”) the names of all students who are to be admitted to graduate and undergraduate degrees and diplomas.

d) the Faculty may, at the request of the Board of Governors or the Senate, carry out any duties or function which either of the aforesaid bodies may refer to it.

e) the Faculty shall not carry on any venture for the purpose of financial gain for its members.

Membership	Representative	Term
1 President	Jeff Hennessy	ex-officio --
1 Provost & VPA	Ashlee Cunsolo	ex-officio --
1 Vice-President, Student Experience	Scott Duguay	ex-officio --
1 Registrar (<i>non-voting</i>)	Mark Bishop	ex-officio --
1 Faculty Elections Officer	Stephen Henderson	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 Dean of Libraries and Archives	Jennifer Richard	ex-officio --
1 Associate VP RI&GS (Interim)	Kate Ashley	ex-officio --
1 Dean of Theology	Anna Robbins	ex-officio --
1 Director of the Acadia Art Gallery	Laurie Dalton	ex-officio --
1 Director of School of Kinesiology	Darren Kruisselbrink	ex-officio --
1 Director of School of Education (Acting)	Mark Adam	ex-officio --
1 Director of School of Business	Corinne Haigh	ex-officio Designated Director
1 Director of School of Music	Christianne Rushton	ex-officio --
1 Director of School of Computer Science	Darcy Benoit	ex-officio --
1 Director of School of Engineering	Scott Bishop	ex-officio --
1 Director of School of Nutrition & Dietetics (Interim)	Liesel Carlsson	ex-officio --
1 ASU Student (ASU VPA/E)	Zahide Cam	ex-officio --

All members of the Faculty Acadia University (a person who has an academic appointment at Acadia University as above, and Professors, Lecturers, Instructors, Librarians, PADs, and those with per course appointments).

Chair: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members: **VACANT** (2025-2026)

Vice-Chair: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members: **VACANT** (2025-2026)

Secretary: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members: **VACANT** (2025-2026)

Committee: Faculty Support Committee

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Mission Statement:

To contribute to the success and development of Acadia University Faculty in teaching, use of academic technologies, and overall professional development.

Duties:

- (1) to advocate for teaching and learning resources for faculty
- (2) to collect input from all stakeholders to develop and submit policy recommendations to Senate regarding academic technologies
- (3) to collect faculty ideas and develop suggestions to meet faculty development needs
- (4) to promote teaching excellence on campus and aid in the selection processes for the submission of Acadia faculty for internal and external teaching awards
- (5) to consider such matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee

Membership (9)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Replacement Period
1 Vice Provost Teaching and Learning Excellence	Lauren Finniss	ex-officio		
1 Association of Atlantic Universities FDC rep	Darcy Benoit	ex-officio		
1 Coordinator of Academic Technologies	Shelly Vaughan	ex-officio		
1 Arts	Anna Wilks	3 yr	2028	
1 Prof. St.	Michelle Boyd	3 yr	2027	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for P. Lauzon (July 1-Dec 31, 2025)</i>
1 P & A Sc.	Darcy Benoit	3 yr	2026	
1 Theology	Steven Porter	3 yr	2027	
1 Librarian/Archivist	Agnieszka Hayes	3 yr	2026	
1 Student	Zahide Cam	1 yr	2026	

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

Procedures for Appointment

Chair: Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning Excellence – Lauren Finniss (2025-2026) Secretary:

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

Committee: **Graduate Studies**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

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Membership (17)		Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement	Period
1	Associate VP RI&GS (Interim)	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)	Jennifer Tinkham	ex-officio	--		
1	Program Coordinator (Education)	Jennifer Tinkham	ex-officio	-		
1	Program Coordinator (Kine)	Matthew Vierimaa	ex-officio	-		
1	Program Coordinator (Politics)	VACANT	ex-officio	--		<i>Sabbatical Repl. for I. Viriasova 2025-2026</i>
1	Program Coordinator (Comm Dev)	Gabrielle Donnelly	ex-officio	--		
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)	VACANT	ex-officio	--		<i>Sabbatical Repl. for N. Faraone 2025-2026</i>
1	Program Coordinator (Theology)	Steven Porter	ex-officio	--		
1	Program Coordinator (Applied Geomatics)	Ian Spooner	ex-officio	-		<i>Sabbatical Repl. for M. Snyder 2025-2026</i>
1	Program Coordinator (Social & Political Thought)	Jesse Carlson	ex-officio			
1	Graduate Student (Arts)	VACANT	1 yr			2026
1	Graduate Student (Prof. St.)	VACANT	1 yr			2026
1	Graduate Student (P&A Sc.)	VACANT	1 yr			2026
1	Graduate Student (Theology)	VACANT	1 yr			2026

Chair: **AVP Research and Graduate Studies (Interim) – Kate Ashley (2025-2026)**

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty: Graduate coordinator of each graduate program within each of the four faculties

Students: Four graduate students, one from each faculty, appointed by the Acadia Graduate Students

Association or Acadia Divinity College Student Association.

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Committee: **Honours Committee**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to review policies governing Honours theses regularly and to recommend changes to Senate as necessary;
- (2) to establish and oversee the process of evaluation for Honours theses;
- (3) to establish and oversee the internal adjudication process for Acadia's in-course Honours student applicants to external scholarship funds, summer research awards;
- (4) to establish and oversee the adjudication process for Acadia University's awards to honours students;
- (5) to make recommendations to the Research Committee to enhance research programs and opportunities for undergraduate students;
- (6) to consider Honours Program applications not routinely accepted by the Registrar (i.e. special cases, appeals);
- (7) to consider and respond to Honours program matters referred to it by undergraduate students, faculty members, Departments, Schools, Faculties, the VP Academic or by the Senate of Acadia University;
- (8) to make recommendations to Senate for modification of the regulations respecting Honours programs;
- (9) to consider such other matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee;
- (10) to identify needs and provide for educational opportunities for honours students beyond specific degree programs.

Membership (8)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement	Period
1 Associate VP RIGS (or designate)	Kate Ashley	ex-officio--			
1 Registrar (or designate)	Hayley van Kroonenburg	ex-officio--			
1 Arts	Jennifer MacDonald	3 yr	2026		
1 Arts	Kevin Whetter	3 yr	2027	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for K. Whetter (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)</i>	
1 Prof. St.	Michelle Boyd	3 yr	2026		
1 Prof. St.	Lauren Lattimer	3 yr	2028		
1 P&A Sc.	Matthew McSweeney	3 yr	2027		
1 P&A Sc.	Lydia Bouzar-Benlabiod	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for M. Snyder 2025-2026</i>	
1 Honours Student (Arts)	VACANT	1 yr	2026		
1 Honours Student (Prof. St.)	VACANT	1 yr	2026		
1 Honours Student (P&A Sc.)	VACANT	1 yr	2026		

Chair: **VACANT (2025-2026)****Initial term is 1 or 2 years to stagger retirements going forward.*

Secretary:

Procedures for Appointment:

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty.

Students: engaged in research, appointed under the aegis of the Students' Representative Council.

Note: Members must come from departments offering honours programs.

Committee: **Nominating Committee**

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

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

Process of Nomination and Election for Faculty:

- (1) issue a call for nominations from eligible members for all vacant positions. All nominations must be accompanied by an agreement to serve if elected;
- (2) in a case where no nominations are forthcoming, or if the Committee so desires, determine potential candidates based on their qualifications, availability, other committee loads, administrative loads, interests, etc;
- (3) whenever possible, present a slate of nominations to Senate where final nominations will be accepted and an election will be held. Nominees may submit a short statement outlining their interest in and relevant experience/expertise for a position.

Membership (7)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	Replacement Period
1 President (<i>non-voting</i>)	Jeff Hennessy	ex-officio	--	
1 Arts (Senator)	Paul Doerr	3 yr	2026	
1 Arts	Hassouna Moussa	3 yr	2027	
1 P&A Sc. (Senator)	Cliff Stanley	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for C. Stanley (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)</i>
1 P&A Sc.	Caroline Cochran	3 yr	2027	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for C. Cochran (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)</i>
1 Prof. St. (Senator)	Nicholas D'Amato	3 yr	2026	
1 Prof. St.	VACANT	3 yr	2028	
1 Theology	VACANT	3 yr	2027	

Chair: **VACANT (2025-2026), as selected by committee**

Procedures for Appointment of Faculty: Faculty members are nominated and elected within each Faculty. Senate members are elected by Senate with elections carried out by the Secretary to Senate.

Committee: Research

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to develop policies and programs that encourage and support faculty, graduate, and undergraduate research at Acadia University
- (2) to establish and oversee the adjudication process for Acadia University's internal research funds, excluding the University Research Fund (Article 25.55)
- (3) to establish, propose to Senate for approval and subsequently to implement a consultative process for regular reviews of the Acadia University Strategic Research Plan
- (4) to encourage and facilitate interaction among Acadia's researchers, community members, community organizations, government and industry in order to expand and enhance research collaboration and dissemination
- (5) to consider and respond to research matters referred to it by graduate students, faculty members, Departments, Schools, Faculties, the VP Academic or by the Senate of Acadia University
- (6) to receive the annual reports of Research Centres for submission to Senate
- (7) to consider any other matters of policy relating to research, and any other matters referred to it by Faculty, Vice-President (Academic), Senate, or Board of Governors

Membership (10)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Replacement	Leave Period
1 Associate VP RI&GS (Interim)	Kate Ashley	ex-officio	--		
1 Arts	Liam Swiss	3 yr	2028		
1 Prof. St.	René Murphy	3 yr	2026		
1 P&A Sc.	Iain Beaton	3 yr	2027		
1 Theology	VACANT	3 yr	2028		
1 Librarian	Ann Smith	3 yr	2026		
1 Canada Research Chair	VACANT	3 yr	2028		
1 Director of a Research Centre	VACANT	3 yr	2026		
1 Graduate Student	VACANT	1 yr	2026		
1 Undergraduate (Honours) Student	VACANT	1 yr	2026		

Chair: AVP Research and Graduate Studies (Interim)– Kate Ashley (2025-2026)**Procedures for Appointment:**

Faculty: Nominated and elected within each Faculty

Canada Research Chair: Elected by the Canada Research Chairs

Graduate Student: Elected by the Canada Research Chairs

Undergraduate Student: engaged in research, appointed under the aegis of the Students' Representative Council.

Research Centre Director: chosen by the Directors

Professional Librarian: elected by professional librarians at Acadia University

Committee: Research Ethics Board

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to adopt, interpret and implement the principles, protocols and procedures outlined in the Tri-Council Policy Statement, "Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans," as they pertain to the types of research and related activity conducted by employees, faculty, students and researchers associated with Acadia University;
- (2) to establish and supervise a process to review research proposals referred to it in a regular and timely manner so that researchers are not compromised in their ability to initiate their research programmes. The Research Ethics Board shall approve, reject, propose modifications to, or terminate any proposed or ongoing research involving human subjects which is conducted within, or by members of, Acadia University, using considerations set forth in the Tri-Council Policy Statement, "ethical Conduct of Research Involving Humans";
- (3) to communicate the Tri-Council Policy Statement and its implications (and any future modifications to the Tri-Council Policy Statement) to all employees, faculty, students and researchers associated with Acadia University;
- (4) to serve in a reciprocal relation, acting as the Appeal Board for Mount Allison University's REB;
- (5) to provide to Senate, through its Chair, an annual report of its activities. The report should address:
 - a. its policies for the training of members, appointment of Ad Hoc advisors, and other key operating decisions as required by the TCPS and implemented by the REB, and
 - b. appeals, interpretive matters for which the REB has sought guidance from the Canadian Secretariat on Research Ethics, and any other matters out of the ordinary with which the Board has dealt with over the reported period;
- (6) to consider such matters as may from time to time be referred to it.

Quorum for meetings – five voting members, one of which must be one of the two community members.

Membership (9)		Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave Replacement	Period
1	AVP of RI&GS (Non-voting)	Kate Ashley	ex-officio	--		
1	Faculty/Ethics (Chair)	Stephanie Jones	3 yr	2026		
1	Arts	Rachel Brickner	3 yr	2028		
1	P&A Sc.	Matthew Orr	3 yr	2028		
1	Prof. St.	Ryan MacNeil	3 yr	2026	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for R. MacNeil (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)</i>	
1	Theology	VACANT	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		
1	Community Member who has legal knowledge, but with no affiliation with Acadia University	Shon Whitney	3 yr	2027		
1	Community Member who has legal knowledge, but with no affiliation with Acadia University	Cheri Lynn Killam	3 yr	2026		
1	Graduate Student (Non-voting)	VACANT	1 yr	2026		

Chair: Faculty Member Knowledgeable in Ethics – Stephanie Jones (until 2026)

Membership on the Research Ethics Board shall include both men and women.

Members from the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Professional Studies, the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, and the Faculty of Theology to have with broad expertise in the methods or in the areas of research that are covered by the REB.

Dean of Research and Graduate Studies to serve as a non-voting member who shall act as liaison to the Senate Research Committee, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, and Senate.

Committee: **Research Ethics Board**, cont'd

Procedures for Appointment (as terms expire):

Chair: Elected through the Office of the Faculty Elections Officer

Faculty: Nominated by and elected within each Faculty

Graduate Student: Appointed by the Graduate Student Association. In the event the Graduate Student Association is not able to select a representative in a timely fashion in a given year, the appointment shall be made by the Student Representative Council.

1 Community Member: no affiliation with Acadia University, nominated by the Nominating Committee

1 Community Member: no affiliation with Acadia University and has legal knowledge, nominated by the Nominating Committee

Committee: Scholarships, Prizes and Awards Committee (SPAC)

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) To decide policy and process by which recipients of scholarships, prizes, bursaries, scholar-bursaries, awards, and convocation medals are to be selected and to gather all information it considers necessary for the selection;
- (2) To select the recipients of undergraduate entrance scholarships, prizes, and awards and some in-course scholarships, prizes, and awards;
- (3) To periodically review the scholarships, prizes, and awards program and to recommend improvements (increased funds, new scholarships, more prizes, etc.) to those involved in the program;
- (4) To promote interest in the scholarship program;
- (5) To consider such other matters as the Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

Quorum: 6 with at least 1 member from each faculty

Membership (11)	Representative	Term	Leave	
			Retirement	Replacement Period
1 Registrar or Delegate	Kim Rhymes	ex-officio	--	
1 Financial Aid Counselor	Candace Bird	ex-officio	--	
1 Arts	Marina Davidson	3 yr	2028	
1 Arts	Can Mutlu	3 yr	2026	
1 Prof. St.	VACANT	3 yr	2027	<i>Sabbatical Repl. for S. Landry 2025-2026</i>
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	2026	
1 Student (Arts)	VACANT	1 yr	2026	
1 Student (Science)	VACANT	1 yr	2026	
1 Student (Prof Studies)	VACANT	1 yr	2026	

Chair: VACANT (2025-2026) Secretary: Candace Bird ext.1574

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

Committee: Timetable, Instruction Hours, and Examination Committee

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

- (1) to communicate the approved rules on instruction hours to all members of Faculty before the end of August of each academic year;
- (2) to recommend to Senate the approval of special requests as it deems valid, with supporting reasons;
- (3) to recommend to Senate new or modified policies and regulations pertaining to instruction hours;
- (4) to publish in the spring of each academic year, a time, a place and schedule of classes for the following year;
- (5) to make such amendments and corrections as may be deemed necessary in the timetable throughout the year;
- (6) to make recommendations concerning any changes in the scheduling of courses which, in its judgment, will more efficiently utilize the physical plant of the university without compromising academic needs;
- (7) to publish a timetable for December and April examinations;
- (8) to ensure that proper examination procedures are carried out;
- (9) to consider and to rule on all individual cases that may arise in the course of examination procedures and may deserve special consideration;
- (10) to recommend to Senate by the January meeting in each year the dates for the following academic year.

Membership (7)	Representative	Term	Retirement	Leave	
				Replacement	Period
1 Registrar or Delegate	Mark Bishop	ex-officio	--		
1 Senior Director Student Affairs (<i>non-voting</i>)	James Sanford	ex-officio	--		(<i>in lieu of Dean of Students</i>)
1 Arts	Jessica Slights	3 yr	2028		
1 Prof. St.	Christianne Rushton	3 yr	2026		
1 P&A Sc.	Iain Beaton	3 yr	2027		
1 Student	VACANT	1 yr	2026		
1 Student	VACANT	1 yr	2026		

Guest: Associate Registrar Hayley van Kroonenburg

Chair: **VACANT (2025-2026)**

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

Committee: **Academic Discipline Appeals Committee**

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
1	Prof. St.	
1	P&A Sc.	
1	Arts	
1	Student	
1	Student	

Chair: **Senate Chair** – Anna Kieft (2025-2026)

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

Committee: **Community Engagement Committee**

Type: Ad-hoc

A new **Ad Hoc Community Engagement Committee** will be formed and has been directed by Senate to begin to take the following actions.

- Committee membership: three faculty members (elected by faculty), one student (appointed by ASU), one Dean (appointed by Vice President Academic)
- Document and celebrate the ways in which Acadia is currently engaging with the broader community and integrating this engagement into program curricula.
- Consider how Acadia can strengthen its links to the broader community in future.
- Determine the status and usage of the co-curricular transcript. After gauging interest, propose mechanisms to enhance its use in future.
- Engage with key people and groups on campus (Co-op office, ALL program, Department of Community Development, Associated Alumni of Acadia University, Acadia Entrepreneurship Centre, Acadia Athletics, SMILE, Performing Arts Series, etc)

Once the committee is properly constituted, an initial meeting will be scheduled. The committee will report on their initial work at the January 9, 2017 meeting of Senate.

Membership (5)	Representative	Period
1 Dean	Jennifer Richard	
1 Arts	Cynthia Alexander	
1 Prof. St.	Kesa Munroe-Anderson	
1 P&A Sc.	Acacia Puddeste	
1 Student	Emma Boles	

Chair: **VACANT**

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

Procedure for appointment of Dean: Appointed by the VP Academic

Once the committee is properly constituted, an initial meeting will be scheduled. The committee will report on their initial work at the January 9, 2017 meeting of Senate.

Committee: **Course and Teaching Effectiveness Ad Hoc Committee of Senate**

Type: Ad-hoc

Motion that the Course and Teaching Effectiveness Ad Hoc Committee of Senate be formed for the 2021-2022 academic year, with membership and terms of reference as outlined.

At the May 2021 meeting of Faculty Council, the following motion was passed by Faculty Council:

Faculty Council recommends that Senate undertake a complete review of the student survey process and purpose, with the goal of creating more equitable and informative surveys, and/or establishing additional/alternative processes to help support faculty members in maximizing their teaching effectiveness.

Faculty Council is a committee of Senate, and at the last Senate meeting the topic of how to address this motion was discussed. As a way forward, the Senate Executive proposes that an Ad Hoc committee of Senate be formed to explore options for (1) collecting student course feedback, and (2) supporting faculty in improving course and teaching effectiveness. The proposed membership and terms of reference follow.

Committee: Course and Teaching Effectiveness Committee

Type: Ad-hoc

The committee shall be comprised of the following twelve members.

- One Faculty Dean (Dean of Arts, Dean of Science, or Dean of Professional Studies), appointed by the Provost and Vice-President Academic
- Director of Open Acadia (or designate)
- Two faculty members from the Faculty of Arts**
- Two faculty members from the Faculty of Professional Studies**
- Two faculty members from the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science**
- One faculty member from the College of Divinity and Faculty of Theology, elected by the College of Divinity and Faculty of Theology
- One undergraduate student, appointed by the Acadia Students' Union
- One graduate student, appointed by Acadia Graduate Students' Association
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer

Chair: Member of the committee, elected by the committee. The Faculty Dean shall call the first meeting. The committee shall hold its first meeting by no later than September 15, 2021.

*** Faculty members include archivists, curators, instructors, lecturers, librarians, and professors. They shall be elected by a general call for nominations from the Faculty Elections Officer.*

Membership (12)

Representative

1 Dean	David Duke
1 Vice Provost Teaching and Learning Excellence	Lauren Finnis
1 Arts	Jennifer MacDonald
1 Arts	VACANT
1 Professional Studies	Christianne Rushton
1 Professional Studies	Karen Kendall
1 Pure & Applied Science	Nathan Grieve
1 Pure & Applied Science	Eva Curry
1 College of Divinity	Stuart Blythe
1 Undergraduate Student	Sophia Carpenter
1 Graduate Student	VACANT
1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer	Polly Leonard

Chair: **VACANT**

Terms of Reference:

The purpose of the committee is to explore methods for (1) collecting student course feedback, and (2) supporting faculty in improving course and teaching effectiveness. The following activities may guide the committee's work:

- Conduct two surveys, one for students and one for faculty members, related to how student course feedback may be gathered and how course and teaching effectiveness may be best reflected upon and assessed.
- Review existing practices at Acadia and other institutions.
- Review the literature related to student surveys of courses and teaching, particularly in the areas of effectiveness of surveys, bias, and equity.
- Recommend to Senate new processes to replace current student surveys, which may include: development of new student surveys, development of teaching dossier templates, development of faculty self-reflection documents related to teaching activities, classroom observations from peers and/or academic administrators, mentoring programs, and/or attendance at professional development programming.
- Identify other bodies or committees that may be best positioned to complete tasks related to recommended processes.
- Liaise with the AUFA and the University Administration to identify parts of the Collective Agreement that would need to be revisited in order for the university to implement any recommended processes.
- Liaise with Technology Services to identify possible integration of some of the recommended processes into the new Colleague system.
- Complete other activities that members of the committee deem beneficial.
- Report back to Senate in June 2022. Report shall include highlights of survey results, status of process recommendations, and status of committee work. The committee shall recommend whether its mandate should be extended for an additional year.

Motion passed by Faculty Council on May 4, 2021:

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Notes/ Issues to Consider (not an exhaustive list):

- The Collective Agreement states that “Candidates shall present evidence of their teaching activities as part of their dossier. Where the evidence relates to classroom performance, it should be based on direct observation by peers and/or academic administrators or by student surveys as in Article 17.02 A (n).”
- Under the current CA, faculty members are required to administer student surveys, and summaries of the numerical data has to be included in their renewal, tenure, and promotion (RTP) documents.
- There is ample evidence to suggest student surveys can be biased and do not always provide a good assessment of student learning. These issues apply particularly strongly to women or BIPOC faculty members, raising equity concerns. Student surveys often work best as formative assessments to help faculty members improve their teaching, rather than as summative assessments to measure and compare faculty performance. (We believe that other groups or individuals on campus have been collecting such evidence, which could be collated and shared).
- Note the current system for conducting electronic student surveys will no longer work under Colleague. The system and procedures will therefore have to be re-examined for the Fall term anyway.
- Making student surveys optional for RTP procedures would have to be a matter for negotiations.
- However, it would still be within the purview of Senate to revise the current survey form to ensure the questions asked align with best practices.
- Workshops or other guidance could be made available to help faculty who are interested in other methods of documenting their teaching activities for RTP purposes, and / or assessing their teaching effectiveness for their own formative professional development. Examples might include:
 - Guidance on development of effective formative student surveys;
 - Guidance on developing effective teaching dossiers;
 - Procedures to help facilitate classroom observation by peers and/or academic administrators;
 - More opportunities to obtain professional training, mentoring, and / or peer support around teaching issues.

Committee: **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.

Committee: **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
- Zahide Cam, VP Academic of the Acadia Students' Union
- Maggie Neilson, Vaughan Memorial Library
- **VACANT**, Chair of Senate Curriculum Committee (Policy)
- Janna Wentzell, School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Professional Studies representative (*John Colton Sabbatical replacement for J. Wentzell Jan. 1-June 30, 2026*)
- Ian Wilks, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts representative
- Brian Wilson, 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.