

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 Library 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>) | VACANT | 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 | Danny Zacharias | 3 yr | 2028 | |
| 1 Librarian | Ciaran Purdome | 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 | Jessica Slights | 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 | Forough 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) | Glenys Gibson | 3 yr | 2026 | |
| 1 P&A Sc. (Chemistry) | Matthew Lukeman | 3 yr | 2026 | |
| 1 P&A Sc. (Math and Stats) | Eva Curry | 3 yr | 2028 | |
| 1 P&A Sc. (Earth & Environmental) | Cliff Stanley | 3 yr | 2026 | |

Repl. H. Teismann Sept-June 2026

Sabbatical Repl. for C. Stanley (Jan. 1-June 30, 2026)

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|---|--|---------------------|------------|------|
| 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) | Mads Murray | 1 yr | 2026 |
| 1 | Student SRC rep (Arts) | Elizabeth Bettenson | 1 yr | 2026 |
| 1 | Student SRC rep (Prof. St) | Tove Biskop | 1 yr | 2026 |
| 1 | Student SRC rep (Science) | Eren Narinoglu | 1 yr | 2026 |
| 1 | Student (Theology) | Remmi Boisjoli | 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 = 54

CURRENT QUORUM = 28

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 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 | Retirement | Leave 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) | Jennifer Richard | 3 yr | 2028 | | |
| 1 | Student | Elizabeth Bettenson | 1 yr | 2026 | | |

Chair: **Darcy Benoit (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 | Leave | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|--|
| | | | Retirement | 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 | <i>A. Aljarrah's sabbatical replacement (to July 2026)</i> |
| 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 | Jon Saklofske | 3 yr | 2027 | |
| 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 | VACANT | 3 yr | 2027 | <i>M. Maxwell's sabbatical replacement (July 1 to December 31, 2025)</i> |
| 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) | Genna Beed | 1 yr | 2026 | |

Chair: **Marina Davidson (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) | Jesse Carlson | 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) | Danny Zacharias | 3 yr | 2028 | | |

Chair: **Jesse Carlson (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

Type: Standing

Status: Active

Duties:

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

- 1) To oversee and coordinate all proposed changes in undergraduate degree, certificate, and diploma requirements, including interaction with originators, and to make recommendations to Senate concerning such changes.
- 2) To consider all proposed changes in undergraduate courses from all departments, schools, or individual faculty members, including interaction with the originators, and to make recommendations to Senate concerning such changes.
- 3) To develop and recommend policies to ensure that the undergraduate curriculum is delivered and administered consistently across all faculties.
- 4) To investigate and support innovative and alternative methods of curriculum delivery and make policy recommendations to Senate accordingly.
- 5) To evaluate, revise, and support the implementation of Senate-approved curriculum policies in a coherent and coordinated manner.
- 6) To identify and address issues arising from curriculum proposals or policy changes, referring matters to relevant bodies when necessary.
- 7) To collaborate with the Registrar's Office in the production and review of the annual Calendar, including program of study and course listing sections.
- 8) To consider and act on such matters as may be referred to the Committee by Senate.

The membership of the Curriculum Committee shall be elected in accordance with Article VI. 1. and shall be as follows:

| Membership (11) | Representative | Term | Leave | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| | | | Retirement | Replacement Period |
| 1 Registrar or Delegate (non-voting) | Mark Bishop | ex-officio | -- | |
| 1 Associate Registrar or Delegate (non-voting) | Hayley van Kroonenburg | ex-officio | -- | |
| 1 The Vice-Provost Curriculum and Planning (non-voting) | Lauren Wilson | ex-officio | -- | |
| 1 The Academic Programming, Quality Assurance, and Planning Coordinator (non-vote) | Finniss Shawna Singleton | ex-officio | -- | |
| 1 Dean of Libraries and Archives | Jennifer Richard | ex-officio | -- | |
| 1 Arts | Sonia Hewitt | 3 yr | 2026 | |
| 1 Arts | Liam Swiss | 3 yr | 2028 | |
| 1 Prof. St. | Jeff Torbert | 3 yr | 2027 | |
| 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. | Eva Curry | 3 yr | 2028 | |
| 1 P&A Sc. | Andy Mitchell | 3 yr | 2028 | |
| 1 Theology | Christopher Killacky | 3 yr | 2027 | |
| 1 Student | Zahide Cam | 1 yr | 2026 | |

Co-Chairs: **Melanie Coombs** (Administrative) & **Jeff Torbert** (Policy) (2025-2026)

Recording Secretary: Eva Curry

Co-chairs elected from the Faculty Representatives (one each primarily responsible for administrative/policy issues, respectively)

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

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

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 | Stephanie Ziolkowski | ex-officio -- | <i>Sabbatical Repl. for G. Hastey 2025-2026</i> | |
| 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: Richard Karston (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 | VACANT | <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 | Corinne Haigh | ex-officio Designated Director |
| 1 Director of School of Business | Edith Callaghan | ex-officio Acting Director |
| 1 Director of School of Music | Christianne Rushton | ex-officio -- |
| 1 Director of School of ComputerScience | 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: Krissy Keech (2025-2026)

Vice-Chair: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members: Anna Kieft (2025-2026)

Secretary: Elected by the Acadia Faculty members: Natalie Swain (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 | Sharon Churchill-Roe | 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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| | | Leave | | | |
|--|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Membership (17) | Representative | Term | Retirement | 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) | Jeffrey Sachs | 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) | Anthony Tong | 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) | Mads Murray | 1 yr | | 2026 | |
| 1 Graduate Student (Prof. St.) | VACANT | 1 yr | | 2026 | |
| 1 Graduate Student (P&A Sc.) | Nola Morey | 1 yr | | 2026 | |
| 1 Graduate Student (Theology) | Lalitha Prasad | 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.

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. | Zoë Migicovsky | 3 yr | 2027 | <i>Sabbatical Repl. for M. McSweeney until Feb 2026</i> | |
| 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: **Jennifer MacDonald (2025-2026)****Initial term is 1 or 2 years to stagger retirements going forward.*

Secretary: Kevin Whetter

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: **Nicholas D'Amato (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 | Spencer Boersma | 3 yr | 2028 | | |
| 1 Librarian | Ann Smith | 3 yr | 2026 | | |
| 1 Canada Research Chair | Mark Mallory | 3 yr | 2028 | | |
| 1 Director of a Research Centre | VACANT | 3 yr | 2026 | | |
| 1 Graduate Student | Nola Morey | 1 yr | 2026 | | |
| 1 Undergraduate (Honours) Student | Eren Narinoglu | 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. | Chris Shields | 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) | Mads Murray | 1 yr | 2026 | |
| 1 Student (Science) | Muhammad Ali | 1 yr | 2026 | |
| 1 Student (Prof Studies) | Sophia Carpenter | 1 yr | 2026 | |

Chair: **Jennie Rand (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: Iain Beaton (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 Kiefte (2025-2026)

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

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
- Jeff Torbert, 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.