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Minutes of the Senate Meeting of Monday, September 11, 2023

A hybrid meeting of the Senate of Acadia University occurred on Monday, September 11, 2023 beginning at 4:03 pm., with Chair A. Kiefte presiding. The meeting took place in hybrid format in the Langley Classroom of the Divinity College and using Zoom, with 40 Senators in attendance- 22 attending in person and 18 attending virtually using Zoom.

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by D. Benoit and seconded by M. Robertson.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA CARRIED.

Reports from Sub-Committees

Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee

A. Kiefte relinquished Chair to D. Seamone to present Appeals Committee report.

A. Kiefte indicated that the report is received by Senate in the Fall as the work is done in the summer.

D. Seamone thanked the Chair and committee members.

There were no questions.

Report received.

A. Kiefte resumed the Chair.

Academic Planning Committee

K. Ashley shared that due to recent changes the Committee is down an IDST member, and the Senate Nominating Committee has been made aware. The APC will continue to meet via hybrid means and plans to meet more frequently (monthly). Goals for the year are tied to Committee's mandate. The desire this year is to be more deliberative and discuss academic planning. 6 goals were identified: 1. Establish academic priorities for discussion. Could be AI, developments in teaching including transformative teaching. 2. Post budget reporting. 3. Review and rank faculty position requests. 4. Inviting heads and coordinators to new programs to APC as Committee desires feedback from Heads/Coordinators. 5. Incoming student recommendations, to address some difficulties new students have especially in post pandemic transition. 6. Review tenure track process. Should Committee continue to use the same model or different?

K. Pinder asked how Committee would go about establishing academic priorities? What is entailed in figuring that out?

K. Ashley indicated that they would like to engage with people across the institution and will report back in a month to Senate.

S. McAlear. Happy to hear that the University is taking the transition needs post-pandemic of students to note. Feels that there is a consensus among 1st year students of lack of readiness and being unaware of how to do academic study. The ASU will be reaching out to assist where possible.

A. Kieft. Are ranking of other continuing appointments other than tenure track part of re-evaluation process?

K. Ashley. No, not initially, the focus is on tenure track. It will take a few months to do the work, however it is on the radar. How to prioritize positions, and the different ways that the Committee could approach this is first, and then and maybe bringing it to Senate.

T. McGillivray. Welcomed K. Ashley to new role. Asked that when you talk about academic priorities, what else is in sphere or scope, does it include academic programming, enrolments and making changes to academic programming?

K. Ashley. When changes are made to programs (deleting courses, programs) that is a matter for Departments. Committee's focus is on the strategic plan, but advising, enrolment are part of that. Indicated that decisions can't be made by APC, but it is able to recommend. APC is looking to work on different aspects of the process.

D. Seamone. Thanks to K. Ashley for reports after taking over position. Identified that the call for the IDST rep. would come out. From whom does that come?

A. Kieft. Responded that it was Stephen Henderson and that the call went out last week.

Report Received.

Announcements

Chair of Senate:

Senate has both a Recording Secretary and Secretary. As the Recording Secretary (G. Menon) is about to begin a Leave, M. Bishop will be acting Recording Secretary for purposes of recording minutes of meeting. Chair will complete other critical time-sensitive tasks of Recording Secretary. Replacement position for Recording Secretary is currently in process of being filled. Registrar will continue to be back up for minute-taking going forward for this role. Support might be needed if questions are asked of Registrar during meetings.

Regrets from M. Sweatman. D. Zacharias will be arriving late.

Senate Orientation date was circulated in July. Meeting location details were just confirmed and meeting invitation was circulated today for next Monday's meeting.

Introductions of Senators- both in person and on Zoom.

Chair reminded Senate of Mi'kmaw Layperson role which was created in 2019. One representative from one of the four local Mi'kmaw communities, rotating every three years. Chair welcomed E. Paul, the second Mi'kmaw Layperson to serve in this way.

Chair indicated that there would normally be three Board of Governors representatives, and there are currently two vacancies, which will hopefully be filled soon. A. Kiefte thanked T. MacGillivray for being the current lone Board rep.

President:

J. Hennessy. Apologized for not submitting written report in advance. He is very pleased to be back at Acadia. Was part of Senate in 2002 while in Music at the time. Formerly a student Senator and on Senate at Mount A. Has a deep respect for Senate and the bicameral nature of university governance. It can be slow and messy but trusts the brain power. Promised to support the authority of Senate and its committees and thanked everyone for their service.

Provost and Vice-President Academic:

K. Ashley thanked A. Redden for holding down the fort for the past two months and for help in transition to new role. Indicated that there were lots of new faculty members and drew attention to that. Thanked them for their contributions. The faculty members list includes 80 per course instructors, 17 full-time continuing appts. and 1 instructor conversion. All are relied on and should be highlighted. Special welcome to Acadia for 3 new Chairs and new and Acting Directors and Deans. Program update: Changes in Politics, Law and Society (which has 29 majors) are areas of growth. Submission to MPHEC for Coop. This should be an expedited process as it is a new program recently submitted. Thanks to M. Lukeman for leading Applied Bioscience program. Docs went to MPHEC this week. It is an interesting interdisciplinary program and will draw students with its innovation. The Nursing program will have a longer update which is forthcoming. Nursing is both new and in flux. A brief summary of what has happened is included in the written report. A communication will go out to entire University after Senate as it was wanted that Senate see the details first. Would like to thank ad hoc Nursing Steering Committee of Senate. It is the intention to work through the Senate ad hoc Committee. Accreditations. 9 degree programs have received coop and work integrated learning including 6 UG and 3 Masters. Request to review such programs for pedagogical perspectives and connections to the academic. Nutrition and Dietetics accreditation

remains in effect until 2026. Committee had until Friday to submit rankings and are still waiting on 2 members. Results to be tabulated and shared with Senate at the next meeting.

G. Gibson. Thank you for summary. Is there a person associated with the nursing@acadiau.ca email? Nursing students can feel second class with no dedicated support or advice.

C. Haigh. That address is monitored daily. Myself, K. Vaughan, Admissions, and Reg Office have access to respond to emails. Interested students were emailing a number of people and Depts.

C. Stanley. Note on Coop, environmental science and geology? Did this also have the environmental geoscience program listed?

R. Raeside. First thing listed was that program.

J. Sachs. In lieu of agenda item about Nursing, would like to ask question now. Can you tell a bit more about process of hiring faculty? Where are we in terms of job advertisements? How does that fit with where APC is?

K. Ashley. Complex situation. Not sure Senate is best place to talk about hiring and faculty contracts. We are currently offering the CBU program. Next steps over the coming months will be to figure out a plan and will take time to get up to speed. Lots of communications to read.

J. Sachs. Is it the case that the 2nd to 4th year employees are they going to be hired by CBU or is it the case that these are Acadia hires seconded to CBU or Acadia's campus?

K. Ashley. Hiring is not Senate's purview. It is currently a joint program between Acadia and CBU moving to become an Acadia program. How that moves forward will be via the Senate Ad Hoc Nursing Committee and then Senate.

J. Fowles. Confirmation that 22 is the size of the first cohort and was that reached this year? Were there a lot of applications and sufficient interest?

C. Haigh. Yes, even with timelines that were very tight. A CASPER test is required which limited the pool. A waitlist was established, and movement occurred. In future years with more time, there will likely be even more interest.

T. MacGillivray. Was the full complement reached?

C. Haigh. Yes.

K. Pinder. Circle back to hiring of faculty. Senate sees list of faculty hiring and Academic Planning Committee ranking list. Given that reporting and access, Senate is part of process.

K. Ashley. These are things that APC can report to Senate on. Top priority is to get a budget done. It would fall on APC and implications on courses. Getting up to speed and will hopefully have more information soon.

H. Teismann. Follow up on J. Fowles question. If half of seats were designated to special groups. Did they meet target, and if not, how were they filled?

C. Haigh. The designated seats were not fully filled but with more lead time in the future and reach out to community it is hoped that they will be.

J. Hennessy. The Nursing program is complicated but exciting. It is messy and will take time. Lots of good work being done. Nursing academic plan to come to next Senate meeting, hopefully.

Associate Vice-President of Research, Innovation, and Graduate Studies:

A Redden. Quite a bit of activity: grants and applications. Release of Harrison McCain foundation awards this summer to emerging scholars and visiting profs. External grants and research grants. Letters will be out today for SSHRC. There was a late call for a number of reasons. Helpful for these in the SSHRC disciplines and conference plans. Working with grad students and Jenny Rand from Sociology. Trying to have events for Honours students this year at Irving centre. Up to 20 students present activities this summer. Thanks to Molly and Ally. Email to faculty about faculty workshop with Finance addressing pre-award and post-award procedures. This will be beneficial for new and current faculty that are research active. Encourage those to attend but will be recorded for those that can't attend. Sept. 25th date for event. Research data management strategy has been submitted to Council, followed by support to research data plans and deposits.

A. Kieft. With respect to the UG Honours event, is this for USRA recipients and HRSA recipients?

Redden. Yes. All were invited to the events.

A. Kieft. General campus community can attend?

A. Redden. Yes. Invitation will be going out shortly.

D. Seamone. Activating Senate Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee. As a person with an accommodation, request to pay attention that in people's joy to get back together in person to please ensure that events are in a hybrid form to facilitate accessible participation.

K. Ashley. Thanks for bringing it to our attention. Could be discussed with Deans and Provost Council and at Senate. Supportive of inclusivity and accessibility for those with different needs or inability to be on campus. Will encourage people to work towards accessible inclusion.

Acadia Students' Union

S. McAlear. Apologies for not providing a written report. ASU fully back to school. There was internal turn over through the summer. Full time general manager hired with ASU for 14 years. Fully engaged VPs, and a small council. By-elections to fill positions coming up. S. McAlear has been elected President of Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). 365000 students represented, largest across Canada. With Federal copyright act up for review, publishers, authors, pushing to remove fair dealing clause. Currently education is under fair dealing. This is a concern for students and an impact on revenue. Gouging students for textbook costs for revenue. Will be advocating for it to remain in act under fair dealing. Had a great meeting with E. Patterson and the Library. Curious to know how it may affect those here at Acadia? There is a steep learning curve. One of main priorities for ASU this year is housing advocacy for students, mainly off-campus,

around affordability, accessibility, safety, and security. Highly intersectional to attract and retain students.

A. Kieft. Does the housing issue get discussed at CASA?

S. McAlear. Yes. Advocating for infrastructure and building on-campus housing.

J. Fowles. Has noticed a post-covid hangover, namely a lack of engagement in volunteering. Is there a bit of a barometer of students re-engaging?

S. McAlear. Pretty successful orientation, but transition from high school to university very different. Engagement is often dependant upon student workload and reflects on engagement outside of classroom.

D. Benoit. Related to housing. The ASU tried to collect a fee for transit passes and use that to get leverage with Kings Transit in the past. Has 5 students in New Minas who can take either 7 or 9am busses, which limits access to 8:30 classes. Is the ASU getting involved with Kings Transit to potentially open more housing opportunities?

S. McAlear. Yes. Housing has so many intersectionalities, with housing, food, transportation. Takes a community to figure it out. It is not a student issue, but broader issue with students as a stakeholder.

D. Benoit. At Queen's, it took \$100 from each student to get bus lines and transportation and leverage routes and times. Applauded fabulous move. From community perspective, bus options need to exist and would be a fabulous move to push Kings Transit. Wolfville to New Minas can be challenging for work.

S. Duguay. We embarked on in-depth review of housing at Acadia. Scion is the consulting firm. They will be on campus in early October. Transportation, student feedback, on and off campus options will all be part of conversation.

L. Finnis. Impacts experiential learning opportunities as well as transportation has an impact on who can participate. Can't always get interested students to opportunities.

A. Kieft. Question as Chair on student engagement with Senate. Attendance by student senators has decreased. If there is anything we can do to help students re-engage with Senate, even revisit constitution and bylaws, the offer exists. Vacancies are up and attendance on committees is low. It feels like student representation has been less present since COVID started.

S. McAlear. Love to take you up the offer and brainstorm about how to improve this. Frustrates me as well. In order to be more effective, more engagement is needed especially on the academic side. Conversations with Deans have been ongoing as well. For ASU to be more effective more engagement is needed.

K. Ashley. Thanks for flagging copyright issue. Potential to adversely affect teaching and research. Would bring Canada out of line with others in Commonwealth. Likely impacts on recruitment and scholarly activity. Librarians are working on issue, but all should keep top of mind.

J. Richard. E. Patterson does copyright workshops annually for faculty. The Council of Atlantic Academic Libraries (CAAL-CBPA) has pressbooks, open educational resources (OERs) and supports. A. Smith coordinates scholarly communications, supports open access textbooks and collaboration with other libraries. In a recent example while assisting a professor, it was discovered that all materials were available and paid for by Library. Liaison Librarians can assist in the discovery. While we do not buy textbook every year, Library can assist. C. Mackay starting up e-reserves, being introduced as an option. Journals can be tagged and available in Moodle. Pilot project underway. Can contact if interested.

S. McAlear. OERs with provincial level funding. 3 years Council of Atlantic Academic Libraries (CAAL-CBPA) have funded it. At a point where it is not sustainable. More concerning as OERs are a great resource. As an example STFX funded \$40000 to profs for hiring of students developing OERs for average first year class (intro BIO etc.). Experiential learning opportunity but also OER for large number of first year students. Saved \$300000 for students. Helpful for students, faculty and staff and best resources and save money.

Acadia Divinity College and Faculty of Theology

A. Robbins. Plan in place to address reports for future. Pleased to announce new people that joined faculty at Divinity. Glen Barry a new position in Psych and Divinity. Good cooperation that will emerge from Chairship. Most diverse faculty at Acadia thus far. NS Health authority cancelled psychospiritual unit at hospital with no notice. Found out from students, unilateral decision. Meeting with AST and NSHA managers. There is a signed agreement in that this is now in violation of. They were not aware that there were signed agreements and negotiations and next steps on-going. Partnership with Bethel Bible Seminary in Hong Kong no longer able to issue Acadia degree. Where can that partnership go now? Reminder that students can take theology courses and a minor. 100 students every year that take advantage of this option.

T. MacGillivray. Trying to capture name of school.

A. Robbins. Bethel Bible Seminary

A. Kieft. Comment that announcements were very long today. Let's start off fresh next Senate meeting and get written announcements in to help with flow and use of time at meeting. Written announcements were introduced a few years ago, and then the question period item a few years later, to address the issue of amount of how much time is spent on announcements.

New Business

Enrolment Update

ENROLMENT UPDATE

S. Duguay. Numbers come in every week with same trendline as last year. There is an uptick in registration in courses. Some predictive modelling has us slightly up overall on Oct. 1. In particular it appears Intl. students have returned to pre-covid numbers. 20% Intl. overall and close to 4000 students.

D. Benoit. Are Intl. students evenly spread among programs? Ran numbers and 80% of CS students are international. Are they in clumps? 134 registered international vs 80 paid.

S. Duguay. No, not an even spread, especially for CS and Business. Pretty close to percentage wise same as previous years for Intl. by program.

H. Theismann. The Intl. students are not specified in the report?

S. Duguay. Correct, it is a general report not specific to Intl. only.

H. Teismann. It appears that there are low numbers of students from US. This is surprising especially based on tuition cost differences.

S. Duguay. Having worked in NB, NS and Quebec this is not unusual. There was a 1 million dollar ACOA project to recruit in the US and it made no impact. It is a difficult market to do well in. Need relationship with alumni or niche programs. Any leads please send along. US students grow up of a definition of Ivy League schools. Intl. recruitment to that group is difficult for other markets.

T. MacGillvary. The new incoming class back to pre-pandemic levels? What is the incoming class numbers for intl.? Factoring in retention that is great, congratulations.

S. Duguay. Approx new Intl. is cohort 232. Goal is 800 overall.

S. McAlear. Interestingly, 2 of 4 VPs are from the US on the ASU.

Senate Survey Brief Report

D. Seamone takes the Chair.

A. Kiefte relinquishes Chair to D. Seamone.

D. Seamone introduced Senate survey report.

A. Kiefte – Items that came up included possible changing time of Senate – no consensus on how to do it equitably. Comments in general came from different perspectives. Not easily to put together as a cohesive report or recommendation for changes.

D. Benoit. What was the proportion of responses from Senators and non-Senators, especially at a time when not all can be a Senator? If people have other responsibilities then they can't be involved and won't be heard.

A. Kiefte. Not able to tell who is currently, but we did ask whether they are currently or have been at some point. Didn't want to ask people in the design so as not to be identifiable in responses.

C. Haigh. Respondent results had 30 people who currently or had served on Senate, 18 who hadn't.

D. Benoit. Might not be consensus on time, most likely to be in a position to serve. Now that youngest is 16 no problem. Difficult to serve for different people.

A. Kieft. Comments on teaching. Equity bears out in different ways. Not a vested interest in timing, different models at different institutions.

D. Benoit. Might get a different response for teaching load versus childcare responsibilities.

A. Kieft. Senate executive in June did move to morning meetings outside of Fall/Winter teaching term dates. May and June meeting of Senate executive have been in mornings for years. An attempt to address this balance so 4 will be in morning this year, 6 will be in late afternoon.

K. Ashley. Noticed comment about antagonistic tone in some debates. Today is good humoured and collegial. Hope that will continue.

D. Seamone. Personalities and tough discussion last number of years. Fresh start all around.

D. Seamone relinquishes chair and thanks Senate executive members that engaged in process.

A. Kieft. If at any time members have thoughts, please send feedback and suggested solutions to Chair at anytime.

Nursing Programming Update

J. Sachs. Item is now resolved based on discussion earlier in meeting.

Micro-credentials, certificates, and non-credit programming update – work of both Ad Hoc Committee and Board of Open Acadia

J. Sachs. Hoping to get clarity on what kind of micro-credentials (Board of Open Acadia) are developing, and the status of Maritime Security Certificate? Noted that it was 8 courses, electives and requirements. What this program is, how it came to be and how it fits into Senate's purview? Would like to have it addressed.

K. Ashley. It is complicated as there is no Director of Open Acadia currently. VPA is not managing but signing and approving. Will report back at next Senate meeting.

K. Pinder. Has been on Curriculum Committee. How is it that the Maritime Certificate Diploma has never been to curriculum committee and Senate never approved?

A. Kieft. Should also consider how APC and Board of Open Acadia are interacting.

J. Sachs. Hope to raise in Senate session about faculty representation on Open Acadia Board. Only Senate committee that doesn't have faculty representation.

Question Period – President and Vice-President Academic

Approximately 4 minutes for questions.

Acadia FYI. Continued effort to bring back. No further response back from previous administration. Is there anything forthcoming?

J. Hennessy. Replacement version is being worked on. Hope for potential solution.

H. Teismann. Would like to have it recorded that this term has 33 classes and supposed to have 36 classes. This is an erosion of class time, shrinkflation. Offer fewer classes for same price. Can't possibly continue. We are at the low end of teaching time. More discussion should occur and a review of teaching time at other institutions.

A. Kieft. Suggestion that TIE review and for Chair of TIE to come to Senate for a discussion outside of a motion that TIE is bringing.

J. Fowles. While putting together course outlines, notice fewer and fewer lectures. Getting rid of things that are less important to cover content. New recognition of days, and Fall study break it is difficult. Some universities in Ontario went back a week earlier. Do need to look at. Relative comparison of dates across Canada would be informative.

A. Kieft. As a first step reach out to TIE and the Registrar. TIE is the Timetable Instruction and Examination Committee for clarification for new Senators. They bring academic dates to Senate for approval.

C. Stanley. We did put in a Fall term break. Just lost a week. With a bunch of holidays, can be quite difficult. Fortunate to be teaching Tuesday and Thursdays.

A. Kieft. The timing of Fall Break in October and November has been brought up in the past. Maybe it is time to revisit that, with addition of Truth and Reconciliation Day since then. Fall term duration and start and end dates of terms.

M. Ramsay. With changing patterns of Fall weather, hurricanes and other things, increasingly likely to lose Fall teaching dates.

Adjournment

J. Fowles. Motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm.

Prepared by: M. Bishop, Secretary of Senate and Registrar

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

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

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

There were two appeal deadlines:

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

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

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

101 students with Dismissal academic standing

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

97 students with Probation academic standing

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

Considered in August:

14 additional students with Dismissal academic standing after May 19

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

8 additional students with Probation academic standing

- 1 student appealed
- 0 appeals granted

The committee members for 2022-2023 were:

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Kiefe
Chair

**Academic Planning Committee
Transition Report 2023
Meeting of the Senate
September 11, 2023**

Membership:

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

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

Chair: Kate Ashley, Vice-President Academic

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

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

The APC's mandate is as follows:

1. The APC shall make recommendations to Senate on matters relating to academic principles and planning.

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

APC goals for the coming year:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ashley, Chair

Announcements

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR REPORT – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

No written announcements received.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC REPORT TO SENATE – SEPTEMBER 2023

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

APPOINTMENTS UPDATES:

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

Full-time faculty from the Faculty of Arts:

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

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

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

Full-Time Faculty from the Faculty of Professional Studies:

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

Full-Time Faculty from the Libraries and Archives:

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

Full-Time Faculty from the Divinity College:

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

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

- Jeff Hennessy – President and Vice-Chancellor
- Darrell Youden – Interim Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Chief Financial Officer
- David Duke – Dean of Arts
- Robert Raeside – Interim Dean of Pure and Applied Science
- Jennifer Richard – Acting Dean of Libraries and Archives

- Kristin Williams- Director of the School of Business
- Connie Foote – Acting Director of the School of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Paul Arnold – Acting Director of Engineering (until Dec 31, 2023)
- Scott Bishop – Director of the School of Engineering (starting Jan 2024)
- Liam Swiss, Head of Sociology
- John Colton, Head of Community Development
- Nelson O'Driscoll, Head of Environmental and Earth Sciences
- Mary Sweatman, Acting Head of Community Development (while J. Colton is on sabbatical)
- Jessica Slights, Acting Head of English and Theatre
- Stephen Henderson, Acting Head of History
- Glyn Bissix – Coordinator of the ESST program
- Erin Crandall – Coordinator of the LAWS program
- Andrew Biro – Coordinator of the SPT program

We also have new chairs:

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

PROGRAM UPDATES:

POLITICS

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

LAW and SOCIETY PROGRAM

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

APPLIED BIOSCIENCE

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

NURSING PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A fulsome budget submission to Government;
- A defined operating agreement between Acadia and CBU;
- The hiring of an administrative assistant for the School of Nursing;
- The identification of a temporary physical space for the School of Nursing, plans for renovations to meet the pedagogical needs of the programs (e.g., creation of simulation rooms), and ordering of program specific materials and equipment;
- Continued discussion with academic units teaching courses in the 1st year of the program about resource needs;
- Collaboration with individuals from CBU, on-site at Acadia to provide program advising to their students, and to liaise with Acadia directly, assisting with the evolution of the program into a partnership.

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

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

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

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

ACCREDITATION UPDATES:

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING (CEWIL)

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

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

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

NUTRITION and DIETETICS

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

ACADEMIC PLANNING UPDATE:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Ashley
Vice-President Academic (Interim)

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

INTERNAL GRANTS TO FACULTY

2023 Harrison McCain Foundation Awards:

Emerging Scholar Awards

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

- **Dr. Tanya Surette** (Education). *Red Spruce: Reciprocity in counsellor development and community service* - **\$9,000**
- **Dr. Jennifer Tinkham** (Education). *Culturally Responsible Social Studies: Teacher Education, Curriculum and Pedagogy to Support Teachers of Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian Learners* - **\$10,000**
- **Dr. Deanne van Rooyen** (Earth & Environmental Science). *Origin, age, and affinity of the Clyburn Brook Formation, Cape Breton Highlands, NS.* - **\$10,000**

Visitorship Awards

- **Dr. Liesel Carlsson** (Nutrition & Dietetics). Visitorship to the University of Sunshine Coast and Australia Centre for Pacific Islands Research, Sippy Downs, Queensland Australia - **\$10,000**
- **Dr. Kirk Hillier** (Biology). Visitorship to 1) Daniel K. Inouye U.S. Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center, Hilo, HI, 2) Pohakuloa Training Area, U.S. Army, HI, 3) University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, Honolulu, HI - **\$6,000**
- **Dr. Karen Kendall** (Kinesiology). Visitorship to Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia - **\$9,982**
- **Dr. Mark Mallory** (Biology). Visitorship to Flatey Research Station, Iceland - **\$6,800**
- **Dr. Carley O'Neill** (Kinesiology). Visitorship to Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, Ottawa, ON - **\$8,435**
- **Dr. Laura Robinson** (English & Theatre). Visitorship to University of Guelph, Leaskdale Manse National Historic Site (Uxbridge Ontario), Lucy Maud Montgomery Museum and Literary Centre (Norval Ontario) - **\$8,585**
- **Dr. James Sedgwick** (History & Classics). Visitorship to 1) Georgetown Law Library, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, and 2) Arthur J. Morris Law Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA - **\$5,635**

Visiting Professor Awards

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

EXTERNAL GRANTS TO FACULTY

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

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

SSHRC Insight Development Grant

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

AGE WELL - Catalyst Funding Program in Healthy Aging

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

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

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

Nova Scotia Museum – Research Grant

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

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

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

RESEARCH & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture (NSFA) – Research Agreement

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

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

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

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

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

Nova Scotia Power Inc. – Amendment Agreement

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

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

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

MITACS AWARDS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH INTERNS

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

OTHER AWARDS/RESEARCH FUNDING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with the Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia. Project Title: *Development of a cryopreservation protocol for Balsam fir.*
- **Dr. Nicolette Faraone** (Chemistry) & **Dr. Kirk Hillier** (Biology) were awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Greenlight Analytical. Project Title: *Volatile Metabolites from Plant Pathogens Impacting Hot Pepper Plants, Saffron, and Arugula: Feasibility of Qualitative Detection through Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry.*

- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with CoteX Technologies Inc. Project Title: *Preliminary investigation of coated fertilizer efficiency in a greenhouse setting.*
- **Dr. Allison Walker** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Mycaro. Project Title: *Development of high protein mycelium product from apple pomace.*
- **Dr. Danny Silver** (Acadia Institute of Data Analytics) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Emotiv VR Inc. Project Title: *Scaling up Performance Coaching with Virtual Reality + Artificial Intelligence.*
- **Dr. Andrew McIntyre** (Acadia Institute of Data Analytics) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Dr. Jaime Snowdon Professional Corporation. Project Title: *Investigation into MicroCT Imaging for Margin Assessment in Skin Tissue.*
- **Angelo Posteraro** (Engineering) was awarded **\$2,000** to collaborate with Urban Lighthouse Farm. Project Title: *Development and 3D printing of cage structure to hold coconut coir plug.*
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with McConnell Gordon Estates Ltd. Project Title: *A literature review on ethanol and glycerol production by yeast.*
- **Kendra Sampson** (KC Irving Environmental Centre) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Vitis Vines Inc. Project Title: *Consultation and identification of optimum growth vessels for maintaining virus-tested grapevine mother plantlets in culture.*

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

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

SUMMER STUDENT GRANTS

Service Canada – Canada Summer Jobs Funding

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

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

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Town of Wolfville Campus Visit and Tour

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

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

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

Invest NS - Tour & Meeting

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

RESEARCH GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS / SUBMISSION DATES

Internal

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

External

- SSHRC Insight Grants - October 1
- SSHRC Connection Grants - November 1, February 1, May 1, August 1
- SSHRC Partnership Development Grants - November 15
- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants - September 15 December 15, March 15, June 15
- NSERC Research Tools and Instruments - October 25
- NSERC Discovery Grant - November 1
- NSERC Alliance (partnership) Grants – Open Call
- Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI-JELF) - October 15
- NS Habitat Conservation Fund - October 15
- MITACS (student and post-doc internships; various programs) – Open Call
- CLARI (Change Lab Action Research Initiative; <https://actionresearch.ca/>) – Open Call

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Redden, PhD
Associate VP Research, Innovation and Graduate Studies

ACADIA STUDENTS' UNION – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

No written announcements received.

COLLEGE OF DIVINITY AND FACULTY OF THEOLOGY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

No written announcements received.

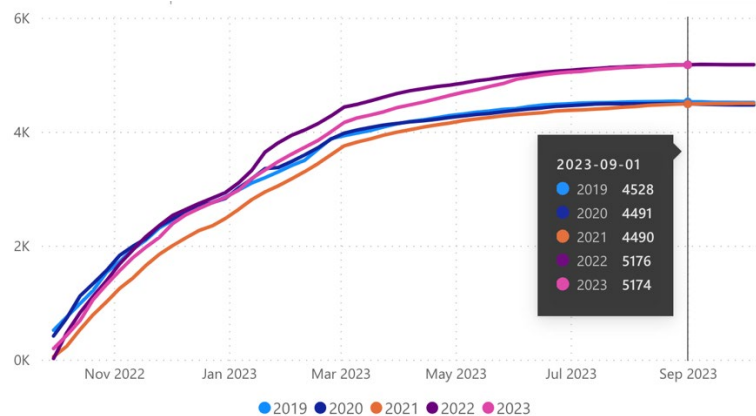
Enrolment Update

September 2, 2023

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

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

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2023
September 1, 2023

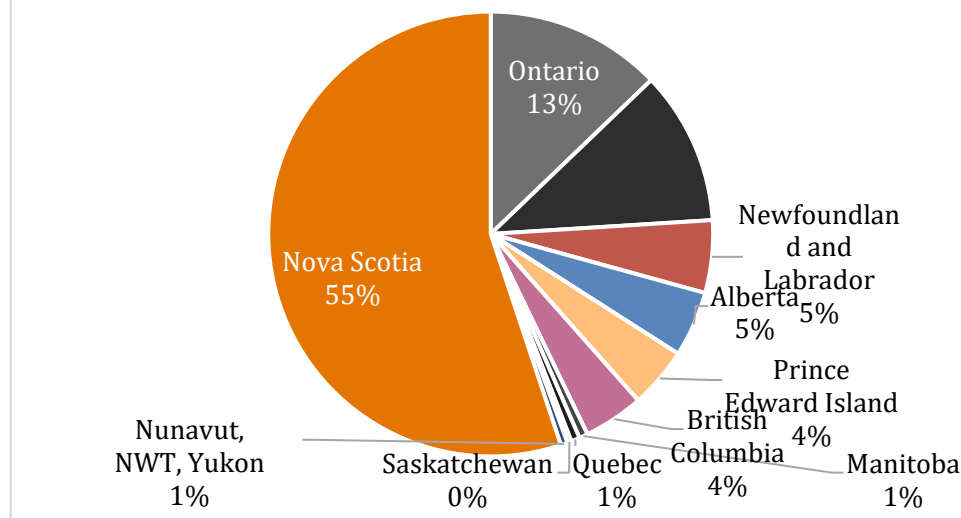


After Acadia's home market of Nova Scotia, Ontario and New Brunswick combine to generate almost a quarter of total applications.

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

Fall 2023 Applications by Region (Canada)

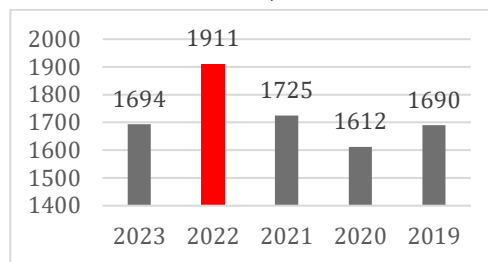
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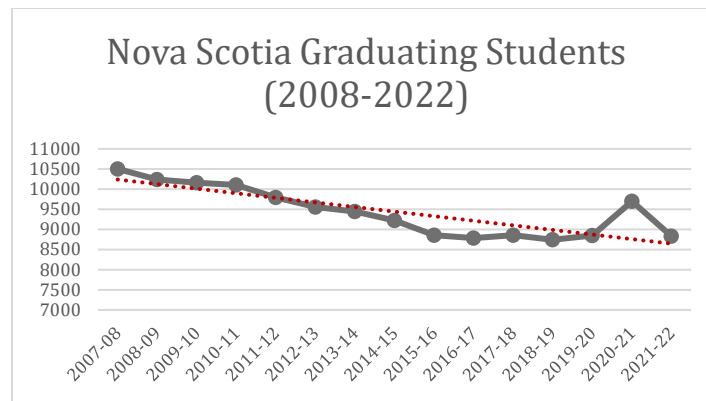
Nova Scotia applications are back down to pre-pandemic levels, which is primarily due to travelling opening back up to students and the passing of a large high school graduating class, created by a change in grade 1 entrance age over a decade ago.

Nova Scotia Applications

June 17, 2023



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



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

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

Nova Scotia Enrolment by grade

Sept 2022

Grade 7 9,417

Grade 8 9,544

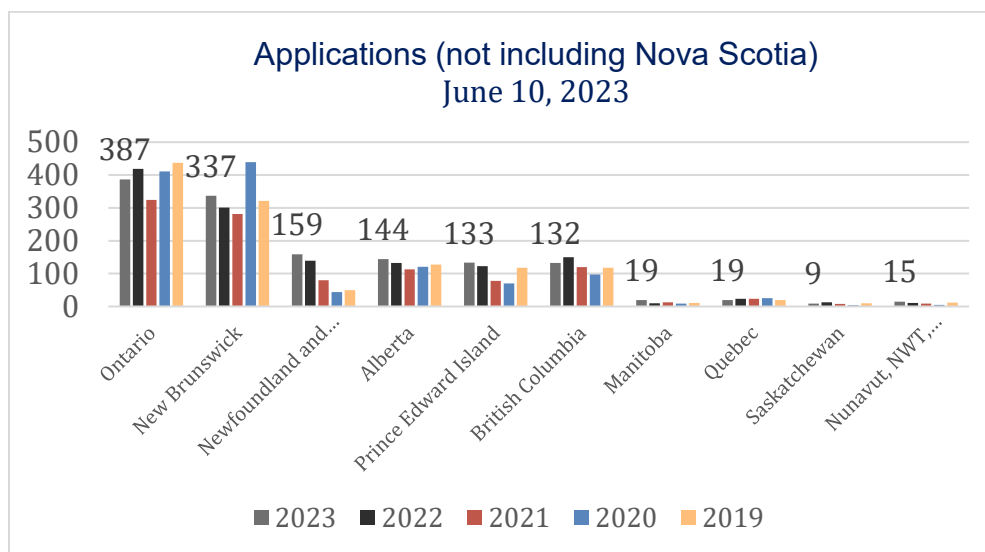
Grade 9 9,790

Grade 10 9,911

Grade 11 9,666

Grade 12 9,473

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



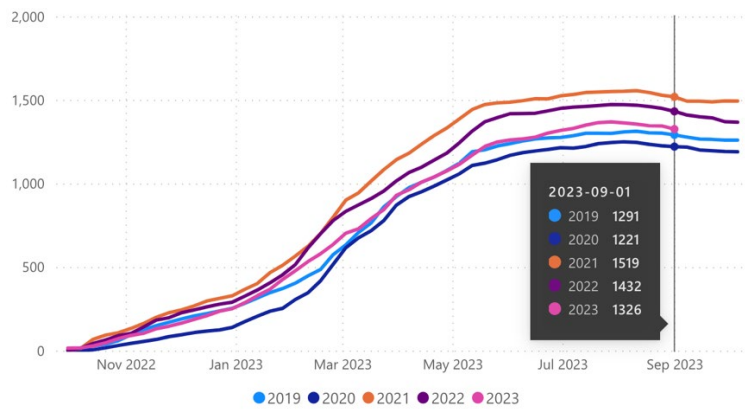
FALL 2023 ADMITTED AND REGISTERED

Total Admitted and Paid

September 1, 2023

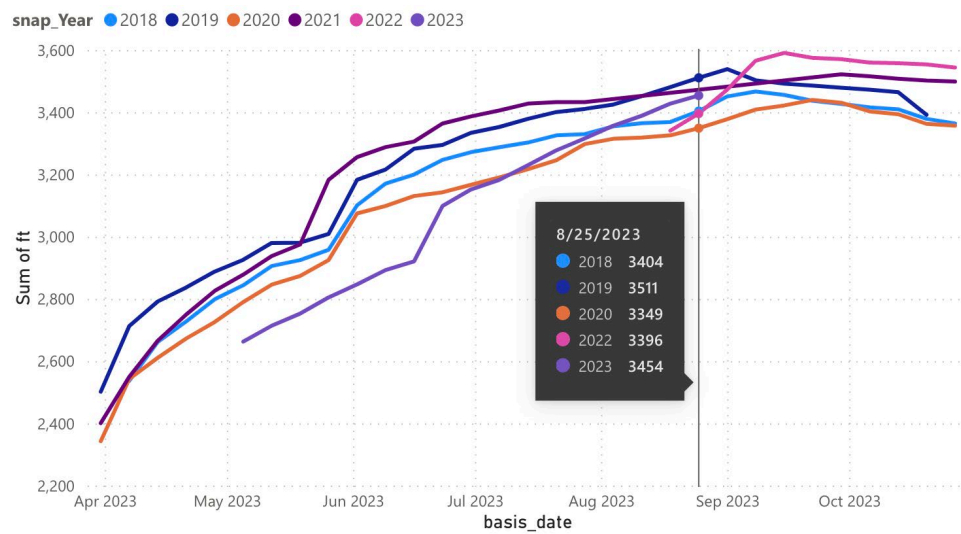
Total Admitted and Paid reached 1,345 on August 25, below what we saw during the pandemic years, but above pre-pandemic.

What is unknown is whether the pandemic drove deposits up because



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

Total Full-Time Student Registrations August 25, 2023



Brief Report: Senate Survey 2022-2023 Results Summary

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

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

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