

**Minutes of a meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room E3-262 Engineering and Information Technology Complex and Room A106 Chown Building**

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**Members Present**

Dr. M. Benarroch,  
Chair  
Prof. A. Abra  
Dr. C. Adams  
Prof. N. Bartlett  
Prof. M. Bertone  
Prof. R. Biscontri  
Ms. K. Bowden  
Dean D. Brown  
Dr. A. Bruce  
Prof. A. Bunt  
Ms. U. Chawla  
Prof. J. Chen  
Prof. R. Chernomas  
Prof. A. Chudyk  
Dean. N. Cicek  
Prof. S. Clark  
Prof. R. Coates  
Prof. F. Deer  
Prof. J. Detwiler  
Prof. M. Docker  
Dean P. Donahue  
Prof. A. Doshi  
Prof. M. Driedger  
Prof. J. Dueck  
Ms. M. Dumontet  
Prof. S. Ferris  
Mr. R. Field  
Dean M. Friesen  
Mr. D. Futros  
Prof. R. Gillis  
Prof. N. Harder  
Ms. M. Hiebert  
Dr. D. Hiebert-Murphy  
Mr. J. Husmann  
Ms. J. Ji  
Dean R. Jochelson  
Prof. M. Khan  
Dean U. Kothe  
Prof. S. Kuss  
Prof. C. Lawley  
Prof. R.J. Leland  
Prof. D. Lobb  
Prof. K. MacKay  
Prof. P. Mai  
Dean K. Main

Prof. A. Mante  
Dean H. Marx  
Prof. H. Marzban  
Ms. A. Mesgar Zadeh  
Prof. R Mueller  
Ms. S. Newans  
Dean P. Nickerson  
Prof. S. Nunes  
Prof. D. Oliver  
Prof. J. Patzer  
Prof. J. Penner  
Mr. C. Pereira  
Dr. M. Pinto  
Prof. S. Prentice  
Prof. B. Rose-Lovett  
Dean S. Runge  
Ms. L. Schnarr  
Ms. A. Seymour  
Ms. C. Shaw  
Prof. R. Silva  
Prof. V. Sparks  
Prof. A. Stewart-  
Tufescu  
Prof. S. Strachan  
Prof. V. Swain  
Prof. K. Szilagy  
Prof. A. Tate  
Dean K. Thiessen  
Prof. E. Thomson  
Dean R. Urbanowski  
Prof. D. Walker  
Prof. S. Webber  
Mr. J. Leclerc,  
University Secretary  
S. Coyston,  
Recording Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Mr. J. Adams  
Dr. T. Chen  
Ms. L. Deane  
Dr. T. Duhamel  
Dr. A. Farenhorst  
Prof. S. Kirkland  
Dr. T. Peter  
Dr. G. Smith  
Prof. D. Sutherland  
Prof. J. Tichon

Dr. M. Torchia  
Dr. H-J Wieden  
**Regrets**  
Dean H. Anderson  
Ms. N. Andrew  
Chancellor D. Angus  
Mr. S. Batla  
Rectrice S. Bouffard  
Prof. S. Bruce  
Prof. A. Clay  
Ms. C. Cyr  
Prof. C. Figley  
Prof. N. Greidanus  
Acting Dean  
M. Hanson  
Ms. N. Hunter  
Ms. C. Kachulak  
Dean A. Kelekis-  
Cholakis  
Prof. L. Knisley  
Ms. V. Koldingnes  
Prof. K. Kumar  
Prof. T. Lakowski  
Dean J. Lavoie  
Dean M. Locher  
Prof. V. Loureiro-  
Rodriguez  
Prof. M. McKenzie  
Prof. J. Mammei  
Dean B. Mark  
Prof. C. Miller  
Mr. C. Perron  
Ms. M. Raynard  
Prof. D. Rey  
Dean B. Silvestre  
Mr. G. Sobie  
Prof. J. Sorensen  
Ms. M. Stern  
Ms. J. Ticknor  
Prof. V. Van Bewer  
Ms. V. Verge  
Ms. V. Wainikka  
Mx. C. Yendt

**Absent**

Mr. A. Aghajani  
Very Rev. R. Bozyk

Prof. P. Eck  
Prof. P. Ferguson  
Prof. S. Herath  
Ms. T. Hughes  
Prof. T. Ivanco  
Ms. H. Kaur  
Prof. N. MacLeod  
Schroeder  
Ms. L. Mahzabin  
Ms. Y. Negi  
Mr. A. O'Hara  
Ms. M. Okose  
Mr. T. Oluwajuyitan  
Ms. M. Pepelassis  
Ms. V. Pinheiro  
Prof. M. Rafay  
Prof. A. Raouf  
Prof. C. Reitano  
Prof. M. Shaw  
Mr. P. Singh  
Dean J. Stewart  
Mr. S. Ticsay  
Prof. G. Tranmer  
Ms. S. Traskovksi  
Ms. B. Usick  
Prof. BC Wang  
Mr. B. Woldu

**Also Present**

Ms. E. Gregorchuk  
Ms. M. Hudson  
Mr. J. Jorgenson  
Mr. C. Lloyd  
Prof. S. McKenna  
Ms. J. Marchant  
Ms. L. Orsak-Williams  
Prof. J. Peyton  
Prof. P. Perkins  
Ms. M. Sabourin  
Prof. W. Serebrin  
Ms. M. Yoshida

The Chair informed Senate that the Speaker was Professor Shawna Ferris, Faculty of Arts.

**I Matters to be Considered in Closed Session – none**

**II Matters Recommended for Concurrence without Debate – none**

1. **Reports of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies on Course, Program, and Regulation Changes**
  - a) **RE: Department of Indigenous Studies** Page 5
  - b) **RE: Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management** Page 10
2. **Reports of Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures**
  - a) **RE: Revised Terms of Reference, Senate Committee on University Research** Page 16
  - b) **RE: Addition of Chair, Undergraduate Studies Council as Assessor on Senate** Page 19

Professor Ferris MOVED, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT Senate approve the:

- Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies on Course, Program, and Regulation Changes, concerning the following units, effective for the next available term:
  - Department of Indigenous Studies
  - Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management
- Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures regarding the revisions to the terms of reference for the Senate Committee on University Research, effective upon Senate approval.
- Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures regarding the addition of the Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Council as an Assessor to Senate, effective June 1, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**III Matters Forwarded for Information**

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [February 17, 2026]** Page 22
2. **Undergraduate Admission Targets, 2026-27** Page 37
3. **Correspondence from the President and Vice-Chancellor**
  - a) **RE: Request for Temporary Suspension of Admissions to International Dentist Degree Program, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry** Page 39  
*(for consultation)*

Dr. Smith reviewed a request from the Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry for a temporary suspension of admissions to the International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP), for the 2028 Fall intake. The IDDP is a degree completion program for internationally trained dentists who require training in Canadian dentistry practices to meet Canadian competency standards. The current length of the program is two years and two months. Students complete Years 3 and 4 of the Doctor of Dental Medicine program. Dr. Smith said the curriculum of the IDDP no longer meets the needs of students. The College plans to bring forward a proposal to increase the length of the program to three years and to modify the curriculum to require students to complete Years 2 through 4 of the D.M.D. program. It is, therefore, requesting a temporary suspension of admissions to the IDDP to support the transition to the new curriculum, when it is approved and implemented, so students do not get caught in the transition from the current to a modified curriculum.

The Chair observed, and Dr. Smith confirmed, that some other institutions have already increased the length of their programs internationally trained dentists.

Senate did not raise any concerns about the request.

- b) **RE: Request to Temporarily Suspend Direct Entry Admissions to Diploma in Dental Hygiene, School of Dental Hygiene, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry** Page 47  
*(for consultation)*

Dr. Smith spoke to a request from the School of Dental Hygiene, Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry, for a temporary suspension of Direct Entry admissions to the Diploma in Dental Hygiene program, for a period of two years beginning with the 2027 Fall intake. Advanced Entry admissions to the program will not be suspended. The College plans to bring forward a proposal to establish a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree program to replace the Diploma program. It is requesting that Direct Entry admissions to the Diploma program be suspended during the transition period.

Senate did not identify any concerns about the request.

- c) **RE: Request for Temporary Increase to Admission Target, Bachelor of Education, Faculty of Education** Page 56  
*(for consultation)*

Dr. Smith said the Faculty of Education is seeking permission from the President to increase admissions to the Bachelor of Education program by 105 seats for the 2026 Fall intake. The intent is to use existing capacity in the program following two years of low enrolments. Seventy of the additional spaces would be allocated to the Early Years Stream and thirty-five to the Middle Years Stream.

Senators did not raise any concerns about the request.

- d) **RE: Request for Temporary Suspension of Admissions to Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies – President’s Approval** Page 60

4. **Correspondence from the Provost and Vice-President Academic** Page 61  
**RE: Implementation of Micro-Certificate in Applied Innovation:**  
**from Ideas to Impact, Division of Extended Education**
5. **Items Approved by Board of Governors [February 24, 2026]** Page 62

#### IV **Report of the President**

President Benarroch reported that the provincial budget announced on March 24<sup>th</sup> included increases of 2 percent on the University's operating grant and 4 percent on tuition. Both are slightly higher than the planning parameters of 1.5 and 3.5 percent that the province had previously provided. The Budget Advisory Committee would meet the following week, to review and update the 2026/2027 university budget, to present to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee before it is presented to the Board of Governors for approval.

President Benarroch said the provincial budget includes capital funds, including \$4.5 million for deferred maintenance; the next allocation of funds (\$14.6 million) for construction of a new building at the Bannatyne Campus; the first of ten annual installments of \$1.68 million for the construction of two biological research facilities, including the PRAIRIE Biologics Accelerator, at the Fort Garry Campus, and a level 2 laboratory at the Health Sciences Centre; and funding for daycare expansions. The University will also receive additional operating funds to support the expansion of the M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology (Clinical Psychology), in response to a broader request from the University, in 2023, to expand healthcare programs.

President Benarroch indicated that the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will bring forward a strategic enrolment management plan, shortly, for Senate's consideration. The plan will also be shared with the Board of Governors for information.

President Benarroch informed Senate that the federal government will reduce funding for graduate and postdoctoral fellowships by about \$27 million, which will have significant impacts for graduate student support moving forward.

With respect to the provincial budget, Professor Chernomas said it was his understanding that the province is planning to form a postsecondary education commission. He asked whether there is any information on who would serve on the commission, including whether the University would have representation. He recalled that, when the province last did so, in the 1990s, the possibility of ending tenure for academic staff had been raised.

President Benarroch said the province had made the University aware that there would be language in the budget to signal a plan to carry out an analysis of the sustainability of the future of the postsecondary education sector in the province. The objective would be to look at how the system is funded and how the sector might move forward in a sustainable manner, as budget projections for the next three to five years, for all postsecondary institutions in the province, show that costs are rising faster than revenue. President Benarroch anticipated that the intent is not to review how postsecondary institutions operate or systems of tenure, but he observed that the scope of discussion could evolve as part of the investigation of how institutions manage their

costs. He said that, to his knowledge, the province has not yet invited individuals to serve on the commission. He said he will inform Senate when he receives information about this.

**V Question Period**

Senators are reminded that questions related to matters not on the agenda shall normally be submitted in writing to the University Secretary no later than 10:00 a.m. of the Monday preceding the meeting.

No questions were received.

**VI Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 4, 2026**

**Professor Prentice MOVED, seconded by Dean Kothe, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on March 4, 2026, be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**VII Business Arising from the Minutes – none**

**VIII Reports of the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee**

**1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Page 68**

Professor Ferris reported that the Senate Executive Committee met on March 18, 2026. The comments of the Committee accompany the reports on which they are made.

**2. Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Oliver reported that the meeting scheduled on March 30<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled, as no items of business had been submitted. An electronic meeting was carried out, so the Committee could review two draft reports. The reports were approved. The items of business to which they refer will be included on a future Senate agenda.

**IX Reports of other Committees of Senate, Faculty and School Councils**

**1. Report of the Faculty Council of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources RE: Articulation Agreements with University College of the North Page 69**

**a) Report of Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes Page 70**

**b) Reports of Senate Committee on Admissions Page 72**

- RE: UM Bachelor of Environmental Science – UCN Natural Resources Management Technology Diploma: Request to Renew Page 74**

- **RE: UM Bachelor of Environmental Studies –  
UCN Natural Resources Management Technology  
Diploma: Proposal to Establish**

Professor Sutherland reported that, at its meeting on January 15, 2026, the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes (SCCCC) considered two proposals from the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources; one requesting to renew an existing articulation agreement between the UM and the University College of the North (UCN) for advanced standing in the Bachelor of Environmental Sciences degree program, for graduates of the Diploma in Natural Resources Management Technology and one for a new articulation agreement for advanced standing in the Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree program, for graduates of the same Diploma program.

Professor Sutherland said graduates of the Dip. in Natural Resources Management Technology admitted under one of the articulation agreements will receive up to 60 credit hours of transfer credit toward either a B.Env.Sc. or the B.Env.St. degree, for courses completed toward the Diploma. They would complete the balance of the 120 credit hours required for their degree at the UM. The articulation agreement for advanced standing in the B.Env.Sc. degree program will not impact the accreditation requirements of the program which accredited by Eco-Canada. A maximum of ten students would be admitted under each agreement each year.

Professor Sutherland said one objective of the agreements is to extend opportunities for Northern students, including, potentially, Indigenous students, to continue their education in resources management, by completing a degree in a related area.

Professor Sutherland called attention to the *Results of Success Analysis Report, 2019-2024* included with the proposal, which shows that UCN graduates admitted to the Faculty have been academically successful.

Ms. Schnarr said the Senate Committee on Admissions (SCADM) considered and endorsed the same proposals when the Committee met on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Referring to the existing articulation agreement for advanced standing in the B.Env.Sc. degree program, which came into effect in 2019, she noted that three students were admitted under the agreement over the previous five years.

Ms. Schnarr said, to qualify for admission under the articulation agreements, applicants must have completed the Natural Resources Management Technology Diploma with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0.

**Ms. Schnarr MOVED, on behalf of the Committees, THAT Senate approve the Reports of the Senate Committees on Admissions and Curriculum and Course Changes concerning articulation agreements between the University of Manitoba, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, and the University College of the North, for advanced standing in the degree programs listed below, for graduates of the Diploma in Natural Resources Management Technology:**

- **Bachelor of Environmental Science (renewal), for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2026.**

- **Bachelor of Environmental Studies (new), for a five-year term beginning September 1, 2027.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Reports of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**

- a) **RE: Proposal for Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology and Recreation Management, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management** Page 103

Dean Main reviewed a proposal from the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management for a Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology and Recreation Management. She explained the relationship between this proposal, item IX (2)(b) on the agenda, and a recent request from the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for a temporary suspension of admissions to the Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences (Senate, February 4, 2026). The latter program, which is housed in the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, is delivered by the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management in partnership with the College of Rehabilitation Sciences. These units are now proposing to establish their own doctoral degree programs.

Dean Main said the curriculum of the proposed Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Recreation Management would require students to complete 9 credit hours of coursework including KPER 8000 Research and Practice in Kinesiology and Leisure, 6 additional credit hours at the 7000-level or higher, and a thesis. A research-based Master's degree in an area consistent with the applicant's chosen research area is required for admission to the program. The projected annual intake and maximum enrolment target is four students.

Dean Main said the proposal follows from a recommendation made in an academic program review completed in 2023 that the Faculty should establish a doctoral program.

Dean Main said the establishment of a Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Recreation Management would provide a pathway for graduates of the Master of Arts and Master of Science in Kinesiology and Recreation Management programs offered by the Faculty to pursue doctoral-level studies at the UM.

**(i) Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 105

Professor Oliver noted that resources that the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management currently uses to support the delivery of the Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences program would be transferred to the proposed program.

Professor Oliver informed the Committee that the SPPC assigned a high priority level to the proposal because it aligns with the strategic priorities of the University, there is evidence of demand for the program based on enrolments in the Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences, and given the number of early career faculty members who want to develop their research programs and are willing to support the program.

**Dean Main MOVED, seconded by Professor Oliver, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve a proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in**

**Kinesiology and Recreation Management, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management.**

**CARRIED**

**b) RE: Proposal for Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Rehabilitation Sciences Page 176**

Dean Main presented a proposal from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences for a Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences. The curriculum would require students admitted with a thesis-based Master's degree to complete 12 credit hours of coursework at the 7000-level or higher. Students admitted without a thesis-based Master's degree would be required to complete 18 credit hours of coursework, to ensure they have sufficient preparation for doctoral level studies.

Dean Main said the program proposal includes proposals for three course introductions: REHB 7300 Foundations in Rehabilitation Sciences (3 cr), REHB 7310 Rehabilitation Sciences Seminar in Indigenous Health (0 cr), and REHB 7320 Rehabilitation Sciences Seminar in Social Justice (0 cr). She noted that required courses would be delivered by dual delivery so the courses and the program would be accessible to students from a wide range of backgrounds, including students in rural and remote areas of Manitoba and other provinces. Course scheduling will consider that some students may elect to continue their employment in related areas while they undertake the program.

Dean Main said the projected annual intake and maximum enrolment target is four students.

**(i) Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee Page 178**

Professor Oliver indicated that resources the College currently uses to offer the Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences would be transferred to the proposed program.

Professor Oliver said the SPPC assigned a high priority level to the proposal, given its alignment with *MomentUM: Leading Change Together, University of Manitoba Strategic Plan 2024-2029*, its explicit alignment with the *University of Manitoba Truth and Reconciliation Framework*, the significant Indigenous content, connections with Indigenous community, which are a hallmark of the program, and the natural progression from the existing Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences program.

**Dean Main MOVED, seconded by Professor Oliver, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve a proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Rehabilitation Sciences.**

**CARRIED**

**c) RE: Revised Adjunct Professors Policy Page 241**

Dean Main reviewed proposed revisions to the policy on *Adjunct Professors*, including renaming the document as *Adjunct* policy. She noted that the policy was last revised in 1999. She highlighted several changes to the policy and the process for appointing adjuncts, including:

- an increase to the term of appointment from up to three years to up to five years, with the possibility for renewal;

- clarification that there are only two types of adjunct appointments – internal and external – with appointments to be approved by the Dean, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.
- clarification that individuals who hold a Geographic Full-Time (GFT) appointment may be appointed as an internal adjunct;
- clarification that adjunct appointments do not hold academic rank at the University;
- the addition of a requirement that external adjuncts who will be involved in research at the UM or will apply for external research funding will also require a nil salaried appointment with rank, to be approved by the Provost and Vice-President (Academic); and
- the addition of a section concerning Sensitive Technology Research Areas (STRA) and how it relates to adjuncts.

Dean Main indicated that several other offices were consulted as the policy was revised, including the Offices of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Research and International).

**Dean Main MOVED, seconded by Professor Driedger, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies concerning revisions to the Adjunct Professors Policy, effective upon approval by the Board of Governors.**

In response to questions, Dean Main said the policy does not concern research associates, which is a staff position administered through Human Resources and not the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. She confirmed that individuals appointed as adjuncts to work with graduate students are not precluded from also working with senior undergraduate students. An adjunct appointment is not needed for individuals who will work only with undergraduate students and not graduate students.

**CARRIED**

**d) Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: Peace and Conflict Studies Program**

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Dean Main reviewed revisions to the admission and program requirements for students admitted to the Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies who have completed a Master's degree in another discipline. Currently, these students must complete two courses (PEAC 7010 and PEAC 7020) as occasional courses, following provisional admission to the program. The courses do not count toward the degree and involve additional tuition fees. Under the revised requirements, students admitted with a Master's degree in a different discipline would complete PEAC 7010 and PEAC 7020 following admission, and the courses would be counted toward the degree as elective courses.

**Dean Main MOVED, seconded by Professor Biscontri, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies on course, program, and regulation changes concerning the Peace and Conflict Studies Program, effective for the next available term.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Report of the Faculty Council of the Desautels Faculty of Music RE: Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts (General) in Music**

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Dean Runge provided an overview of a proposal from the Desautels Faculty of Music to establish a Bachelor of Arts (General) in Music. The program would provide a more flexible avenue for students to study music at the undergraduate level. The proposal responds to student interest in exploring more diverse musical genres, engaging with Indigenous perspectives, and having access to courses on music production, technology, songwriting, and popular music. Different than the Bachelor of Music and Bachelor Jazz Studies programs offered by the Faculty, admission to the proposed B.A.(Gen.) in Music would not require an audition. Applicants will not, therefore, need to have studied classical music or jazz on traditional instruments, in private lessons or in a school ensemble. The program would be open to students from a wider range of musical backgrounds and experiences, and it would allow students to explore diverse musical traditions in their course work.

Dean Runge said, different than the curricula of the B.Mus. and B.Jazz programs, which comprise mostly music courses, the curriculum of the 90-credit hour B.A.(Gen.) in Music degree would require only 30 credit hours of music courses. The program would, therefore, give students greater breadth and variety of course options.

**a) Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes**

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Professor Sutherland said the SCCCC considered the proposal for a B.A.(Gen.) in Music at its meetings on October 27, 2025, and January 15, 2026. She reported that the Committee recommends that Senate approve the proposal.

**b) Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions**

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Ms. Schnarr said SCADM considered and endorsed the program proposal at its meeting on February 24, 2026. Students would be admitted to the program via either Direct Entry or Advanced Entry admission. If the number of applicants in any given year were to exceed the number of available seats in the program, applicants would be rank-ordered based either on their entering average, for Direct Entry applicants, or their Grade Point Average, for Advanced Entry applicants. To address the underrepresentation of Indigenous students in Music programs, the Faculty is proposing to create a Canadian Indigenous Applicant category and to reserve up to three seats in the program each year for applicants under this category.

Ms. Schnarr noted, as Dean Runge had done, that an audition would not be required for admission.

**c) Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation**

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Dr. Torchia said SCIE met to consider academic regulations for the proposed B.A.(Gen.) in Music at its meetings on November 20, 2025, and February 12, 2026. He noted that students enrolled in the program would be required to achieve a minimum grade of C in all Music (MUSC) courses and a minimum grade of D in courses taught by other Faculties and Schools. Students would be placed on probationary status if they either did not achieve a grade of C or better in two MUSC courses or the minimum requirement

for a Sessional Grade Point Average of 2.0. Students placed on probationary status who did not raise their Sessional Grade Point Average and/or successfully complete the MUSC courses would be placed on suspension for one academic year.

**d) Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee Page 281**

Professor Oliver noted that the SPPC had assigned a high priority level to the proposal for a B.A.(Gen.) in Music on the basis that establishment of the program would fill an identifiable need, diversify the available programming at the University and within the Faculty, support student retention and enrolment growth in the Desautels Faculty of Music, as outlined in the Report of the SPPC.

**Dean Runge MOVED, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve a proposal for a Bachelor of Arts (General) in Music, in the Desautels Faculty of Music.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions RE: Revised Admission Requirements, Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences Page 314**

Ms. Schnarr reported that, at its meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>, SCADM had considered a proposal from the Department of Respiratory Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, to revise the requirements for admission to the Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy program. Specifically, the language in Section E. Citizenship and Residency, which sets out first, second, and third priority groups for admission, would be amended to remove a requirement that international applicants, the third priority group, are financially sponsored by their own government or an international agency. In some cases, the sponsoring agencies no longer exist, which presents challenges for determining some applicants' eligibility for admission. To ensure international applicants have completed the prerequisite courses for admission to the B.R.T. program, the College is proposing that international applicants are either currently studying in or have completed their studies in Canada.

**Ms. Schnarr MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy, Department of Respiratory Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, effective for the 2027 Fall Term intake.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Reports of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation**

**a) RE: Revised Scholastic Standards, School of Art Page 319**

Dr. Torchia reported that SCIE had met on February 12, 2026, to consider revised academic regulations for the degree and diploma programs offered by the School of Art. The revised *Scholastic Standards* for progression in the programs clarify minimum assessment requirements and processes for minimum met, academic warning, and required to withdraw, and set out a mechanism for students to return to their studies following an assessment of required to withdraw, as set out in the proposal.

**Dr. Torchia MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation concerning revised Scholastic Standards, School of Art, effective for the 2026 Fall Term.**

**CARRIED**

**b) RE: Revised Regulation concerning Supplemental Examinations, Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences**

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Dr. Torchia said that, at the same meeting, SCIE considered a proposal from the Department of Respiratory Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, to revise the *Supplemental Examinations* regulation for the Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy program to clarify current practices. The revised regulation specifies that students who pass a supplemental examination will receive a grade of C+ as the final grade in the course. This process and grade are consistent with the standards set in similar regulations for other programs offered by Departments in the College.

**Dr. Torchia MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation concerning revisions to the Supplemental Examinations regulation for the Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy, Department of Respiratory Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, effective August 1, 2026.**

**CARRIED**

**6. Report of the Senate Committee on University Research  
RE: President's Research Chairs Program**

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Dr. Pinto recalled that Senate was consulted about a proposal to establish the President's Research Chairs Program when it met on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Senate Committee on University Research (SCUR) was now bringing forward the proposal with a recommendation that it be approved.

Dr. Pinto informed Senate that, when the Senate Executive Committee met on March 18<sup>th</sup>, a suggestion was made to extend the term of the President's Research Chair to a maximum of eight years to be consistent with some externally funded chairs. The proposal included with the Senate agenda incorporates this suggestion.

Dr. Pinto reminded Senators that proposed President's Research Chairs Program, which would be valued at up to \$1 million per year for up to eight years, would support the recruitment of exceptional external candidates and the retention of exceptional internal candidates. He expressed confidence that the Program will attract stellar candidates based on the overwhelming response to the Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERC) and the Canada Impact+ Research Chairs programs. The University submitted nine applications for international scholars to these programs.

**Dr. Pinto MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on University Research concerning the establishment of the President's Research Chairs Program, effective upon approval by the Board of Governors.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations  
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Professor Perkins said the Senate Committee on Nominations (SCN) met on February 25, 2026, to populate three new Senate committees, including the Undergraduate Studies Council, Academic Policy and Regulations Committee, and the Certificate and Micro-Certificate Committee. In making its recommendations, the SCN considered recommendations from the Chairs of current Senate committees that will be replaced by new committees and expressions of interest from faculty members and students, and it did so with a lens on equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Professor Perkins noted that, because the three committees are new, the SCN sought to ensure that nominations include a balance of experienced members who are currently serving on committees that are to be disbanded and new members. Additionally, for this initial round of nominations, the Committee is recommending that members be appointed different term-lengths, from one to three years, to ensure that the entire membership of a committee will not turn over in one year. Moving forward, the SCN would nominate individuals for regular three-year appointments.

Professor Perkins said nominations to fill vacancies for students on the three new committees will be brought forward to a future Senate meeting.

**Professor Perkins MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations [dated February 25, 2026], effective upon approval.**

**CARRIED**

**X Additional Business**

**1. Report of the University Discipline Committee RE: Revised Student Non-Academic Misconduct and Concerning Behaviour Procedure**

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Professor Biscontri recalled that Senate and the Board of Governors (June 2025) had recently approved revisions to *University Discipline Bylaw, Tables 1 and 2*, and to the *Academic Misconduct* and *Student Discipline Appeal* procedures. More recently, a small working group was struck to conduct a limited review of the *Student Non-Academic Misconduct and Concerning Behaviour* procedure. The objectives of the review were to recommend any changes needed for alignment with these other documents and to address the protection of intellectual property rights of faculty members, which was an issue identified during discussions related to the current *UM-UMFA Collective Agreement*. The latter issue is addressed through revisions in sections 1.1 (a), 2.5 (c) and (d), and 6.1, with the addition of language related to intellectual property and copyright infringement. Other revisions clarify the process to refer a matter to the Student/Staff Threat Assessment Triage Intervention Support (STATIS) team.

As follow-up to a question that had been raised at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate Executive Committee, Professor Biscontri informed Senate that the Vice-Provost (Students) had sent an email to all students on June 18, 2025, addressing copyright policies. Additionally, the Centre for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning

includes information concerning recording classes and lectures and the use of copyrighted materials in syllabus templates that are available for instructors to use.

Professor Biscontri indicated that a comprehensive review of the *Student Non-Academic Misconduct and Concerning Behaviour* procedure was scheduled for 2028.

**Professor Biscontri MOVED, seconded by Professor Thomson, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the University Discipline Committee concerning revisions to the *Student Non-Academic Misconduct and Concerning Behaviour* procedure, effective upon approval by the Board of Governors.**

Referring to new language in section 2.15 (d) in the procedure, which specifies that a student's legal representation is not permitted to make submissions on behalf of the student and/or attend the investigatory meeting, Dr. Adams suggested that this will be place an additional limitation on the student. He asked about the rationale for the change.

Mr. Leclerc replied that the new language clarifies the practice that students can have legal representation during the earliest stage of the process – the investigatory level – but the lawyer cannot make any submissions before the student appeals to the level of the University Discipline Committee.

Professor Tichon noted that in section 2.30, one instance of “he/she” was yet to be updated to use gender-neutral language.

Professor Tichon called attention to what appears to be an inconsistency between section 2.19 (d), which includes a union representative among those whom witnesses may wish to consult, and section 2.37 (d), which does not.

Professor Biscontri indicated this was an oversight. Mr. Leclerc pledged to follow-up on this question and to revise the document, as appropriate.

**CARRIED**

## **XI Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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