

Report of the Actions of the University Senate

The [meeting of Senate #743](#) was held on October 21, 2026. The [Faculty Handbook](#) has been updated to reflect any approved policy changes. During the meeting, Senate undertook the following actions:

- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee, and approved the following motion which included an amendment to the report (**highlights** for new; ~~striketroughs~~):

Amendment:

15.1.9

Any unit (academic or administrative) wishing to pause admissions to a program shall submit a recommendation along with a supporting rationale to ARC, ~~which will then make~~ **Before making** a formal recommendation to Senate, **ARC shall provide the affected unit(s) with an opportunity to make representations regarding the proposed pause in admissions.**

Motion:

THAT Senate approve the proposed revisions to Section 3. C. 15.1 of the University Faculty Handbook, as set out in Appendix 1 as amended.

- received the Proposal for the School of Environment and Sustainability, and approved the following motion:

THAT Senate approve in principle the proposed restructuring within the Faculty of Social Sciences to bring together the faculty and programs of the Department of Geography and Tourism Studies (DGTS) and the Environmental Sustainability Research Centre (ESRC) into a newly established School of Environment and Sustainability, while retaining the ESRC as a research centre situated within the Faculty of Social Sciences.

- received the Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor
- received the Report of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic
- received the Report of the Vice-President, Research
- received the Report of the Actions of the Board of Trustees
- received a presentation on Academic Structures at Brock University

Senate Actions Taken Via Consent Agenda:

- approved the minutes of the 742nd meeting of Senate held on September 16, 2026

- received a Communication to Senate for information
- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee and approved the following motions:

THAT the request for Major Modification to the Bachelor of Education Concurrent and Consecutive programs, be approved.

THAT the request for Major Modification to the MSc and MA Applied Health Sciences programs, be approved.

THAT the request for Major Modification to the Master of Public Health program, be approved.

- received the Report of the Undergraduate Program Committee approved the following motions:

THAT Senate approve the draft Articulation Agreement- Brock University & Mohawk College: Pathway for students from the Urban and Regional Planning Technician – Geographic Information Systems (GIS) 2-year Diploma Program to Brock University Bachelor of Arts (Honours) or Bachelor of Science (Honours) Geography Degree as outlined in Appendix 1.

THAT Senate approve the draft Collaborative Agreement - Brock University & Niagara College: Pathway for students from the Brock University Bachelor of Arts in Labour Studies (Honours or 4-year With Major) Program and the Niagara Senate College Human Resources Management Ontario Graduate Certificate Program as outlined in Appendix 2.

THAT Senate approve the draft Articulation Agreement Brock University & Holland College: Pathway for students from the Holland College Early Childhood Education (ECE) diploma to the Brock University Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECE) as outlined in Appendix 3.

THAT Senate approve the draft Articulation Agreement – Brock University & Assiniboine College: Pathway for Students from the Assiniboine College Early Childhood Education (ECE) diploma to the Brock University, Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECE) as outlined in Appendix 4.

- received the Report of the Governance Committee for information
- received the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee for information
- received the Report of the Planning, Priorities, and Budget Advisory Committee for information
- received the Report of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee for information
- received the Report of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee for information
- received the Report of the Information and Technology Infrastructure Committee for information

- received the Report of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee for information
- received the Report of the Two Row Council for information

This report constitutes a summary of actions taken during the open session of the meeting. Additional information regarding Senate and Senate Committees is available at <https://brocku.ca/university-secretariat/senate/meetings/>.