Report of the Actions of the University Senate

The meeting of Senate #744 was held on November 11, 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 Graduate Studies Committee, and approved the following motion:

  THAT Senate approve the text edit to the Graduate Faculty section (FHB 3.B.7.9 Degree Completion Time Limits) as outlined in Appendix A of the Report.

- received the Report of the Planning, Priorities, and Budget Advisory Committee, and approved the following motions:

  THAT Senate advises the Board that the Preliminary 2027-2028 Domestic and International tuition rates are consistent with the Academic Policy of the University.

  THAT Senate advises the Board that the Preliminary 2027-28 Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Budget is consistent with the Academic Policy of the University.

  THAT Senate advises the Board that the Preliminary 2027-28 Capital and Related Projects Budget is consistent with the Academic Policy of the University.

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

  THAT Senate approve the addition to the Faculty Handbook Section 8.1 and the associated program note outlined in Appendix 1 of the Report.

  THAT Senate approve the addition of credit weight to course descriptions in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 2. of the Report

  THAT Senate approve the contact hours for each course be reported as total contact hours per semester in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Report.

- received the Report of the Governance Committee, and approved the following motion:

  THAT Senate approve the Department of Geography and Tourism Studies name change to the School of Environment and Sustainability.

- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee, and approved the following motion:

  THAT Senate refer the motion back concerning the proposed changes to the entrance requirements for 14 FMS programs to ARC with instructions to consult with members of the affected program committees.

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

  THAT Senate approve the restructuring plan 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, as outlined in Appendices 1-4 of the Proposal.

- received the Restructuring Proposal for the Centre for Gender, Social Justice and Equity Studies, and approved the following motion:

  THAT Senate approve in principle the proposed restructuring within the Faculty of Social Sciences to move the MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies (SJES) from a Faculty-Level program into the Centre for Women's and Gender Studies and be renamed the Centre for Gender, Social Justice, and Equity Studies.

- 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

Senate Actions Taken Via Consent Agenda:

- approved the following meeting minutes:
  - Minutes of the 743rd meeting of Senate held on October 21, 2026

- received the Report of the Academic Colleague for information.
- received the Report of the Academic Review Committee and approved the following motions:

  THAT the Final Assessment Report for the cyclical review of the Health Sciences undergraduate programs, be approved.

THAT the Final Assessment Report for the cyclical review of the Political Sciences undergraduate and graduate programs, be approved.

THAT the Final Assessment Report for the cyclical review of the Women's and Gender Studies undergraduate programs, be approved.

- received the Report of the Graduate Studies Committee and approved the following motions:

  THAT Senate approve the MA Geography program deletion proposal and the sixteen corresponding GEOG course deletion proposals for the 2027-28 Graduate Calendar as outlined in Appendix B.

  THAT Senate approve the four AHSC course revision proposals (updated restrictions) for the 2027-28 Graduate Calendar as outlined in Appendix C.

  THAT Senate approve the three EDUC course deletion proposals for the 2027-28 Graduate Calendar as outlined in Appendix D.

- received the Report of the Information and Technology Infrastructure Committee for information.

- received the Report of the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee for information.

- received the Report of the Undergraduate Students Affairs Committee 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/.

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