

REPORT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The [meeting of the 2026-27 Senate Elect](#) and the [740th meeting of Senate](#) were held on May 6, 2026. The [Faculty Handbook](#) has been updated to reflect any approved policy changes. During the meeting, Senate undertook the following actions:

During the meeting of the Senate-Elect

- Approved that Senator Carpenter-Cleland be elected as Chair of the Governance Committee for a two-year term ending 2028
- Approved that Senators Alison Braley-Rattai, Tamara El-Hoss, Kelly Lockwood, Larry Savage, Michael Savage, Kirsty Spence, and Alicia Zorzetto be elected members of the 2026-27 Governance Committee

During the meeting of Senate #740

- received the Report from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee, and referred the proposed changes concerning Postdoctoral Scholars back to the Committee for further review and consultation
- received a notice of motion from the Governance Committee in advance of the next Senate meeting related to the proposed Senate Bylaw Amendments
- received the Report from the Undergraduate Program Committee, and approved the following motions:
 - THAT Senate approve the changes to the Faculty Handbook section 3.A.7.11.2 as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 1)
 - THAT Senate rescind the motion passed at Senate #739 on April 15, 2026 approving the recommendation that Canadian Studies undergo the Program Viability Review process and begin a two-year probationary period
- received the Report from the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, and approved the following motion:
 - THAT Senate approve the revisions of text to the Graduate Faculty Handbook Section (FHB 3.B.5 Graduate Degrees) as outlined in Appendix A
 - THAT Senate approve the revisions of text to the Graduate Faculty Handbook section (FHB 3.B.9.1.M Graduate Supervision and Supervisory Committees) as outlined in Appendix B
- received the Report from the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee, and approved the following motion:
 - THAT Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty Handbook Examinations (3.A.9.3) and Deferred Examinations (3.A.9.5) sections as outlined in the submission (Appendix 1)
- 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 from the Two Row Council

SENATE ACTIONS TAKEN VIA CONSENT AGENDA:

- approved the Minutes of the 739th meeting of Senate held on April 15, 2026
- received a Report from the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee and approved the following motions:
 - THAT Senate approve the Research Ethics Board (REB) proposed additions to the membership slates for the 2026-2027: Social Science Research Board (SREB) and 2026-2027: Health Sciences Research Ethics Board (HREB):

- William Helmeczi (SREB)
- Biswajit Mukherjee (HREB)
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Program Committee and approved the following motions:
 - THAT Senate approve the changes to the Sciences (BSc) Program in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Calendar, as outlined in the paper submission (Appendix 2)
 - THAT Senate approve the addition of HUMA course bank in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Calendar, as outlined in the paper submission (Appendix 3)
 - THAT Senate approve the draft Collaboration Agreement: Pathway for Students from the Brock University Bachelor of Arts in Labour Studies Program to the George Brown Human Resources Management Ontario Graduate Certificate Program, as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 4)
 - THAT Senate approve the draft Collaboration Agreement: Pathway for Students from the Mohawk College General Arts & Science Diploma (University Transfer) to the Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences at Brock University, as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 5)
 - THAT Senate approve the draft Articulation Agreement: Pathway for Students from the Canadore College Recreation Therapy Diploma or Recreation and Leisure Services Diploma to Brock University, Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation degree or Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies Degree as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 6)
 - THAT Senate approve the draft Articulation Agreement: Pathway for Students from the College of the Rockies Recreation Management Diploma to Brock University, Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies, as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 7)
 - THAT Senate approve the draft Collaboration Agreement: Pathway for Students from Niagara College Recreation Therapy Diploma to Brock University Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation and Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies, as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 8)
 - THAT Senate approve the draft Collaboration Agreement: Pathway for Students from the Brock University Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Honours) Program and the Niagara College Advanced Law Enforcement and Investigations Ontario Graduate Certificate Program, as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 9)
 - THAT Senate approve the draft Collaboration Agreement: Pathway for Students from the Brock University Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Honours) Program and the Seneca College Paralegal (Accelerated) Ontario College Diploma Program, as outlined in the submission (see Appendix 10)
- received a Report from the Governance Committee and approved the following motions:
 - THAT Senate approve the Honorary Degree Nomination Procedures revisions contained within Appendix 2 of the Report
- received a Report from the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee for information
- received a Report from the Information Technology & Infrastructure Committee for information

THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETINGS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SENATE AND SENATE COMMITTEES IS AVAILABLE AT <https://brocku.ca/university-secretariat/senate/meetings/>.