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Carleton University Senate
Meeting of September 18, 2026 at 2:00 pm
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MINUTES

Present: A. Abdou, J. Anderson, M. Bahran, E. Bilodeau, S. Blanchard, A. Bordeleau, A. Bowker, F. Brouard, J. Brunet, N. Bruni, I. Bumagin, S. Burges, J-P. Corriveau, R. Dansereau (Clerk), T. Davidson, J. Debanne, M. DeRosa, J. Devoe, J. Drake, M. El Sayed, M. Francoli, P. Gin, R. Goubran, K. Graham, K. Hellemans, M. Heroux, A. Hurrelmann, N. Hurrydass, J C. Jiminez-Garcia, I. Knezevic, F. Leger, K. Lucas, J. Mantler, D. McNair, D. Mendeloff, R. Miller, M. Mullally, H. Nemiroff, P. Rankin, R. Renfroe, R. Rezal, M. Rivers-Moore, M. Rooney, S. Sadaf, S. Shams, A. Shotwell, B. Tackaberry, N. Tait, B. Timmons, C. Trudel, D. Tutkishbayeva, S. Viel, G. Wainer, P. Williams, W. Ye, F M. Zamani
Regrets: D. Amundsen, J. Greenberg, D. Hornsby, Y. Khan, S. Todd.
Absent: M. Agha, A. Arya, J. Chicoine, A. El-Roby, G. Maracle, A. Patrick, M. Sewpal
Recording Secretary: K. McKinley, N. Paul

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1. **Welcome & Approval of Agenda**

   The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm. The chair welcomed all to the first Senate meeting of the 2026-27 academic year and extended a special welcome to newly elected student and faculty members, the new alumni representative, the new and returning Board of Governors members, the new interim University Librarian, Edward Bilodeau, and a new Assistant University Secretary to the Senate, Nick Paul, who is onboarding and replacing Kathy McKinley upon her retirement in December.

The Chair also offered condolences to friends and colleagues of Dr. Bill Lawson, a former School of Commerce and Sprott School of Business professor, who recently passed away.

The Chair noted that item 7d (Senate Review Committee report) has been postponed to October and so will be removed from the agenda.

It was **MOVED** (J. Anderson, I. Bumagin) that Senate approve the agenda for the meeting of Senate on September 18, 2026, as amended.

The motion **PASSED**.

2. **Minutes:** June 19, 2026 (Open Session)
   The Assistant University Secretary noted that there was an error on page 4 of the draft minutes where "4.3.2 (Missed Deferred Examinations)" should instead be "4.3.3 (Early Departure from Final Examinations)". She also noted an error in the name of the mover for item 1 – approval of agenda.

   With these corrections made, it was **MOVED** (P. Williams, F. Brouard) that Senate approve the minutes of the Open Session of the Senate meeting on June 19, 2026, as amended.

   The motion **PASSED**.

3. **Matters Arising**
   There were no matters arising.

4. **Chair's Remarks**
   The Chair began his remarks by highlighting several recent campus achievements and research successes. The Chair first noted that Carleton University has advanced to the Silver tier of Canada's Net-Zero Challenge, an Environment and Climate Change Canada program that supports organizations in developing plans to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Carleton is currently the only post-secondary institution participating in the initiative, which aims to foster a national community of practice around net-zero planning. The Chair added that this achievement reflects the university's commitment to sustainable campus planning and environmental stewardship.

The Chair next extended congratulations to Carleton alumna and former sessional lecturer Kathryn Otley, who has been elected as the first female Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. The Right Revered Kathryn Anne Otley, the eleventh Bishop of the Diocese, earned both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Carleton University and was ordained at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa earlier this year.

The Chair then provided several research updates. He reported that three Carleton-led initiatives have been awarded Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Partnership Grants, receiving a combined total of $7.5 million in federal funding to support collaborative research in cybersecurity, democratic governance, and international trade. The funded initiatives include:

- The Canadian Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (3CE), led by Alex Wilner and Leah West, which will strengthen Canada's cybersecurity through interdisciplinary education, research, and training.
- The Civil-Military Relations Network, led by NPSIA researcher Stephen Saideman, will advance international research examining relationships between democratic governments and their armed forces.
- The Research Network on Trade Politics in North America and Europe (TRADEPOL), led by Carleton Professor and Senator Achim Hurrelmann, which will explore how political debates surrounding trade wars are reshaping governance structures.

The Chair congratulated the researchers and noted the significance of these investments in supporting collaborative and internationally engaged scholarship.

The Chair also congratulated five Carleton researchers who have been recognized by the Royal Society of Canada. Rod Phillips and Ming Tiampo have been elected Fellows of the Academy of Arts and Humanities, while Jenny Bruin, Laura Horak, and Amy Bombay have been named Members of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. The Chair noted that their work is advancing knowledge in areas including art history, environmental health, history, film and media studies, and Indigenous mental health.

In addition, the Chair congratulated Graeme Auld, who will receive the Royal Society of Canada's Yvan Allaire Medal in recognition of his outstanding

contributions to the governance of public and private organizations. Professor Auld is the first Carleton researcher to receive this distinction.

Finally, the Chair provided a post-secondary sector update regarding the provincial government's announcement of additional funded seats for colleges and universities. This allocation forms part of a broader $1.7 billion provincial investment announced earlier this year, to support more than 70,000 additional post-secondary spaces in high-demand fields. The Chair noted that the first 30,000 funded seats were allocated in May 2026, and that institutions subsequently submitted proposals for the remaining 40,000 spaces in collaboration with community partners and employers.

The Chair reported that, of the more than 70,000 funded spaces, approximately 40,200 have been allocated to STEM programs, 16,100 to health care, 7,900 to education, 3,800 to skilled trades, and 3,000 to other labour market-driven programs. Additional details regarding allocations to individual universities are expected in the coming weeks.

There were no questions or comments from Senators on the Chair's remarks.

5. **Question Period**
   There were no questions submitted.

6. **Administration**

   a. **Senate Membership Ratifications**
      The Clerk brought forward a memo to ratify 7 new Senators. The Clerk noted a typo on the original ratification list circulated in the binder and the correct list was projected for the Senate as follows:

      - Yusuf Khan – Alumni Representative
      - Morgan Currie – Faculty Member Representative – FASS
      - Barbara Leckie - Faculty Member Representative – FASS
      - Rodney Nelson - Faculty Member Representative – Sprott
      - Morgan Rooney – Contract Instructor Representative
      - Sean Maguire – Undergraduate Student Representative – FASS
      - Mahamed Qalinle - Undergraduate Student Representative – FED

It was **MOVED (**R. Dansereau, A. Bordeleau) that Senate ratify the new Senate appointments, as presented, for service beginning immediately unless otherwise indicated.

The motion **PASSED**.

b. Senate Survey – Summary of Results

The Clerk provided a high-level summary of the results of the 2026 Senate Survey, noting that 28 responses were received during the survey period from April 8 to May 30, 2026, representing a response rate of 36.25%, an increase from the previous year. The Clerk noted that the survey remains an important mechanism for gathering feedback from Senators regarding their experience in academic governance and identifying opportunities for continuous improvement.

Respondents generally reported a high level of confidence in their understanding of Senate policies and procedures, their preparedness for meetings, and their engagement as Senators. Feedback from new Senators indicated that orientation activities were effective in supporting their understanding of the role, while participants in the Senate Professional Development Workshop reported that it enhanced their understanding of academic governance and provided valuable opportunities to share perspectives. Interest in additional professional development opportunities was also identified.

Respondents expressed strong overall satisfaction with Senate meetings, documentation, and communications, citing effective meeting practices and clear, accessible Senate materials, while opinions on the revised seating plan were evenly split between supporters of the new and former arrangements and those with no preference. Additional strengths identified included the efficient conduct of meetings, Senator engagement, financial and budget transparency, and increased clarity regarding Question Period.

Suggestions for improvement reflected differing views on meeting format and the balance between efficiency and discussion, as well as interest in additional supports for student Senators, opportunities for professional development, and continued efforts to promote constructive debate and

discussion. The Clerk thanked Senators who participated in the survey and noted that the feedback received would help inform future initiatives and ongoing efforts to support effective academic governance.

There were no follow-up questions.

7. **Reports**

   a. **Senate Committee on Curriculum, Admission and Studies Policy (SCCASP)**

   There was no report for this committee; however, Committee Chair David Mendeloff briefly noted that the committee plans to review Item 4.3.3 (Early Departure from Examinations), from the Undergraduate Calendar, at its next meeting.

   b. **Senate Quality Assurance and Planning Committee (SQAPC)**

   David Mendeloff, acting for Committee Chair David Hornsby, presented one motion for cyclical program review, and one item for information.

   Cyclical Program Review:

   It was **MOVED** (D. Mendeloff, J. Anderson) that Senate approve the Final Assessment Report and Executive Summary arising from the Cyclical Program Review of the joint Graduate Programs in Environmental Engineering.

   The motion **PASSED**.

   Memo for Information: Suspended Program Admissions

   Committee Chair David Hornsby presented for information the following programs approved to suspend admissions for Fall 2027. It was noted that the intention is to replace these concentrations with new streams as alternative pathways.

   It was also noted that, unless otherwise indicated, admission to the programs will be suspended for two admission cycles.

   - Chemistry, with Concentration in Chemical Toxicology
   - Chemistry, with Concentration in Nanotechnology

   c. **Senate Academic Governance Committee (SAGC)**

   Committee Chair Richard Dansereau presented two motions: one for the approval of committee memberships and one for approving the process of the proposed revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy.

Approval for Committee Memberships

- Senate Executive Committee
    - Winnie Ye (Faculty Member, Senator)
    - Diana Tutkishbayeva (GR Student, Senator)
- Senate Honorary Degrees Committee
    - Lynn Campbell (Retiree Representative)
    - Maryam Tse (Alumni Representative)
- Senate Committee on Curriculum, Admissions & Studies Policy (SCCASP)
    - Niall Tate (FED Faculty Member)
    - David Amundsen (Science Faculty Member)
    - Shay Hammad (UG Student)
- Senate Quality Assurance and Planning Committee (SQAPC)
    - Janet Mantler (FASS Faculty Member)
- Senate Student Academic Integrity Appeals Committee (SAIAC)
    - Jordyn Bellamy (UG Student)
- Senate Review Committee
    - Emily Fraser (UG Student)

Discussion

Senators sought clarification regarding appointments to Senate committees. The Clerk noted that nominations for anticipated committee vacancies are typically sought each March and may be submitted by candidates themselves or by other Senators. The Assistant University Secretary added that some vacancies may remain available throughout the year and are posted on the Senate website, including certain faculty positions open to members from any Faculty. In response to a follow-up question, it was clarified that contract instructors are not eligible to serve in positions designated for faculty members. Senators were advised that committee membership requirements are set out in each committee's terms of reference and that applications for vacancies may be submitted through a form available on the Senate website.

It was **MOVED** (R. Dansereau, A. Hurrelmann) that Senate ratify the nominees for Senate committees, as presented, for service beginning immediately upon approval.

The motion **PASSED**.

Next Steps Regarding Proposed Revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy

The Clerk provided background on the review of the Academic Integrity Policy, noting that an ad hoc committee was established in Fall 2024 and met more than 20 times over a two-year period to develop proposed revisions. The committee presented its recommendations to Senate in June 2026; however, a motion to approve the revised policy was defeated. Following that meeting, the matter was referred to the Senate Academic Governance Committee (SAGC) for consideration, and the Committee subsequently brought forward the present motion.

It was **MOVED** (R. Dansereau, K. Graham) that Senate approve the following process for further consideration of the proposed revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy:

1. That the University Governance Secretariat, in its neutral administrative role supporting Senate and its committees, review and synthesize the feedback received from Senators regarding the proposed revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy.
2. That the University Governance Secretariat consult the Provost and consider the synthesized feedback in the preparation of any revised policy.
3. That the Senate Committee on Curriculum, Admission, and Studies Policy (SCCASP) be consulted regarding any revised policy.
4. That any revised policy be referred to the Senate Academic Governance Committee (SAGC) for review of governance-related matters.
5. That, following these reviews and consultations, SAGC bring forward any recommended revisions to Senate for consideration.

Discussion:

- Some Senators expressed concern that there was no timeline attached to the motion as to when the revisions would come back to Senate from SAGC.
- Other Senators expressed their concern that there was insufficient input from Faculty Boards and Deans.

A Senator proposed the following amendment to the motion:

Amendment:
It was **MOVED** (F. Brouard, M. Heroux) that item 2 of the motion on the floor be amended to read “That the University Governance Secretariat consult the

Provost, Faculty Boards and Deans and consider the synthesized feedback in the preparation of any revised policy."

Discussion:

- There was discussion around how long the amended process would take. It was noted that there are 9 Faculty Boards so this process likely would not be completed in the current calendar year.
- Some Senators noted that these consultations already took place under the direction of the ad-hoc committee.

The motion to amend the main motion was **DEFEATED**.

The Chair called the question on the main motion.

The motion **PASSED**.

8. **Reports for Information**

The following reports were submitted for information.

a. Senate Executive Minutes – June 9, 2026
b. Senate Committee Annual Reports
    - Senate Student Academic Integrity Appeals Committee (SAIAC)
    - Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC)
    - Senate Committee on Student Awards
    - Senate Graduate Student Appeals Committee
c. Senate Annual Report
d. Board of Governors Chair's Report
e. Report from COU Academic Colleague

There were no questions and there was no discussion of these reports.

9. **Other Business**

A Senator brought forward a notice for motion for the next Senate meeting on October 23, 2026. The Chair requested that the motion be emailed to the Clerk of Senate, who will submit it to the next Senate Executive Committee meeting for consideration.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned (J. Anderson, M. Bahran) at 3:07 pm.