



MEETING OF THE SENATE

Monday, November 24, 2025
3.30pm to 5.30pm

House of Learning, HL190

AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order** — Dr. Airini
 - a. Remarks from the Chair
 - i. Territorial Acknowledgment

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- a. Minutes of senate meeting of October 27, 2025 (For Decision)

4. **Reports of Officers**
 - a. President and Vice-Chancellor — Dr. Airini
 - i. Strategic Change Goals
 - b. Provost and Vice-President Academic — Dr. Shannon Wagner

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- a. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (Items for Decision) — Dr. Daleen Millard
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- Page 33 a. Proposed revisions to policy [ADM 32-0 Responsible Use of University Space](#) (For Consultation; *Notice of Consultation served on October 24, 2025*) — Matt Milovick
- Page 34 i. Comment received during notice of motion period
- b. Agenda item request from Senator Aleece Laird ([Notice of Motion](#) served on *October 24, 2025*) (For Decision) — Aleece Laird
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Page 37 **7. Correspondence**

- a. Request from TRU Students' Union regarding participation in program reviews (Information)

8. Question Period

9. Presentation

- a. Future TRU and Insights from Federal Budget 2025 — Dr. Airini

10. In-Camera Meeting

11. Next Senate meeting

- a. The next regular meeting of Senate is on Monday, December 8, 2025 from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Brown Family House of Learning, Room HL190.

12. Adjournment of Meeting



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE SENATE

Monday, October 27, 2025
3.30pm to 5.30pm

House of Learning, HL190

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Airini (Chair), Greg Anderson, Mike Bluhm, David Carter, David Cormier, Melba D'Souza, Yasmin Dean, DeDe DeRose, Katia Dilkina, Seán Donlan, Will Garrett-Petts, Sarah Gibson, Jenna Goddard, Tania Gottschalk, Ishan Kapoor, Oleksandr Kondrashov, Brad Kozubski, Derek Knox, Aleece Laird, Gurjit Lalli, Laura Lamb, Ehsan Latif, Rita Leone, James Lomen, Krish Maharaj, Daleen Millard, Ryan Munden, Mishal Nizar, John Patterson, Gordon Rudolph, Rani Srivastava, Anne Terwiel, Shannon Wagner, Mark Wallin, Juliana West, Joel Wood (Vice-Chair)

Regrets:

Inderpreet Bains, John Church

Absent:

Baldev Pooni, Joanna Urban

Executive and Others Present:

Michael Henry (Chief of Staff), Scott Blackford (Interim General Counsel), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Robert Chambers (Chair, Educational Programs Committee), James Sudhoff (Chair, Steering Committee)

1. Call to Order

Chair of Senate, Dr. Airini, called the meeting to order and acknowledged the territory. She also thanked TRU colleagues for their work to provide technology for senate meetings. Dr. Airini then delivered some remarks about the features of in-camera meetings, including confidentiality, adding she would provide further comment in the in-camera meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Minutes of senate meeting of September 22, 2025

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the senate meeting of September 22, 2025 be approved as circulated.*

4. Reports of Officers

- a. President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Airini provided a verbal report on several matters, including a refresh of strategic change goals, priorities, and accolades for Open House and recent upcoming recognition of a TRU colleague by the Royal Society of Canada.

- b. Provost and Vice-President Academic

S. Wagner reported orally on matters such as the very low enrolment program process, policies, the budget, and the TRU Open House.

5. Reports of Committees

- a. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

S. Wagner, chair of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee, gave the committee's report, which contained three items for decision by senate. She clarified that all the Category III Proposal revisions were related to existing programs.

- 1. Category III Proposal, Master in Environmental Economics and Management

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the Category III Proposal, Master in Environmental Economics and Management, as presented.*

- 2. Category III Proposal, Master of Science in Environmental Economics and Management

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the Category III Proposal, Master of Science in Environmental Economics and Management, as presented.*

3. Category III Proposal, Respiratory Therapy Diploma

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the Category III Proposal, Respiratory Therapy Diploma, as presented.*

The APPC report also contained several items for information.

b. Educational Programs Committee

Chair of the Educational Programs Committee, R. Chambers, presented the committee's report, all items within which were for information. He noted this was his last meeting of senate serving as chair of the committee. Dr. Airini expressed senate's appreciation to Dr. Chambers for his service and leadership and led a round of applause.

c. Steering Committee

Chair of the Senate Steering Committee, J. Sudhoff, presented the committee's report, which contained one item for decision, namely volunteers to senate committees.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the following volunteer appointments to the Senate Standing Committees:*

- a. Senate Appeals Committee
Senator: Aleece Laird, Alumni Senator
- b. Educational Programs Committee
Faculty Senator: Ryan Munden, Trades
- c. Academic Integrity Committee
Faculty: Catherine Ortner, Arts
- d. Qelmùcw Affairs Committee
Senator: John Patterson, Teaching Staff Opening Learning
- e. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee
Staff: Jessica Petruk
- f. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
Staff: Shelley Church, 2nd term

Faculty:

- Catharine Tatarniuk, Science, 2nd term
- Liz Yanmin Gao, School of Business and Economics

g. International Affairs Committee

Faculty: Gloria Ramirez, Education and Social Work

h. Graduate Studies Committee

Dean: Greg Anderson, Science

Faculty: Tara Duncan, Adventure Culinary Arts and Tourism

i. Research Committee

Faculty: Lorry-Ann Austin, Education and Social Work

j. Awards and Honors Committee

Dean: Baldev Pooni, Trades

Alumni: Derek Haines, Alumni, 2nd term (*for information only*)

k. Teaching and Learning Committee

Faculty:

- Trent Tucker, School of Business and Economics
- Wei Yan, Centre of Excellence in Learning and Teaching
- Sukhchandan, Science

The Steering Committee report also contained the list of students appointed to senate committees.

6. **Business**

a. Proposed revisions to policy ADM 32-0 Responsible Use of University Space

S. Blackford, Interim General Counsel, provided notice of the board's request to consult with senate on the proposed revisions to this policy, required under the *University Act* and as outlined in the material circulated with the agenda package. Questions ensued and S. Blackford outlined the consultation process and indicated that the matter would come before senate for discussion at its November meeting.

b. Agenda item request from Senator Aleece Laird

The chair stated that this agenda item was a notice of motion proposed by Senator Laird and invited Senator Laird to present the notice. A. Laird read the proposed motion to be considered at the November meeting of senate. Questions and discussion ensued.

7. Question Period

The senate vice-chair, J. Wood, chaired this portion of the meeting so that President Airini could respond to questions. Questions and answers ensued.

8. In Camera Meeting

The chair announced that senate was moving in camera and, before proceeding, waited until all non-senators, other than required staff, left the meeting.

9. Next Senate meeting

- a. The next regular meeting of Senate is on Monday, November 24, 2025 from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Brown Family House of Learning, Room HL190.

10. Adjournment of Meeting

Dr. Airini asked if there was any further business and, there being none, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.



ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2025 REPORT TO SENATE

The November 13, 2025, meeting of APPC was chaired by Dr. Daleen Millard on behalf of Dr. Shannon Wagner, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee. The following items come forward from APPC to Senate:

FOR APPROVAL

1. **Category III Proposal**, Inclusive Practices Specialization Certificate in ECE, Dian Henderson, EDSW

[Comparison](#)

[All Fields](#)

Motion Approved at APPC

On motion duly made and adopted, it is RESOLVED that APPC recommends to Senate the Inclusive Practices Specialization Certificate in ECE as presented.

2. **Category III Proposal**, Infant and Toddler Specialization Certificate in ECE, Dian Henderson, EDSW

[Comparison](#)

[All Fields](#)

Motion Approved at APPC

On motion duly made and adopted, it is RESOLVED that APPC recommends to Senate the Infant and Toddler Specialization Certificate in ECE as presented.

3. **Category III Proposal**, Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity, Musfiq Rahman, Faculty of Science

[Comparison](#)

[All Fields](#)

Motion Approved at APPC

On motion duly made and adopted, it is RESOLVED that APPC recommends to Senate the Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity as presented.

FOR INFORMATION

1. **Early Childhood Education Program Review Deferral**, Dian Henderson, EDSW
2. **Proposed Revisions to Program Review Procedure**, Shannon Smyrl and Justyna Burgess, OMFQA
3. **Deferred admission (by 1 year) for BScN Program, WL Campus**, Dean Rani Srivastava, School of Nursing

APPC REPORT TO SENATE NOVEMBER 2025

4. **Mid-Cycle Report for Master of Science in Environmental Science**, Associate Dean Kara Lefevre and Karl Larson, Faculty of Science
5. **MEEM and MScEEM Program Review Final Reports**, Interim Dean Ehsan Latif and Joel Wood, Gagliardi SOBE
6. [EPC Category II Approvals](#), Devon Graham, EPC Chair
 - i. Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Theatre
 - ii. BIOL 3710 Intercultural Field School in Environmental Science
 - iii. COMP 3720 Machine Learning
 - iv. ECON 3040 Managerial Decision-Making for a Sustainable Future
 - v. GEOG 1000 Planet Earth's Lands and Waters
 - vi. JOUR 2150 Reporting in Indigenous Communities
 - vii. JOUR 2800 Journalism Career Preparation 1
 - viii. JOUR 3800 Journalism Career Preparation 2
 - ix. JOUR 4800 Journalism Career Preparation 3
 - x. LAWF 4032 Judicial Internship Seminar
7. [GSC Category II approvals](#), Alana Hoare, GSC Chair
 - i. ECON 6010

Respectfully submitted on November 14, 2025, by:



Shannon Wagner, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee



BUDGET COMMITTEE OF SENATE (BCOS)

REPORT TO SENATE

November 2025

The November 4, 2025 meeting of the Budget Committee of Senate was chaired by Dr. Shannon Wagner, Provost and Vice-President Academic (Interim). The following items are presented to Senate for information:

TRU Budget Story Presentation: 2025-2026 and Beyond

The Provost shared a presentation with BCOS that had previously been presented to Faculty Councils, Senate, the Board, and the broader TRU community. The presentation provides an overview of TRU's financial history, revenue sources, recent IRCC changes, an explanation of surpluses and their permitted uses, budget reviews to date, and a phased strategy for achieving a sustainable budget through to 2030.

Tuition Increases

A Notice of Motion was presented to BCOS regarding proposed increases to domestic tuition and other fees for the 2026/2027 academic year.

A Notice of Motion was presented to BCOS regarding proposed increases to international tuition and other fees for the 2026/2027 academic year. If approved, the increases would apply to all new international student intakes under the Guaranteed Tuition Model, as well as to those programs not included in the model.

At the December 9, 2025 BCOS meeting, committee members will be asked to decide whether to recommend the proposals to the President. If the President supports the recommendations, they will then be brought forward to the Board of Governors for consideration.

The next BCOS meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted on November 4, 2025 by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Wagner".

Dr. Shannon Wagner, Chair, Budget Committee of Senate
Provost and Vice-President Academic (Interim)



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Budget Committee of Senate

FROM: Dr. Shannon Wagner, Provost & Vice-President Academic (Interim)
Mr. Matt Milovick, Vice-President, Administration and Finance
Ms. Baihua Chadwick, Vice-President, International

DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Notice of Motion: 2026/27 International Tuition and Other Fees Increase

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide notice of motion that a decision item will be brought to the next Budget Committee of Senate meeting for a proposed 3% increase for international tuition and other fees as described below. If approved, the proposed increase will be effective starting September 2026 and will apply to all the new international student intakes under the Guaranteed Tuition Model, as well as to the international students in programs that are not included in the guaranteed tuition model.

Background

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) reviews tuition and other fees annually. International tuition fee increases in recent years have reflected inflationary pressures and the need to sustain quality programming and support services for international students.

In Fall 2025, TRU implemented the Guaranteed International Tuition Model (GTM), becoming the first post-secondary institution in British Columbia to provide guaranteed, predictable tuition rates for international students during their entire period of studies.

Under this model:

- New international students are guaranteed that their tuition fee will not increase for the duration of their program, plus one additional year, providing cost certainty and transparency.
- Each new intake of international students begins their studies at a set tuition rate established annually by the Board of Governors. That rate becomes the guaranteed tuition rate for the duration of their program.



- Continuing international students who entered TRU prior to Fall 2025 (before the implementation of the Guaranteed Tuition Model), and any programs exempted from the model, continue to receive annual inflationary adjustments as approved by the Board.

Discussion

It is recommended that the international tuition rate for new international students beginning in Fall 2026, and for the students in programs excluded from the Guaranteed Tuition Model increase by 3%, consistent with projected inflation and the university's financial planning assumptions. The proposed 3% increase establishes the guaranteed tuition rate for the new international student intake. Once set, this rate will remain unchanged for the intended duration of each student's program, plus one year, in alignment with TRU's commitment to tuition transparency and predictability.

In arriving at this recommendation, Administration considered the following:

- Inflationary pressures on operational costs. As of September 2025, Canada's Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased to 2.4% year over year from 1.9% in August 2025;
- Canada's Core Inflation Rate, which excludes eight of the more volatile components in CPI, increased to 2.8% year over year in September 2025, up from 2.6% in August 2025.
- Increased recruitment challenges due to Canada's brand damage caused by the federal government's numerous policy changes;
- Comparability with other post-secondary institutions in B.C. and nationally;
- Predictability and fairness under the Guaranteed Tuition Model; and
- Institutional sustainability and the ability to maintain student services and infrastructure.

Risks

Administration considered potential risks related to the proposed increase, including:

- Enrolment: The inflationary adjustment of 3% increase is not expected to have a significant negative impact on international enrolments.
- Financial: The adjustment supports operating cost increases and reduces budgetary pressure.



- Reputational: The increase keeps TRU's tuition levels aligned with comparable institutions, sustaining TRU's reputation for value and quality.
- Policy alignment: The increase remains consistent with government expectations for tuition transparency and predictability.

Budgetary Implications

- The proposed increase in international tuition and other fees will help to offset inflationary costs at the University. The increase does not cover the full cost of inflation and other program delivery cost changes anticipated for fiscal year 2026/27.

Recommendation

Administration recommends that the Budget Committee of Senate recommend to the President to seek approval from the Board of Governors that, **effective Fall 2026, a 3% tuition fee increase be applied to:**

1. New international students as their guaranteed tuition rate. This rate will remain fixed for the intended duration of each student's program, plus one additional year, in accordance with the Guaranteed International Tuition Model.
2. Continuing international students and students in programs exempted from the Guaranteed International Tuition Model: including Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (GDBA), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master in Environmental Economics and Management (MEEM), Master of Science in Environmental Economics and Management (MScEEM), English for Academic Purposes (EAP), and all Trades programs.



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

International Tuition & Fees Schedule

CAMPUS RATES (Kamloops and Williams Lake)

Mandatory Fees (charged at time of registration)

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
International Student Activity Fee - per semester	\$87.09	3%	\$89.70

Fees billed per credit, per month or per week depending on program of study.

Campus Tuition - Classic rates

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate			
Academic, ESAL and University Prep – per credit	\$760.53	3%	\$783.34
Post-baccalaureate, Co-op - per credit	\$760.53	3%	\$783.34
Vocational & Apprenticeship - per week*	\$661.33	3%	\$681.16
Juris Doctor - Law			
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$1,284.31	3%	\$1,322.83
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$1,541.18	3%	\$1,587.41
Graduate*			
Tuition - per credit	\$1,157.05	3%	\$1,191.76
Extension rate - per semester	\$1,301.61	3%	\$1,340.65

** Actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown above*

Campus Tuition - Guarantee Tuition Model

Cohort – 2025

Classification	Rate
Undergraduate	
Academic and University Prep – per credit	\$849.13
Post-baccalaureate, Co-op and courses billed on a per credit basis - per credit	\$849.13
Juris Doctor - Law	
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$1,433.94
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$1,720.74
Graduate**	
Tuition - per credit	\$1,331.92
Extension rate - per semester	\$1,301.61

*** GTM applies to qualifying graduate courses, actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown*

Cohort – 2026

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate			
Academic and University Prep – per credit	\$849.13	3%	\$874.60
Post-baccalaureate, Co-op - per credit	\$849.13	3%	\$874.60
Juris Doctor - Law			
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$1,433.94	3%	\$1,476.95
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$1,720.74	3%	\$1,772.36
Graduate**			
Tuition - per credit	\$1,331.92	3%	\$1,371.87
Extension rate - per semester	\$1,301.61	3%	\$1,340.65

*** GTM only applies to qualifying graduate courses, actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown*

OPEN LEARNING RATES

Tuition

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate*			
Academic - per credit	\$499.67	3%	\$514.66
University Preparation			
University Prep/Adult Basic Education - per credit	\$499.67	3%	\$514.66
Graduate*			
Tuition - per credit	\$1,075.34	3%	\$1,107.60

** Actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown above*

COMMON RATES (Campus and Open Learning)

Application & Other Miscellaneous Fees

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
International Application Fees			
Graduate, undergraduate & university preparation	\$100.00	-	\$100.00
Juris Doctor - Law	\$180.70	3%	\$186.12

Note:

- Tuition and fee rates above may vary within \$0.01-\$0.05 once finalized
- Tuition and fee increases are approved on an annual basis, but the effective date varies.
- Campus based tuition and fee increases take effect August 1, 2026.
- Open Learning based tuition and fee increases take effect September 1, 2026 (some fees take effect October 1, 2026).

See Domestic Rate Schedule(s) for fees that apply to both Domestic and International Registrations.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Budget Committee of Senate

FROM: Shannon Wagner, Provost and Vice-President Academic (Interim)
Matt Milovick, Vice-President, Administration and Finance

DATE: November 4, 2025

RE: Notice of Motion: 2026/27 Domestic Tuition and Other Fees Increase

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide notice of motion that a decision item will be brought to the next Budget Committee of Senate meeting for a proposed 2% increase for domestic tuition and other fees as described below. If approved, the proposed increase will be for the 2026/27 academic year, effective starting September 2026.

Background

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) reviews tuition and other fees annually. The BC Government declared in 2007 that domestic tuition and other fees may be increased by a maximum of 2% per annum. To Administration's knowledge, as a practice, every university in BC increases their fees by the maximum permissible. Administration is not aware of any deviations from this practice.

Discussion

It is recommended that the domestic tuition rate and other fees increase by 2% (the maximum allowable by the BC Government) for the 2026/27 academic year, effective starting September 2026.

Risks

Administration considered potential risks related to the proposed increase, including:

- Ministry of Post-Secondary and Future Skills (PSEFS) does not allow universities to "catch up" if they decide not to increase rates each year. If an institution decides to forgo its annual increase, that increase is lost in perpetuity.
- There is no competitive disadvantage to increasing tuition and other fees.

Budgetary Implications

- The proposed increase in domestic tuition and other fees will help to offset inflationary costs at the University.
- The increase does not cover the full cost of inflation and other program delivery cost changes anticipated for fiscal year 2026/27.

Recommendation

- Administration recommends that the Budget Committee of Senate recommend to the President to seek approval from the Board of Governors that, effective Fall 2026, domestic tuition and other fees increase by 2% for the 2026/27 academic year.



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Domestic Tuition & Fees Schedule

CAMPUS RATES (Kamloops and Williams Lake)

Mandatory Fees charged at time of registration (Domestic & International)

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Ancillary - per credit	\$10.13	2%	\$10.33
Athletic and Recreation - per credit	\$4.27	2%	\$4.35
Building Levy - per credit	\$5.73	2%	\$5.84
Comprehensive University Enhancement Fund - per credit	\$6.92	2%	\$7.05
Lab fee - per course (if applicable)	\$23.95	2%	\$24.42
Materials fee - per week (if applicable)	\$5.37	2%	\$5.47
Tool tag - per course (if applicable)	\$2.88	2%	\$2.93

Fees billed per credit, per month or per week depending on program of study.

Campus Tuition (Canadian citizens and permanent residents)

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate			
Academic - per credit	\$161.87	2%	\$165.10
Career Technical - per credit	\$151.45	2%	\$154.47
Vocational - per month	\$454.60	2%	\$463.69
Apprenticeship - per week	\$103.08	2%	\$105.14
Juris Doctor - Law			
Year 1 courses - per credit	\$615.72	2%	\$628.03
Year 2 & 3 courses - per credit	\$738.87	2%	\$753.64
Graduate*			
Tuition - per credit	\$651.70	2%	\$664.73
Extension rate - per semester	\$692.61	2%	\$706.46

** Actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown above*

OPEN LEARNING RATES

Mandatory Fees charged at time of registration (Domestic & International)

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Course administration fee - per course	\$109.16	2%	\$111.34
Course extension - per course	\$116.32	2%	\$118.64
Lab fee - per course	varied	2%	varied
Technology fee - per credit	\$7.19	2%	\$7.33
Out-of-province non-resident fee - per credit (Students outside BC or Yukon)	\$36.36	2%	\$37.08

Miscellaneous Fees (Domestic & International)

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Program plans			
Per certificate/diploma	\$38.99	2%	\$39.76
Per degree	\$147.99	2%	\$150.94
Program reactivation	\$72.61	2%	\$74.06
Transcript Assessment			
BC documents	\$57.78	2%	\$58.93
Out-of-province documents	\$108.94	2%	\$111.11

Tuition (Canadian citizens and permanent residents)

Classification	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Undergraduate*			
Academic - per credit	\$179.46	2%	\$183.04
University Preparation/Adult Basic Education***			
Non-BC resident - per credit	\$216.64	2%	\$220.97
Graduate*			
Tuition - per credit	\$633.36	2%	\$646.02

* Actual rates depend on program/course taken; averages shown above

*** University Prep level courses offered tuition free for residents of BC and Yukon, mandatory fees apply

DOMESTIC COMMON RATES (Campus and Open Learning)

Application & Other Miscellaneous Fees

Fee Description	2025-26 Rate	Proposed Increase	2026-27 Rate
Domestic Application Fees			
Graduate, undergraduate & university preparation	\$33.56	2%	\$34.23
Juris Doctor - Law	\$129.30	2%	\$131.88
Miscellaneous Fees (Domestic & International)			
Duplicate credential	\$76.14	2%	\$77.66
Duplicate form	\$6.66	2%	\$6.79
Formal grade appeal	\$33.58	2%	\$34.25
Official transcript	\$10.38	2%	\$10.58
Reinstatement - Campus	\$201.74	2%	\$205.77

Note:

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- Tuition and fee increases are approved on an annual basis, but the effective date varies.
- Campus based tuition and fee increases take effect August 1, 2026.
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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (EPC)
REPORT TO SENATE FOR NOVEMBER 2025

The following approvals from the November 5, 2025 meeting of the Educational Programs Committee (EPC) are reported to Senate for information purposes:

Category I Modifications

1. CMNS 3550 Media and Public Relations
2. CMNS 3551 Media and Public Relations
3. COMP 4930 Professional and Ethical Issues in Computing Science
4. COMP 4931 Professional and Ethical Issues in Computing Science
5. EDCO 3100 Communications 1
6. EPHY 2300 Digital and Semiconductor Electronics
7. MUSI 1150 Music Appreciation 1
8. TESL 3030 Intercultural Communication Studies
9. THTR 1210 Acting: Text and Technique
10. THTR 1500 Play Production 1
11. THTR 2500 Play Production 2
12. THTR 3500 Play Production 3
13. THTR 4500 Play Production 4
14. THTR 4600 Acting Styles 1
15. THTR 4610 Acting Styles 2

Respectfully submitted on November 10, 2025 by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Devon Graham".

Devon Graham, Chair, Educational Programs Committee

**Steering Committee
Report to Senate**

November 12th, 2025

1. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

The Steering Committee recommends the following volunteers for appointment by Senate:

a. Educational Programs Committee

Faculty

- **Robert Diab**, Law

Dean

- **Baldev Pooni**, Trades and Technology

b. Budget Committee

Dean

- **Baldev Pooni**, Trades and Technology (2nd term)

c. Research Committee

Dean

- **Daleen Millard**, Law

d. Awards and Honors Committee

Dean

- **Mark Wallin**, Arts

e. University Sabbatical Leave Committee

Faculty

- **Tanya Sanders**, Nursing (2nd term)
- **Lian Dumouchel**, FACT (term through Jan 2026) J. Heshka will resume the seat upon his return and through the remainder of his term.
- **Michael Purcell**, Library

Education and Social work: A nomination was not received for the vacancy.

- **Motion:** *The Steering Committee recommends that Senate approve the volunteer appointments to the Senate Standing Committees as mentioned.*

2. STUDENT APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES (for information)

The steering committee reviewed the list of student caucus nominations generated by Thompson Rivers University Student Union (TRUSU) and confirmed the appointments. Please join us in welcoming the following Students the various committees!

a. Student Success Committee

- Matteo Fattor
- Ryann Decker

b. Graduate Studies Committee

- Omalicha Ani

c. Academic Integrity Committee

- James Twemlow

3. BUSINESS

a. Student Success Committee (“SSC”) Changes to Reporting Schedule

The SSC would like to change its reporting frequency from twice a year (November & May) to once a year in May. Please review the following explanatory memo and the single redlined page showing the requested change.

- **Motion:** *The Steering Committee recommends that Senate approve the reporting frequency change requested by the SCC (as indicated in their triennial review).*

Respectfully submitted,

Kukwstsétsemc (Thank you)



James Sudhoff, DVM
Chair, Steering Committee of Senate

Student Success Committee of Senate Memo

To: Steering Committee of Senate
From: Chai Chin Chen and Sara Wolfe, Co-Chairs
Date: November 5, 2025
Subject: Student Success Committee of Senate Reporting Schedule Update

Background and Purpose: The Student Success Committee of Senate (SSC) undertook a triennial review at the request of the Senate Steering Committee in the spring of 2025. As a part of the review process, the SSC was asked to comment on the frequency and adequacy of its Senate reporting schedule. The current schedule is to report twice a year in May and November. The proposed changes respond to the identified challenges with reporting frequency for SSC.

Summary of Proposed Amendments: The SSC reported to the Senate Steering Committee that its twice annual reporting schedule is more often than the committee needs. Because the table meets every second month from September to May, there is only one regular meeting between May and November and two regular meetings between November and May, which does not leave enough time for business worth reporting on to be conducted by the committee.

During its 2021 triennial review, it was also noted that the goal of the SSC is to report annually, but a formal request to change the schedule was never submitted. Since the 2021 review, the SSC has requested to delay the November reporting and only submitted one report in a single meeting cycle year.

Action Requested: THAT the Steering Committee recommend to Senate that the reporting schedule for the Student Success Committee of Senate be amended to annual reporting in May of each year.

Effective Date: The updated SSC Reporting Schedule will take effect upon approval from the Senate.

Attachments: Attached to this memo are the following documents:

- Attachment 1: Red-lined Senate Committee Reporting Schedule
- Attachment 2: 2025 SSC Triennial Review Report
- Attachment 3: 2021 SSC Triennial Review Report



SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE and OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTING SCHEDULE

Minimum reporting schedule as approved by Senate

Committee	Reporting Date
Academic Planning and Priorities Committee	each Senate meeting
Awards and Honours Committee	as needed
Budget Committee	Updates monthly and Full Presentation each Fall and April
Educational Programs Committee	each Senate meeting
Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee	October
Graduate Studies Committee	April / as needed
International Affairs Committee	May
Qelmúcw Affairs Committee	October / January
Research Committee	April
Sabbatical Leave Committee**	January
Steering Committee	each Senate meeting
Student Success Committee	November / May
Teaching and Learning Committee	September
Tenure and Promotion Committee**	June

** The Sabbatical Leave Committee and the Tenure and Promotion Committee are not Standing Committees of Senate, but are established under the TRUFA Collective Agreement.

The Manager, University Governance will notify the committees scheduled to report one month prior to the Senate meeting

Date: October 21, 2025
To: Senate
From: Michael Bluhm
Associate Vice-President Enrolment Services and Registrar
Chair, Student Academic Appeals
Re: **Student Academic Appeals annual report to Senate**

The Student Academic Appeals Committee operates under the jurisdiction of Senate policy ED 4-0, Student Academic Appeals.

The Student Academic Appeals Committee does not meet as a whole. As per policy ED 4-0, when a formal appeal is submitted an Appeal Hearing Panel is struck consisting of two faculty or OLFM members and two student members selected from the Student Academic Appeals Committee membership.

During the 2024-2025 academic year there was a total of seven formal student academic appeals.

- Two appeals were upheld; five were denied
- Five appeals pertained to campus programs; two pertained to Open Learning programs
- Two appeals were appeals of Academic Integrity Committee decisions
- The Bob Gaglardi School of Business and Economics had the highest number of appeals (three; 43%)

See attached:

1. 2024–2025 Academic Appeals Committee membership
2. Student Academic Appeals statistics, 2021–2022 to 2024–2025 inclusive

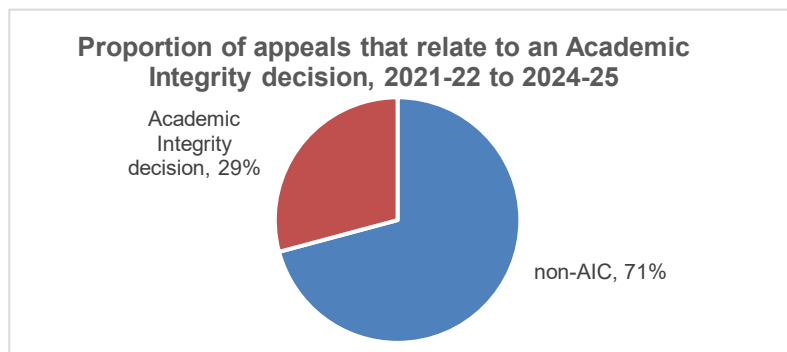
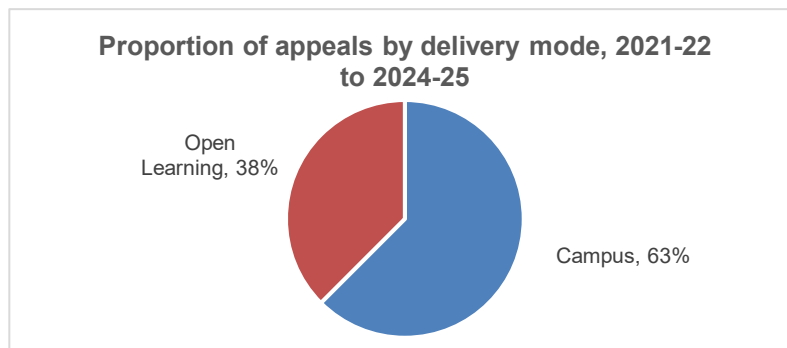
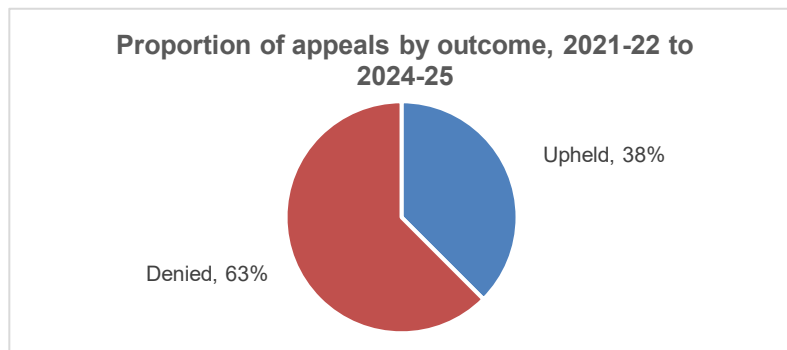
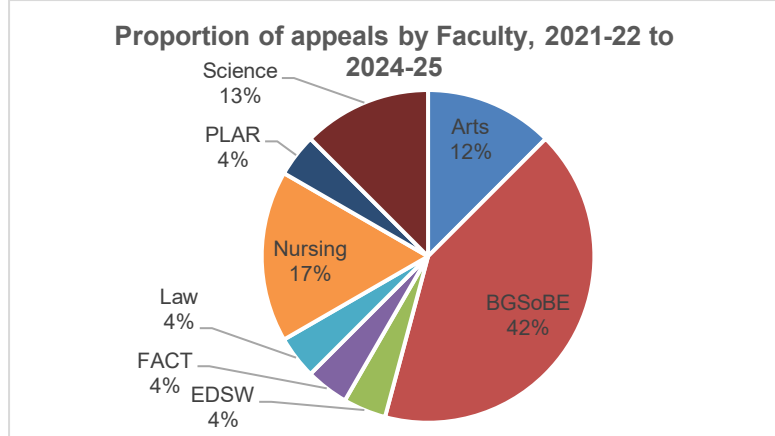
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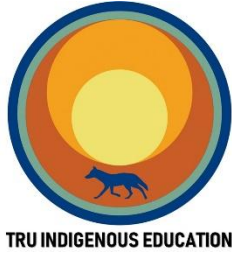
Name	Member Type	Faculty
Jacqueline Kampman	Campus Faculty	Arts
Stuart Milligan	Campus Faculty	BGSoBE
Frederic Fovet	Campus Faculty	EDSW
Billy Collins	Campus Faculty	FACT
Shyann Vosper	Campus Faculty	FSD
Andrew Pilliar	Campus Faculty	Law
Bhupinder Nagra	Campus Faculty	Nursing
Christina Mohr	Campus Faculty	Science
Saeed Rahmati	Campus Faculty	Science
Bryce Coombs	Campus Faculty	Trades
Mehak Gaur	Campus Student	Arts
Shalewa Shalex	Campus Student	Arts
Dilyara Sanatova	Campus Student	BGSoBE
Nikhil Chitale	Campus Student	BGSoBE
Naman Bhardwaj	Campus Student	BGSoBE
Randi Lang	Campus Student	EDSW
Leticia Kanywuiro	Campus Student	EDSW
Corey Roberts-Reynolds	Campus Student	EDSW
Nicholas Nigel Noreiga	Campus Student	FACT
Kenneth Obiakor	Campus Student	FACT
Cely-Rae Street	Campus Student	Law
Kaylee Cunningham	Campus Student	Law
Aumreen Mavi	Campus Student	Law
Karis Tegart	Campus Student	Nursing
Tanjim Hasan Sohan	Campus Student	Science
Matthew Francis	Campus Student	Science
Norm Fennema	OLFM	Arts
Avninder Gill	OLFM	BGSoBE
Georganne Cope Watson	OLFM	EDSW
Sylvia Bell	OLFM	EDSW
VACANT	OLFM	FACT
VACANT	OLFM	Nursing
VACANT	OLFM	Science
Javad Mirzaei	OLFM	Science
Mridula Sharma	OLFM	Science
VACANT	OLFM	Trades

Name	Member Type	Faculty
Arif Mahmood	Open Learning Student	Arts
Bri Turner	Open Learning Student	Arts
Brian Lam	Open Learning Student	Arts
Brianna Turner	Open Learning Student	Arts
Daniel Wiens	Open Learning Student	Arts
Hannah Dahlin	Open Learning Student	Arts
Jason Gaetz	Open Learning Student	Arts
Kathleen Pagé	Open Learning Student	Arts
Kelley Schedewitz	Open Learning Student	Arts
Kirsten Mackay	Open Learning Student	Arts
Mark Garlough	Open Learning Student	Arts
Nilani Rathakrishnan	Open Learning Student	Arts
Sajad Irshad	Open Learning Student	Arts
Sarah Noon-Ward	Open Learning Student	Arts
Sarah Peet	Open Learning Student	Arts
Talia Gordon	Open Learning Student	Arts
Tianna Guilbault	Open Learning Student	Arts
Tiffany Whyte	Open Learning Student	Arts
Tina Ihas	Open Learning Student	Arts
Alice Melikhanov	Open Learning Student	Arts
Shannon Denise Smith	Open Learning Student	Arts
Jim Nosella	Open Learning Student	BGSoBE
Karine Potvin	Open Learning Student	BGSoBE
Tony Carnevale	Open Learning Student	BGSoBE
Anthony Catenacci	Open Learning Student	BGSoBE
Corbin Jensen	Open Learning Student	Science
Dylan Phillips	Open Learning Student	Science
Harman Gulati	Open Learning Student	Science
Jasleen Kaur	Open Learning Student	Science
Natalia Bereznicki	Open Learning Student	Science
Nicolas Matthews	Open Learning Student	Science
Ramona McBrearty	Open Learning Student	Science
Kunal Pandey	Open Learning Student	Trades

2. Student Academic Appeals statistics, 2021–2022 to 2024–2025 inclusive

Academic Year	Appeals (n)
2021-22	6
2022-23	7
2023-24	4
2024-25	7
Grand Total	24





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Qelmúcw Affairs Committee of Senate Report November 14, 2025

Prepared by Sharon Gottfriedson, Acting Executive Director Office of Indigenous Education

2025-2026 QAC Meeting Schedule at Clocktower Boardroom CT 309

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Administrative Support

Kimberly Rolle, Indigenous Education Administrative Assistant

Terms of Reference (ToR)

Updated Terms of Reference accepted by TRU Senate on September 23, 2024

Host

Dr. Shannon Wagner, Interim Provost Vice President Academic

Co-Chair Model

Dr. Rod McCormick, EDSW, BC Innovation Chair Indigenous Health
TRUSU Indigenous Student Representatives: Nathan Wilson or Cheyanne Watkinson

Members of Senate (2)

John Patterson (OL Faculty)
Vacant

Faculty: (5)

Vacant
Rod McCormick, EDSW, BC Innovation Chair Indigenous Health
Murray Sholty, Faculty of Law & TRU Gagliardi Business
Jessica Owen, NRS Faculty of Science
Jason Johnston-Sedore, FoACT Adventure department

TRUSU Student Representative (2)

Cheyenne Watkinson

Nathan Wilson

Office of Indigenous Education (1)

Sharon Gottfriedson, Acting Executive Director

Indigenous Student Services (House 5) Representatives (2):

Marie Sandy, Manager

Lex Edwards, Indigenous Mentor and Communications Coordinator

School District 73 (1):

Mike Bowden, District Principal Indigenous Education

Michael Faisthuber, Vice-Principal District Indigenous (alternate)

Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society Representative (1):

Cal Albright, Executive Director or designate

Elder Representative (1):

Ted Gottfriedson, Secwépemc Cultural Advisor

Métis Representative (1):

Derek Bergeron, Two Rivers Métis Society representative

T'kemplúps te Secwépemc (1):

Dessa Gottfriedson, Education Manager, T'kemplúps te Secwepemc

Jonathan Michel, Post-Secondary Education Coordinator (alternate)

Williams Lake Campus

Geraldine Bob, Indigenous Student Services Coordinator

Guests:

Terri Mindel, Training Coordinator T'kemplúps te Secwépemc

Alexis Gottfriedson, S7extekékstmen Office of Vice President Research

Sarah Candido, Indigenous Liaison City of Kamloops

Kaleena Carriere, Director Advancement Indigenization

Vernie Clement, Indigenous Cultural Advisor TRU Gaglardi Business

Crystal Schock, Facilities

2024-25 UPDATES FROM QELMÚCW AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

September 23, 2024, QAC recommended changes to Terms of Reference (ToR) passed at Senate meeting

MOTION:

None at this time.

Topics for discussion and approval:

- QAC Governance- Discussion paper Senate & Board of Governors representation
- Indigenous Citizenship & Membership Working Group (TteS, IE and T̓éxəl̓c)
- TRU Policy for IE to utilize external Indigenous caterers rather than Aramark
- Indigenous languages offered at TRU
- Triennial Report to TRU Senate Steering Committee
- TRU Indigenous Strategic Plan
- TRU 4 Seasons of Reconciliation Indigenization & Decolonization Resource
- T̓éxəl̓c request that Kamloops campus is not called first house and WL campus not called second house (not respectful)
- QAC to look at Indigenous engagement process and see how to improve in terms of consultation/collaboration with local Indigenous.
- Annual TRU Indigenous Student Survey Report
- Indigenous Student Success Working Group (QAC & Student Success)
- Proposed Bachelor of Indigenous Leadership Degree (discussion)
- TRU Indigenous Education building
- TRU Indigenous courses & training (support & development)
- Secwépemc Nation Research Ethics Guide (SNREG) (presentation & updates)
- TRU Coyote Project (Indigenous Education updates)
- 2021-2025 Universities Canada Global Skills Opportunity (GSO) (Indigenous student outbound travel) All My Relations Indigenous Research Center and Indigenous Education)

October 3, 2025

Re: Consultation on Responsible Use of University Space Policy

Dear Members of the Senate,

The Board of Governors has been asked to consider changes to TRU's *Responsible Use of University Space Policy* (the "Policy"). In addition to seeking general feedback during the notice of motion period, the Board wishes to seek the consultation of Senate pursuant to section 27(2)(d) of the *University Act*.

Please find attached a red-lined copy of the Policy showing the proposed changes, and a copy of the explanatory memo provided to the Board.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I'm asking Senate to provide any comments on the Policy and the proposed changes through the Chair of Senate, as the liaison between Senate and the Board. I would like to have this feedback provided no later than November 26th so that it can be provided to Board members for review prior to the Board's next meeting on December 5th, during which the Board will decide whether to approve changes to the Policy as drafted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David Hallinan
Chair, TRU Board of Governors

attachments



Responsible Use of Space Policy

From Sara Wolfe <Swolfe@tru.ca>
Date Thu 10/23/2025 10:02 AM
To Secretariat <secretariat@tru.ca>

Hello,

I hope you are keeping well. I think the wording should change from Student Affairs to Student Services in the below section of the proposed Responsible Use of Space Policy. Let me know if you have questions. With care, Sara

5.17. The Responsible Authority will (1) inform Units of bookings that may have an impact on their day-to-day activities; and (2) consult with representatives from the following Units, and others as appropriate, to seek their advice and guidance concerning booking requests involving actual or potential risk to the University: Page 22 of 26 Page 5 of 7 i. MarComm; ii. Office of Indigenous Education; iii. Ancillary Services; iv. IT Services; v. Risk Management; and vi. **Student Affairs**.

Sara Wolfe (she/her)

Associate Vice President (AVP) Students

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Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the ancestral lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwepemcúl'ecw, the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc. The region TRU serves also extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx peoples.

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To: Senators of the Thompson Rivers University (TRU) Senate
From: Aleece Laird, TRU Senator – Alumni Representative
Date: November 18, 2025

Subject: Rationale for Including an In-Camera Session on TRU Senate Meeting Agendas

As part of our commitment to good governance and adherence to Robert's Rules of Order, I propose that each Senate meeting include a designated in-camera or closed section on the agenda. This practice ensures the Senate has a structured opportunity and safe space to ask questions and discuss sensitive or confidential matters in accordance with common practices.

Including an in-camera portion serves several key purposes:

- **Protects Confidentiality:** Allows a safe space for discussion on confidential topics that should not appear in the public record.
- **Upholds Transparency and Process:** Demonstrates accountability and prevents the Senate from entering closed sessions informally.
- **Supports Candid Discussion:** Provides a safe environment for open dialogue among Senators about sensitive issues.
- **Protects the Organization:** Ensures confidentiality is handled appropriately, with clear documentation that a session occurred but without disclosing confidential details.
- **Reinforces the Senate's Independence:** Allows Senators to have a space to meet without observers present when necessary, supporting objective oversight.

This addition will help balance transparency with confidentiality and support effective oversight. An in-camera session as a standing item on the agenda will allow for Senators to raise confidential matters and ask questions or debrief, with any motions recorded and brought back into the public record.

If the Senate agrees, several items will need to be addressed including a two-stage in-camera session, parameters around attendance at in-camera sessions, a designate to record information to ensure actions are captured, and other items in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Suggested Motion:

That the Thompson Rivers University Senate include an in-camera session as a standing item on its regular meeting agendas, to be held at the end of each meeting, in accordance with the rules and procedures outlined in Robert's Rules of Order and applicable university policies regarding confidential matters.

To: Senate
From: Michael Bluhm, AVP Enrolment Services and University Registrar
Date: November 10, 2025
Subject: **Thompson Rivers University Fall 2025 By-Election Results**

Fall 2025 by-election results for positions on Senate and the TRU University Trust Board of Directors.

SENATE

A by-election for one (1) student representative for the remainder of the appointment term, September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026.

Nominees

Ikenna Ezeka	Elected	140 votes
Ronnie Johnston		120 votes
Anantha Anil Kumar		80 votes

TRU COMMUNITY TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A by-election for one (1) student representative for the remainder of the appointment term, September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026.

Nominees

Chai Chin Chen	Elected by acclamation
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A by-election for one (1) faculty representative for the remainder of the appointment term April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028.

Nominees

Mohammad Mahbobi	Elected by acclamation
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Re: Student Inclusion in Program Review

Chairperson Dr. Airini and Members of the Senate,

On behalf of the TRU Students' Union, the letter outlines the request for student voices to be included in the process and outcome of the pan-institutional program reviews. As TRU reviews its current programs with the expectation for potential elimination, pause, or reduction, the Union wishes to ensure that students will be able to participate.

Currently, the opportunities for students to participate in program review are limited, as outlined in Policy BRD 08-4. There are only four student representatives on the Senate, each of whom has no requirement to represent a specific division. This means it is unlikely they are student representatives within a faculty from which the program may be eliminated. For students to participate as consultees, there is only one opportunity for students (as outlined in section VI. pg 3 of Policy BRD 08-4), requesting a presentation to the Senate. This process may or may not be communicated or supported equally across faculties or programs, is not required, and allows for only one student to present on behalf of their peers.

The procedure for program reductions and eliminations (as outlined in Policy BRD 08-4) requires the respective department or school to provide comment prior to the final decision. The Union would like to see this process include students and is seeking Senate's support for the following:

- To provide the Union notice that a program is being recommended for reduction, including a rationale for the proposed program reduction or elimination.
- To provide the Union an opportunity to provide comments on the proposed program reduction or elimination.
- To provide feedback for consideration to the Senate in advance of program review before recommendations are made to the Board of Governors.

We look forward to the support of the Senate to ensure that as we move forward with potential changes to our program offerings, student voices will be considered within the decision-making process.

Sincerely,



Seun Oderinde

University Affairs Executive Committee

Member

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