

SENATE
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, September 29
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m
MS Teams Online

Present:**Voting Members**

Aimee Begalka	Michael Cober
Alia Somji	Melissa Cuthill
Allyson Rozell	Mike Larsen
Andhra Goundrey	Raymond Chou
Brett Favaro	Richard Popoff
Catherine Schwichtenberg, Vice-Chair	Sharmen Lee
Celia Brinkerhoff	Sheena Dela Torre
Diane Van der Gucht	Shelley Boyd
Gurnoor Kaur	Tara Lyons
Jenna Smith	Todd Mundle
Laura Del Rio Torres	Winston Sayson
Laura McDonald	Zena Mitchell
Lindsay Norris	

Ex-Officio

Bruce Choy, President and Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Senate
Kwuntiltunaat (Kim Baird), Chancellor

Non-Voting Members

David Burns
Nadia Henwood

Administrative Resources

Michelle Molnar
Ruby Gupta
Sonia Orlu

Guests

Elder Lekeyten
Cheryl Gabriel
Nadine Siriban

Not Present:**Voting Members**

Diane Purvey
Harkomalpreet Gill
Judy Benevides
Mike Mann

Non-Voting Members

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Bruce Choy, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the territorial acknowledgement. He welcomed Elder Lekeyten and his wife Cheryl Gabriel and highlighted the significance of the Kwantlen First Nation and the university's connection to local Indigenous communities, with contributions from Lekeyten and references to his family's history and legacy.

1.1. Welcome from Elder Lekeyten

Elder Lekeyten and his wife Cheryl Gabriel provided a welcome blessing, sharing their family's deep roots in local Indigenous leadership, and described the importance of generosity, teachings, and the reclamation of the Kwantlen name.

2. Approval of Agenda

Sharmen Lee moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, June 23, 2025

Tara Lyons moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

4.1 Vice Chancellor's Report to Senate

The President and Vice Chancellor, Bruce Choy, referred Senate to his written report. He highlighted the concerns about the economic environment facing graduates, the need to diversify revenue sources, and recent successes in industry partnerships, grant funding, and student housing development, with updates on his outreach to internal and external stakeholders.

4.2 Provost's Report to Senate

Dr. David Burns, Associate Vice-President, Academic presented the report on behalf of the Provost.

4.2.1 Update on Flexible Learning

David Burns and Nadine Siriban, Manager Flexible Learning Office, provided updates on the university's progress in prior learning assessment (PLAR) and flexible learning, detailing improvements in administrative processes, growth in student participation, and ongoing efforts to expand partnerships and revise related policies.

5. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum

Catherine Schwichtenberg, Chair, referred Senate to her written report.

4.3 Course Outline Revisions

Mike Larsen moved that Senate approves the September 2025 list of revised courses outlines.

The motion carried.

6. Senate Executive Committee

Bruce Choy, Chair of the SEC, reported that the Senate meeting agenda was set and amended as necessary at the last SEC meeting.

7. Senate Governance and Nominating Committee

Sharmen Lee, Chair of the SGNC, referred Senate to her written report.

4.4 2025 09 Nominations

Sharmen Lee moved that Senate appoint the nominees listed on September 2025 Nominations to Senate Standing Committees.

The motion carried.

7.2 Search Advisory Committee Nominations, Associate Dean, Melville School of Business

Mike Larsen, moved THAT Senate appoint the following members to the Search Advisory Committee for the appointment of the Associate Dean, Melville School of Business:

Student (one)

- **Sheena Dela Torre**

Regular faculty members (up to 6 members)

- **Wiktor Tutlewski**
- **Robin Cook Bondy**

The motion carried.

7.3. Search Advisory Committee Nominations, Associate Dean, Faculty of Science

Brett Favaro, moved THAT Senate appoint the following members to the Search Advisory Committee for the appointment of the Associate Dean, Faculty of Science:

Student (one)

- **Jujhar Singh**

Regular faculty members (up to 6 members)

- **Kaylee Magee**
- **Daniel Anvari**
- **Mehdi Salim**

The motion carried.

7.4 Bylaw Revision: Graduate Studies Council

Todd Mundle moved that Senate approve the revisions to the Graduate Studies Council bylaws

The motion carried.

7.5. Faculty Bylaw Revision: Academic and Career Preparation

Aimee Begalka, moved that Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Academic and Career Preparation Bylaws.

The motion carried.

8. Joint Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities and on University Budget

Catherine Schwichtenberg, co-Chair of SSCAPP/SSCUB, referred Senate to her written report.

4.5 Academic Schedules: 2025/26, 2027/28, and 2028/29

Zena Mitchell, moved that Senate approve the Academic Schedules for 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29.

The motion carried.

9. Senate Standing Committee on Appeals

The committee did not meet.

10. Senate Standing Committee on the Library

The committee did not meet.

11. Senate Standing Committee on Policy

Aimee Begalka, Chair of the SSCP, referred the Senate to her written report.

12. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review

Catherine Schwichtenberg, on behalf of the former senator, Fergal Callaghan, referred Senate to his submitted written report.

12.1 2024/25 Annual Academic Year Report on Program Review

5 Senate Standing Committee on Research

No report.

6 Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning

No report.

7 Senate Standing Committee on Tributes

No report.

8 Office of the Registrar

8.1 Approval of Graduates to September 29, 2025

Nadia Henwood, University Registrar, presented the list of graduates.

Catherine Schwichtenberg moved that Senate approve the list of graduates to September 29, 2025.

The motion carried.

8.2 Declaration of Senate Vacancy

A vacancy in Senate membership was declared, with the position included in ongoing elections to be filled.

9 Items for discussion

None.

10 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.