

**SENATE**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, October 27, 2025**  
**4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m**  
**MS Teams Online**

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**Present:**

**Voting Members**

Aimee Begalka  
Alia Somji  
Allyson Rozell  
Andhra Goundrey  
Brett Favaro  
Bruce Choy, Chair  
Catherine Schwichtenberg, Vice-Chair  
Celia Brinkerhoff  
Diane Purvey  
Diane Van der Gucht  
Gurnoor Kaur  
Jenna Smith  
Laura Del Rio Torres  
Laura McDonald

Lindsay Norris  
Michael Cober  
Melissa Cuthill  
Mike Larsen  
Richard Popoff  
Sharmen Lee  
Shelley Boyd  
Winston Sayson  
Zena Mitchell

**Non-Voting Members**

David Burns  
Nadia Henwood

**Administrative Resources**

Michelle Molnar  
Ruby Gupta  
Sonia Orlu

**Presenters**

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**Not Present:**

**Voting Members**

Harkomalpreet Gill  
Kwuntiltunaat (Kim Baird), Chancellor  
Mike Mann  
Raymond Chou  
Sheena Dela Torre  
Tara Lyons  
Todd Mundle

**Non-Voting Members**

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**1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement**

The Chair, Bruce Choy, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Mike Larsen moved the agenda be approved as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

### **3. Approval of Minutes, September 29, 2025**

**Winston Sayson moved the minutes be approved as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

### **4. Chair's Report**

#### **4.1. Vice-Chancellor's Report to Senate**

Vice-Chancellor and President Bruce Choy presented his written report and added the following updates:

- The search for a new University Librarian has begun following Todd Mundle's announced retirement in May 2026. A call for a Senate representative on the search committee has been issued.
- The Chancellor Search Committee has convened and aims to recommend a candidate for Senate endorsement in early 2026, with installation planned for the June convocation ceremony.
- The Chair emphasized the importance of campus safety as a foundational condition for learning, and stressed the role of faculty engagement in compliance and emergency preparedness.

#### **4.2. Provost's Report to Senate**

Provost Diane Purvey presented her written report and highlighted the following:

- Groundbreaking for the new daycare on the Surrey campus will begin next month, and the project includes a collaboration between the Faculty of Trades and the Facilities department that will allow trades students to participate in on-site job fairs and walkthroughs.
- The Deans of Arts and Design have launched a joint initiative called Creative Connections to showcase KPU's creative programs to external audiences, highlighting opportunities for collaboration and community engagement.
- The Faculty of Health, in partnership with the Fraser Health Authority, has established an LPN to BSN program that enables Licensed Practical Nurses to continue working while upgrading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- The Melville School of Business has collaborated with the Tsawwassen First Nation to deliver an Indigenous Entrepreneurship program, which was successfully piloted earlier this year and will be offered again in spring 2026.
- Students in the Faculty of Science's Turf Management program had the opportunity to visit a site in Abbotsford where hybrid sod for the FIFA World Cup is being developed, allowing them to apply classroom learning to real-world industry practice.

### **5. Approval of Graduates**

Each Dean presented the list of graduates for their respective faculties.

**Diane Purvey moved that Senate approve the list of graduates as recommended by the Registrar.**

**The motion carried.**

## **6. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum**

Catherine Schwichtenberg, Chair of the SSCC, presented her written report.

### **6.1. Requisite Removal: HSCI**

This change removes prerequisites that are unrelated to course content and pose unnecessary barriers, particularly for international and mature students.

**Catherine Schwichtenberg moved that Senate approve the removal of all pre-requisite course requirements from HSCI 1115, effective January 1, 2026.**

**The motion carried.**

### **6.2. Requisite Removal: EDAS**

This change removes barriers to student registration that are caused by pre- or co-requisites.

**Catherine Schwichtenberg moved that Senate approve the removal of all pre-requisite course requirements from EDAS 1240, EDAS 1282, EDAS 1305, and EDAS 2121, effective January 1, 2026.**

**The motion carried.**

### **6.3. Admissions Change: Citation in Entertainment Arts**

The proposal removes the portfolio submission requirement, which had deterred otherwise qualified applicants. The change also reduces administrative costs and streamlines admission processing.

**Catherine Schwichtenberg moved that Senate approve the revision to the admissions requirements for the Certificate in Foundation in Entertainment Arts, effective September 1, 2026.**

**The motion carried.**

## **7. Senate Executive Committee**

The Senate Executive Committee approved this agenda on October 17, 2025.

## **8. Senate Governance and Nominating Committee**

Sharmen Lee, Chair of the SGNC, provided the following updates on the committee's activities:

- Reviewing Senate Standing Committee compositions, particularly regarding student representation inconsistencies.
- Clarifying voting rights of designates, as inconsistent practices have emerged when both the seat holder and designate attend meetings.
- Future work will include reviewing committee mandates and bylaws once KPU's new institutional vision is released.

### **8.1. 2025 10 Nominations**

**Sharmen Lee moved that Senate appoint the nominees listed for approval on the *October 2025 Nominations to Senate Standing Committees*.**

**The motion carried.**

### **9. Joint Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities and University Budget**

No report.

### **10. Senate Standing Committee on Appeals**

No report.

### **11. Senate Standing Committee on Library**

Catherine Schwichtenberg, on behalf of SSCL Chair Jennifer Williams, presented a written report.

### **12. Senate Standing Committee on Policy**

No report.

#### **12.1. Dissolution of the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Title Awards**

In March 2025, Senate approved the establishment of the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Title Awards and recommended that the Board of Governors approve Policy and Procedure AC16 Academic Title Awards. The Board, however, defeated the policy on March 26, 2025. As a result, the committee must now be dissolved.

**Catherine Schwichtenberg moved that Senate approves the dissolution of the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Title Awards, effective immediately.**

**The motion carried.**

### **13. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review**

Catherine Schwichtenberg, on behalf of SSCPR Chair Fergal Callaghan, presented a written report.

#### **13.1. Approved Quality Assurance Plans**

Catherine Schwichtenberg presented the Quality Assurance Plan for the Department of Criminology.

#### **14. Senate Standing Committee on Research**

No report.

#### **15. Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning**

Mike Larsen, Chair of the SSCTL, presented his written report.

#### **16. Senate Standing Committee on Tributes**

No report.

#### **17. Office of the Registrar**

##### **17.1. Fall Byelection Report 2025**

Nadia Henwood, University Registrar and Secretary of Senate, welcomed Leland Dieno as the new Support Staff Senator. She noted that three Senate vacancies remain and will be filled in the spring 2026 election (Faculty of ACP, Trades & Technology, and Melville School of Business).

#### **18. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.