



Report of the Senate Education Committee

FOR INFORMATION

Presented by: Audrey Hestand, Chair, Education Committee

Date of Meeting: October 17, 2026

Subject: Education Committee – Report on Activities

Summary of Activities:

Membership: Audrey Hestand (Chair), Jane MacLeod, Julia Paulson, Michael Bradley, Kendra Townsend, Scott Burant and Norah Jacob.

Since the date of the last Senate meeting, the Education Committee met on one occasion. At its September 29, 2026, meeting, the committee reviewed and confirmed admission qualification changes and received an update on the university's review of CASPer situational judgement testing in admissions. Members discussed the limited evidence supporting the assessment's effectiveness, potential concerns regarding bias, and whether a more consistent institution-wide approach to admissions assessments should be considered. The committee expressed interest in receiving ongoing updates and opportunities to provide input as the review progresses.

Changes to Admission Qualifications

The *Senate Bylaws* delegate the Education Committee the authority to confirm changes to admissions qualifications (that have received approval from University Council) (part V, section 8, clause d).

The following Admission Qualification Changes have been confirmed since the April Senate meeting:

1. Master of Business Administration
2. Doctor of Pharmacy

1. Master of Business Administration

Background:

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies proposed admission requirement changes for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program and the Master of Business Administration Internship Program (EMIP) Concentration. The MBA program reviews applicants holistically to assess their skills, personal attributes, background, and experiences, and how these relate to success in the MBA program. The admission requirement changes will a) add the designation of Professional Geologist (P.Geo) to the list of available designations eligible for a GMAT waiver, and b) expand options for completing graduate certificates in the Edwards School of Business as a pathway into the MBA.

Consultation:

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies along with the proponents submitted a proposal to the Academic Programs Committee (APC) on May 6, 2026. APC voted in favour of these admission requirement changes. Furthermore, University Council approved these changes at their May 14, 2026 meeting and the Senate Education Committee confirmed this change on September 29, 2026.

Motion (MacLeod/Burant): That the Senate Education Committee confirm the admission qualification changes to the Master of Business Administration Program, effective for the 2028-2029 application cycle.

2. Doctor of Pharmacy**Background:**

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition proposed several changes to the prerequisite courses for admission requirements to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. The College feels these changes will better align with other Canadian PharmD programs and will be easier for non USask students to be eligible for admission into the program. Additionally, the changes also aim to better meet the needs of the program as it moves forward.

Consultation:

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition submitted a proposal to the Academic Programs Committee (APC) on May 27, 2026. APC voted in favour of these admission requirement changes. Furthermore, University Council approved these changes at their June 11, 2026 meeting and the Senate Education Committee confirmed this change on September 29, 2026

Motion: (Burant/Paulson): That the Senate Education Committee confirm the admission qualification changes to the Doctor of Pharmacy program, effective for the 2028-2029 application cycle.

Looking Ahead:

Plans for the coming year include continuing the committee's integration and coordination with the Academic Programs Committee (APC), as well as remaining engaged in discussions related to situational judgment testing and strategic enrolment planning as the University Plan 2035 progresses. The Education Committee of Senate is scheduled to meet next on November 30, 2026.