



Report of the Senate Executive Committee

FOR INFORMATION

Presented by:	Julian Demkiw, University Secretary
Date of Meeting:	April 25, 2026
Subject:	Executive Committee – Report on Activities

Summary of Activities:

The members of the Executive Committee are:

- Chancellor: Scott Banda (chair)
- President or designate: Vince Bruni-Bossio (vice-chair)
- Three appointed members: Keshia Caplette, Gail May-Melin, Terry Leibel
- Three elected members: Bruce Richet, Jordan Robertson, Rhonda Gough
- Two ex officio members: Marjorie Delbaere, Angela Jaime
- One student member: Palash Roy
- University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer: Julian Demkiw (non-voting member)

Since the time of the last Senate meeting, the Executive Committee met on March 23, and the following is an overview of the committee's work.

Senate Agenda Approval

A principal responsibility of the Executive Committee is the approval of Senate meeting agendas. At its March meeting, the committee reviewed and approved the draft agenda for the April 2026 Senate meeting.

The committee discussed the structure and focus of the meeting, noting that the primary item will be a strategic planning session with the President and senior leadership, intended to provide Senators with an opportunity to engage on the university's strategic direction. Discussion emphasized effective agenda design to support meaningful engagement and clear communication.

Nominations to the Nomination Committee

In accordance with the Executive Committee's terms of reference, the committee considered and approved nominations to the Nominations Committee for the 2026–2027 term.

The committee reappointed Karen Mitzel, Kyle Drever, and Robert Henderson, and appointed Lorne Vanin to serve on the Nominations Committee from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The committee also reappointed Robert Henderson as chair of the Nominations Committee for the same term.

Senate Elections to the Board of Governors

The committee considered the current process for electing Senate representatives to the Board of Governors and discussed opportunities for modernization and clarification. Members highlighted the importance of transparency, timely communication, and appropriate representation, as well as the need to address challenges observed in previous election cycles. While no decisions were taken, the discussion will inform future consideration of potential process improvements.

Senate Purpose and Engagement

The committee considered revisions to the Senate's purpose statement and its description of Senate engagement. Members discussed the importance of using language that reflects the university's broader vision, values, and goals while remaining sufficiently flexible to adapt over time. The committee supported replacing narrow references to specific slogans with language that more broadly articulates Senate's role in governance and institutional stewardship.

Administrative Updates to the Standard of Student Conduct in Non-Academic Matters

The Executive Committee reviewed proposed administrative updates to the Standard of Student Conduct in Non-Academic Matters, intended to modernize the document, align it with current practices, and improve procedural clarity. The discussion emphasized the importance of appropriate training, careful selection of adjudicators, and sensitivity in handling complex and serious matters. Following its review, the committee recommended the proposed updates to Senate for consideration.

Other Business and Information Sharing

Under other business, the committee discussed the importance of clear and proactive communication with Senate regarding significant institutional initiatives, including major projects, donations, and long-term planning matters. These discussions reinforced the Executive Committee's role in supporting effective information sharing between the administration and Senate.

The committee also discussed a proposal to formally include the Chief Financial Officer in Senate membership and agreed to bring this matter forward for Senate consideration.