



NSCAD Senate Minutes

Date & Time: 13 April 2026, 10AM

Present: A. Fish, J. Schwab-Cartas, L. Hamilton, N. Peach, R. Hannon, C. Oliver, S. Fisher, K. Mallett, S. Nagler, Z. Kirch, M. Chung, M. Bovey, S. Tracey, N. Lee, J. Hollenbach, C. Allen, E. Foster, H. Pourian, L. Dowe, R. Young

Item	Agenda	Action
1.	1.1 - Territorial Acknowledgement - NSCAD University is located in Kijipuktuk, the district of Sipekne'katik, Mi'kma'ki, which since time immemorial has been the unceded traditional territory and ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq Nation. We pay respect to the historic and contemporary Mi'kmaw artists who have, over millennia, created unique artforms and designs, and through generations, passed down ways of being, knowing, and doing that are valued and respected. NSCAD University is committed to forging a relationship based on reciprocity as we move forward together in a good way, based on the foundational aspirations in our collective treaties, dating back to 1725.	1.1 by A. Fish.
1.	1.2 – Establish quorum. 1.3 - Motion: to approve the meeting agenda for the April 13 th meeting of Senate.	1.2 established. 1.3 moved by K. Mallett, 2 nd by M. Bovey, passes.
2.	2.1 – Declaration of conflict of interest.	
3.	3.1 - Motion: to approve the minutes from the January 21st meeting of Senate.	3.1 moved by S. Nagler, 2 nd by L. Hamilton, passes.
4.	Consent Agenda N/A	
5.	Committee Reports 5.1 - SEC: the committee approved the Revised Summer 2026 dates on April 7 th , 2026.	No action.
6.	Other Business 6.1 - Senate Schedule for 2026-27 6.2 - All committee chairs, please submit your final reports by May 4th, 2026.	Chairs can use the MachForm to submit, or email ltulloch@nscad.ca
7.	Reports 7.1 - Chair of Senate 7.2 - President 7.3 - VP Academic (Research) and Provost 7.4 - Dean, Academic 7.5 - Dean, Student Affairs and University Registrar	Notes below.

	7.6 - SUNSCAD 7.7 - Board of Governors	
8.	In Camera Session 8.1 - motion to go in camera (requires unanimous consent) 8.2 - motion to go out of camera 8.3 - motions from in camera discussion	
9.	9.1 – Motion: to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting date: May 11th, 2026	

7.2 - D. Smith gave updates regarding items 3 and 4 in the PPAP, government relations and fundraising.

Progress is being made on receiving some funding withheld from NSCAD due to not meeting the student housing requirements.

This fiscal year, NSCAD closed on 700 000 worth of donations, with 100 new pledges for 2026. 2 separate 7 figure prospects are progressing nicely. The institution is considering establishing the Richter Fund for MFA support, and hope to establish similar projects for gallery and library support as well. M. Bovey inquired about the guest artist fund which ends next year, and D. Smith reported that they have not yet opened that conversation with the Daeglish family, who are consulting regarding another possible gift.

7.3 - K. Mallett reported on items 1 and 2 in the PPAP, strategic enrolment and student success, as well as other major projects underway.

The SEM steering committee continues to meet biweekly, and thank you to faculty for contributing so much time to this effort. The committee is developing an institutional plan that they hope to share in draft form in June.

NSCAD has moved to leasing equipment under a 5 year term with an option to extend for 2 years further – thank you to N. Peach and L. Dowe for their work making this happen. Equipment install is ongoing, and thanks for everyone’s patience.

The Bilateral Report Action Group (BRAG) has been immensely helpful in resource gathering and a collaborative approach, thank you to all members for their ongoing work.

The University Closure policy is being reviewed by the policy holder, Dan Harroun, and will make its way to the Board for revision and approval. K. Mallett requested that any faculty with feedback forward it to her, so she may share on Senate’s behalf. R. Hannon highlighted the impact this policy has on academics and encourages us to find ways for Senate to have direct input on the policy. Z. Kirch suggested ‘recovery days’ be built into the academic calendar, which would be under Senate approval. Thank you to R. Hannon for bringing this item to Senate’s attention and her continued championship of the issue.

N. Peach shared that the academic program review is entering a new stage, and for faculty to prepare for meetings in the first two weeks of May for input and questions.

7.5 - S. Tracey reported on enrolment and school events.

The Spring Market was a success, with the anticipated lower attendance than the Winter Market, and shared that E. Newling-Selby, the new Program Manager of Career and Experiential Learning, is ready and excited to help plan for next year.

Convocation is May 12th – staff and faculty are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP if you plan to attend, the link to which was sent out in March but can be requested again through Shawn Tracey or Crystal Bona.

Grade deadline is April 22nd – it's important all faculty submit by this time for final graduation checks.

Registration for Summer 2026 and Fall/Winter 2026-27 opened April 1st and 2nd in a rolling open – over 70% of students registered in the first few days.

Applications are up 9% from last year, 261 to 285, with 149 commitments. 8 PALs of 25 have been issued. 20 scholarships have been accepted, including the majority of NSCAD's high value scholarships. Increase in commitments from the U.S., as well as increased applications, from a total of 27 states. MFA applications are at 14, up from 11 last year, MDES 9 down from 16, and MAAE 14 up from 9.

7.6 - Z. Kirch reported that elections are underway, and neither them nor C. Oliver are running for re-election. We thank Ziggy and Clem for their service with Senate and its subcommittees, as well as their work with SUNSCAD. R. Hannon asked about the student strike, and how SUNSCAD feels it went overall – Z. Kirch shared that the engagement from the student body was very encouraging, and that they feel aligned with so many student movements across Canada at this moment. They feel the incoming SUNSCAD reps share the current concerns, and hope Senate and NSCAD as a whole will work with them for meaningful change in secondary education.