



NSCAD Senate Agenda

Date & Time: 21 January 2026, 1PM

Present: A. Fish, C. Allen, H. Pourian, J. Warwick, J. Hollenbach, K. Mallett, L. Hamilton, M. Bovey, N. Lee, N. Peach, D. Smith, R. Young, S. Tracey, S. Nagler, Z. Kirch, C. Oliver, R. Hannon, E. Mendritzki, L. Dowe

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 January 21 st meeting of Senate.	1.2 established. 1.3 moved by M. Bovey, 2 nd by L. Hamilton, passes.
2.	2.1 – Declaration of conflict of interest.	N/A
3.	3.1 - Motion: to approve the meeting minutes from the December 8th meeting of Senate.	3.1 moved by K. Mallett, 2 nd by S. Nagler, passes.
4.	Consent Agenda N/A	
5.	Reports 5.1 - Chair of Senate 5.2 - President 5.3 - VP Academic (Research) and Provost 5.4 - Dean, Academic 5.5 - Dean, Student Affairs and University Registrar 5.6 - SUNSCAD 5.7 - Board of Governors	Notes below.
6.	Committee Reports	

	6.1 - Motion: to approve <u>the recommended motions from Curriculum Committee, from the 15th December meeting of CC.</u>	6.1 moved by R. Young, 2 nd by J. Warwick, passes.
7.	Other Business 7.1 - Motion: to approve <u>the proposed academic dates for 2026-27.</u> 7.2 - Discussion: please submit nominations for Senate Vice-Chair to senate@nscad.ca	7.1 moved by M. Bovey, 2 nd by K. Mallett, notes below, passes.
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: March 2nd, 2026	9.1 moved by M. Bovey.

5.2 - Item 3 from PPAP, Government Relations: will not be reinstating facilities grant. Town Hall later this semester for a full community-wide update. Donor Relations: successful trip to NY with alumni event, received gift to establish a new Off Campus Experiential Fund, for credits, residencies, etc. Hoping to be up and running before summer semester. Good progress towards gift for campus consolidation and facilities.

5.3 - SEM: steering committee met last week and another session by Jodi Gordon who is finalizing her report, planning to meet every two weeks. Bilateral Reporting Action Group met this morning with new timelines and milestones. K. Mallett thanks J. Warwick for her hard work during her time at NSCAD and expresses how much she will be missed by the community here.

5.4 - summer timetable ready to go, working towards fall and winter timetable. Faculty meeting during reading week. J. Warwick thanks the community for warm messages regarding resignation.

5.5 - Grad application deadline was 15 Jan.; the registrar's team is working on preparing packages for review and get offers out quickly. Undergrad deadline is March 1st, but will accept applications past deadline to ensure full programs of good fit students. Add/drop deadline was yesterday, please reach out to Crystal Bona regarding students not officially on roster. O+B programming this semester looking strong, beginning with orientation day earlier this semester. Recently concluded search for career and experiential learning manager, please look forward to meeting and supporting new staff.

5.6 - SUNSCAD is encouraging students to assist with presidential search, and assessing student interest in one-week action strike in March.

7.1 - K. Mallett questioned whether or not it would be possible to move the grade deadline back, allowing for more time for the Registrar's office to complete their work. M. Bovey suggested the

assessment period could be one week exactly, each day of the week once exactly, allowing room for technicians to clean and shut down spaces. Faculty noted that days operating on different class schedules (i.e. running Monday classes on a Tuesday) was confusing and created incorrect syllabi, and hope communication moving forward will be clearer. N. Peach will send out templates for course outlines that go week by week to alleviate confusion.

Revised dates: assessment period will run December 10th-16th, and grades will be due on December 18th.