



## NSCAD Senate Minutes

Date & Time: 27 October 2025, 10AM

Present: A. Fish, A. Mandrona, D. Smith, E. Foster, J. Schwab-Cartas, K. Cope, L. Hamilton, C. Oliver, M. Bovey, M. Chung, N. Peach, R. Hannon, K. Mallett, R. MacDonald, S. Tracey, Z. Kirch, S. Fisher, J. Warwick, S. Nagler, H. Pourian

| Item | Agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Action                                                                          |
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| 1.   | <b>1.1 - Territorial Acknowledgement</b> - 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 read by A. Fish.                                                            |
| 1.   | <b>1.2</b> – Establish quorum.<br><b>1.3 - Motion:</b> to approve the meeting agenda for the October 27 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1.2 established.<br>1.3 moved by M. Bovey, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by M. Chung, passes. |
| 2.   | <b>2.1</b> – Declaration of conflict of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                 |
| 3.   | <b>3.1 - Motion:</b> to approve <a href="#">the meeting minutes from September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3.1 moved by A. Mandrona, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by M. Chung, amended and passes.      |
| 4.   | <b>Consent Agenda</b><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                 |
| 5.   | <b>Reports</b><br><b>7.1</b> - Chair of Senate<br><b>7.2</b> - President<br><b>7.3</b> - VP Academic (Research) and Provost<br><b>7.4</b> - Dean, Academic<br><b>7.5</b> - Dean, Student Affairs and University Registrar<br><b>7.6</b> - SUNSCAD<br><b>7.7</b> - Board of Governors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Notes below.                                                                    |
| 6.   | <b>Committee Reports</b><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                 |

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| 7. | <b>Other Business</b><br>N/A                                                                                                                                         |                        |
| 8. | <b>In Camera Session</b><br>8.1 - motion to go in camera (requires unanimous consent)<br>8.2 - motion to go out of camera<br>8.3 - motions from in camera discussion |                        |
| 9. | 9.1 – <b>Motion:</b> to adjourn the meeting.<br><b>Next meeting date: November 17th, 2025</b>                                                                        | 9.1 moved by Z. Kirch. |

5.1 - discussed material going to Senate, wanting to promote more updates from various areas, including subcommittee chairs.

5.2 - PPAP presentation, overview of four focuses

5.3 - updates on Strategic Enrolment Management and Bilateral Agreement Response Group

5.4 - no major curriculum updates this year, with Foundation, VACT, and Animation updates upcoming. Poll for students about preferred class times coming soon.

5.5 - recruitment update: partnering with OSE for ArtFest. Portfolio Day had an increase in attendance, reviews, and faculty participation. 2026-27 academic dates coming to SEC shortly.

5.6 - SUNSCAD is focusing on access advocacy currently, agreed with management on providing free masks for students and distributing an email for cold/flu season encouraging those who are sick to stay home. Want to discuss having accessibility note in syllabi and course descriptions.