



**OCAD UNIVERSITY REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF SENATE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025; 3:15PM – 6:15PM
HYBRID - ROOM 322, 230 RICHMOND STREET WEST**

Present: Julian Goss (Chair); Sandra Gabriele (Vice-Chair); Angela Bains; Sean Baker; Parantap Bhatt; Philippe Blanchard; Maggie Broda; Claire Brunet; Amanda Boulos; Ross Bullen; Sophia Chaudhary; Ian Clarke; Peter Coppin; Maya Desai; Melissa General; Nicholas Di Genova; Susan Ferguson; Deanne Fisher; Simon Glass; Bentley Jarvis; Minjeong Ju; Tredegar Kennedy; Ian Keteku; Katherine Kiloh; Susan Kun; Fidelia Lam; JJ Lee; Ashok Mathur; Riley Midroni; Michelle Miller; Angus Mok; Peter Morin; Amish Morrell; Tannis Nielsen; Lesley-Ann Noel; Suharu Ogawa; James Olley; Maria-Belén Ordóñez; Ben Peto; Cindy Poremba; Neal Prabhu; Prakriti Pratijit; Helmut Reichenbacher; Angelika Seeschaaf-Veres; Ana Serrano; Nancy Snow; Vladimir Spicanovic; Suzanne Stein; Amy Swartz; Annie Tung; Emma Westecott; b.h. Yael

Regrets: Jim Drobnick; Simone Jones; Suzanne Morrisette; Sarita Srivastava; Jaime Watt

In Attendance: Natalie Nanton, Senate Secretary; David Wagschal, Associate Senate Secretary; Adam Wiendels, Executive Director, Marketing & Communications; Laura Wood, Executive Director, Institutional Analysis & Budget Planning; and other members of the OCAD University community.

The business meeting was preceded by the annual Senate orientation for new and returning Senators.

1. Remarks from the Chair

The meeting was opened with a Land Acknowledgement. The Chair welcomed new Senators to the 2025/2026 Senate membership and provided an update on upcoming University events, including the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day. The Chair expressed condolences on the recent passing of April Hickox, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Art, and Peter Fraser, Director of Finance.

2. Senate Agenda for September 29, 2025

Motion to approve the Senate agenda for September 29, 2025, moved by Vladimir Spicanovic, seconded by Katherine Kiloh.

Motion carried.

3. Senate Minutes from May 21, 2025

Motion to approve the Senate minutes from May 21, 2025, moved by Susan Kun, seconded by Annie Tung.

It was agreed to correct the minutes to indicate that Peter Coppin had been present.

Motion carried, as amended.

4. Consent Agenda Information Items

Motion to accept the consent agenda information items, moved by Ben Peto, seconded by Susan Ferguson.

Motion carried.

5. Information Update from the President and Vice Chancellor

The President provided an update on fundraising initiatives at the University, highlighting the recent revitalization of Butterfield Park and the new David Binet Leadership Fund, as well as plans for a design leadership speakers series, a new Chancellor's Lifetime Achievement Award, and a small capital campaign related to studio revitalization. Senate members were also informed that the inaugural OCAD U Gala, held in May 2025, was a success, and is expected to continue as an annual event.

Discussion

It was confirmed that Faculty or Program-level fundraising initiatives are possible, and that their success largely depends on how effectively the proposal can be presented to prospective donors.

6. Report from the Indigenous Education Council (IEC)

The incoming Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Chair expressed gratitude to the previous IEC Chair for their service, and acknowledged the work of the broader Indigenous leadership at the University. The events planned for September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day were highlighted. The IEC Chair then offered a song in commemoration of those who were forced to attend the residential schools. The circulated IEC report was reviewed. Highlights of the report included discussion of Indigenous student concerns, plans for upcoming events, and the opening of a new dedicated space for Indigenous Visual Culture (INVC) students at 100 McCaul Street.

7. 2025 Spring and Summer Term Grades

Senate members were referred to the circulated memo.

Motion to approve the 2025 Undergraduate and Graduate Spring and Summer Term Grades, moved by Vladimir Spicanovic, seconded by Maria-Belén Ordóñez.

Motion carried.

8. Senate Academic Standards Committee (SASC)

8.1. 2025 Fall Graduands

Senate members were referred to the screened memo.

Motion to approve the 110 Fall graduands, moved by Vladimir Spicanovic, seconded by Parantap Bhatt.

Motion carried.

9. Senate Executive Committee (SEC)

Motion to move in camera, moved by Susan Kun, seconded by Ana Serrano.

Motion carried.

IN CAMERA SESSION OF SENATE:

Commenced at 5:21 p.m.

9.1. Recommendations for Emerit Status

The Senate approved the following conferrals of Emerit status:

- Judith Doyle, Associate Professor Emerit
- Laura Millard, Associate Professor Emerita

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Resumed at 5:25 p.m.

10. Senate Committee Information Reports

The Chair referred members to the consolidated Senate Committee Information Report which included reports from the following committees:

- Senate Executive Committee (SEC)
- Senate Academic Policy & Planning Committee (SAPPC)
- Senate Academic Standards Committee (SASC)
- Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC)
- Senate Graduate Studies Committee (SGSC)
- Senate Research Committee (SRC)

Highlights of the reports included the 2025-2026 Senate Committee memberships and updates on the proposed PhD in Creative Practice.

11. Update on Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA4)

The Executive Director, Institutional Analysis and Budget Planning, provided a presentation on the University's fourth Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA4) with the provincial government, which will be in place until 2030. The presentation outlined the purpose of the agreements, the amount of funding tied to the agreements, the metrics to be employed in SMA4, the University's recent performance in the relevant metrics, and the weighting of these metrics. It was emphasized that at present only 25% of provincial funding is tied to performance-based metrics, but that this is expected to rise in the future.

Discussion

Senators asked questions related to how data for certain metrics is gathered, the possibility of developing alternative metrics, which metrics pose the greatest challenges, and how the government might modify targets as circumstances change. It was clarified that, if the University exceeds its targets, it is possible for the University to receive more funding, but only in proportion to the amount of funding lost by other universities using the same metric. It was requested that further information be provided on the institution's overall revenues to better contextualize the SMA4 funding, and that further details be provided on how each metric is measured. The Executive Director offered to meet with Senators to discuss the SMA4 further.

12. OCAD U 150 Committee Planning Update

The Co-Chairs of the OCAD U 150 Committee provided a presentation on planning for the celebration of the University's 150th anniversary. The presentation outlined the guiding

principles, goals, events and timelines of the planned work, and emphasized a series of measurable objectives.

Discussion

Senators made several suggestions, including expanding outreach to beyond the Greater Toronto Area, showcasing past honorary degree recipients, ensuring that both current students and alumni are involved in planned events, and incorporating existing program-level events into the planned celebrations.

13. Other Business

It was requested that consideration be given to whether Teaching Assistant assignments could be discussed at Senate. The Chair noted that this topic is outside of Senate's purview, but confirmed that they would discuss the matter further with the Academic Administration. It was also suggested that further consideration be given to the relationship between Cyclical Program Reviews and subsequent Major Modifications.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, moved by Vladimir Spicanovic, seconded by Emma Westecott.
Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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Julian Goss, Senate Chair

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Natalie Nanton, Senate Secretary