

Senate Report to the Board of Trustees

Highlights from the September 26, 2024 and October 24, 2024 Meetings

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Highlights

Senate's September 26 meeting included a Committee of the Whole discussion regarding the proposed elimination of the Queen's Graduate Awards, and the matter was subsequently referred to four Senate committees for review and response. Senate received a report from SCADP, which had been asked to consider the continued inclusion of "O Canada" in the Convocation program. Senators were informed that the Committee is not recommending any changes at this time.

At the October 24 meeting, the members engaged in a Committee of the Whole session regarding the new Strategic Research Plan. Members offered feedback to the Vice-Principal, Research, and the Plan will return to Senate in November for final approval.

On the recommendation of standing committees, the Senate approved:

- Establishment of the [Peter Taylor Professorship in Mathematics and Statistics](#);
- A [Department Name Change: From Department of English Language and Literature to Department of English Literature and Creative Writing](#).

Principal/Provost/Vice-Principal Research Remarks

In his report, the Principal commended the work of those involved in Orientation and move-in, noting that all events ran smoothly. He informed Senate of the ongoing efforts to finalize Queen's new Strategic Mandate Agreement, SMA4 (2025-2030), with the provincial government.

The Provost noted that undergraduate enrolment targets are on track, as well as the university's international target.

The Senate received:

- A response to a matter referred regarding the [Continued Inclusion of "O Canada" in the Convocation Program](#);
- Five Year Progress report for [MSc and PhD in Translational Medicine](#);

- Final Assessment Report and Implementation Plan for [French Studies](#), [Sociology](#), and [Professional Graduate Programs in Smith School of Business](#);
- A [Faculty of Law Faculty Board report](#);
- The Honorary Degrees [Fall 2024 Report](#) and [Spring/Fall 2025 Report](#);
- Notice of Temporary Suspension of Admissions for [French for Professionals Certificate](#), [Bachelor of Mining Engineering Technology](#), and [Graduate Diploma in Water and Human Health](#);
- The [Core Academic Sessional Dates 2025-2026](#);
- A [Faculty of Arts and Science Faculty Board report](#).

The next regularly scheduled Senate meeting is November 28, 2024.