

## Senate Report to the Board of Trustees

### Highlights from the November 28, 2024 and January 30, 2025 meetings

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Senate's November 28 meeting included an update on the status of Bader College, and congratulations given to Dr. K. Rowe and Dr. J. Smol, recipients of prestigious NSERC Prizes. Several Senate committees provided feedback on the Queen's Graduate Awards Program.

At the January meeting, the members engaged in a Committee of the Whole session on the Queen's Bicentennial Vision discussion paper. Members offered feedback to the Principal to be taken into consideration as the consultation process continues.

#### On the recommendation of standing committees, the Senate approved:

- The [Senate meeting dates for 2025-2026](#);
- A nominations report in [November](#) and [January](#);
- The [Strategic Research Plan 2024-2029](#);
- Numerous [Research Centres and Institutes](#);
- A modification to the [Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts and Science](#);
- [Definitions of Course Components and Instructional Modes](#);
- The [closure of the Graduate Diploma in Pain Care](#); and
- An [amendment to the name of the Buchan Department of Mining](#);

#### Principal/Provost/Vice-Principal Research Remarks

In his report, the Principal discussed the current political situation, both provincially and federally, reminding Senators of funding promises in the 2024 Federal budget. He noted that there are concerns across the sector regarding possible impacts on research were the federal Liberals not to be reelected, and he will continue to provide Senate with updates on this matter.

The Provost welcomed new members to Senate, including Dean Lynette Purda (Smith School of Business), Dean Stephen Vanner (Faculty of Health Sciences), and Interim Dean Fitzgerald (Student Affairs). He also noted the appointment of Amy Burns, incoming Dean

of the Faculty of Education and thanked Dean Luce-Kapler for her 10 years of service in this role.

The Vice-Principal Research was pleased to present Senate with the new Strategic Research Plan, which was approved at the January meeting. Senate also received, and approved, proposals to establish a new Research Centre and the renewal of ten more. This represents considerable effort from the members of the Senate Advisory Research Committee, the staff of the Vice-Principal's office, and all those connected to the Research Centres and Institutes.

#### The Senate received:

- A notice of an extension to the [Temporary Suspension of Admissions for the Bachelor of Fine Art program](#);
- The [Faculty of Arts and Science Faculty Board Report](#);
- A preliminary [notice of closure for the Graduate Diploma in Pain Care Program](#);
- [2023-2024 Annual Report from the Vice-Principal \(Culture, Equity and Inclusion\)](#);
- [2023-2024 Annual Report from the Division of Student Affairs](#);
- The [2023-2024 Departures from Academic Integrity Report](#);
- [Sessional Dates for 2025-2026](#); and
- Five Year Progress Reports for the [MHPE](#).

The next regularly scheduled Senate meeting is February 27, 2025.