



SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 4:00 pm
Capilano University, Library Building, Room LB 322

MINUTES

Present: Laureen Styles (Chair), Julia Black, John Brouwer, Jai Djwa, Graham Cook, Caroline Depatie, Alicia Fahey, Thomas Flower, Denise Gingrich, Sofia Hughes, Alan Jenks, Harb Johal, Michael Laurence, Tracy Penny Light, Brad Martin, Priya McMurtrie, Vedant Mehra, Corey Muench, Alaa Al-Musalli, Christina Neigel, Katija Pallot, Milo Prentice, Majid Raja, Farnoosh Sam, Ramin Shadmehr, Michael Thoma, Diana Twiss, Emily Walmsley, Recorder: Mary Jukich

Regrets: Harleen Kaur, Amina El Mantari

Guests: Miranda Huron, Elder Doctor Latash, Elder Dehlia, Kari Wharton

Land Acknowledgement

Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the salilwatał (Tsleil-Waututh), shishálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəʔəm (Musqueam) Nations.

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The following new senators were introduced and welcomed to Senate:

- Alicia Fahey, non-voting faculty member from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.
- Milo Prentice, voting student.
- Rahul Reandi, non-voting CSU representative.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Denise Gringham moved and Priya McMurtrie seconded:
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes

Graham Cook moved and Diana Twiss seconded:
To adopt the August 26, 2025 minutes.

CARRIED

4. Correspondence Received

5. Business Arising



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5.1 Self-Evaluation Committee

Presented by: Christina Neigel

A report was not provided and will be brought forward once completed.

6. New Business

6.1 Student Housing Naming

Presented by: Kari Wharton

As background, in Spring 2024, guided by the University's Director, Indigenous Education & Affairs, and the Indigenous Education Steering Committee (IESC), it was determined that each of the host Nations—the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and the səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)—would contribute a name for the North Vancouver campus' first on-campus student housing building.

Although the *University Act* is silent on Senate's role in the naming of buildings, Policy B 301 identifies a role for Senate for naming done in perpetuity. Given that in the proposed names are in perpetuity, and that the Senate Naming Committee is not a fully populated committee, in consultation with the previous Senate Vice Chair and Chair of the Policy and Governance Committee, it was determined that the proposal be brought to Senate for approval. The proposal also will go to the Board of Governor's for their consideration of approval at their next meeting.

Diana Twiss moved and Priya McMurtrie seconded:

CARRIED

25/25_ That Senate approve the proposed names—**Lañíwa** and **θqetewtx^w**—for Capilano University's first North Vancouver on-campus student housing building, as presented.

6.2 Fall 2025 By-Election Timeline

Presented by: Harb Johal

Senate was provided with the Fall 2025 By-election timeline for the vacant seat from the Faculty of Business and Professional Studies. Voting for the vacant position will open on October 16 and the results of the election announced on October 24.



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6.3 Graduates

Presented by: Harb Johal

Senate was presented with a list of 674 students from the five Faculties, as verified by the Registrar's Office to have met the graduation requirements of their programs.

Ramin Shadmehr moved and Graham Cook seconded:

25/26 That Senate approves the 674 students as graduates of the University and as having completed the program requirements for their respective credentials.

CARRIED

6.4 Subcommittee Vacancies

Presented by: Harb Johal

The Registrar's office has undertaken an outreach to the Senators to fill the remaining faculty vacancies and the deadline for expression of interest is on September 12th. In addition, an outreach will be undertaken with students to fill the remaining student vacancies.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Academic Planning and Review Committee

Presented by: Alaa Al-Musalli

The September committee meeting was cancelled as there were no agenda items. It is anticipated that for the October meeting the committee will review the Health Care Assistance Certificate program and the Rehabilitation Assistance Diploma program.

7.2 Policy and Governance Committee

Presented by: Corey Muench

The committee met on September 9 and discussed the following key items:



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- The committee reviewed Senate policy S2002-04 Definition of a Full-Time Student and the recommendation was to rescind this policy. The policy defines a full-time student but is not bound by rules governing scholarships, bursaries, awards, student aids, etc. and it was suggested that the definition of a full-time student be listed in the university calendar.
- Committee members recommended that it may be beneficial to merge the Naming Opportunities Committee with the Tributes Committee. The Tributes Committee is mainly involved with naming honorary degree recipients and academic emeritus and the Naming Opportunities' mandate also is about naming of university assets thus a logical merger of two committees.
- Committee members indicated some concern regarding Board policy B.301 particularly with the wording with Senate consultation, and naming proposals that are not related to a donation or the naming of an individual, group or organization.
- For this term, the committee will be shifting its meeting time from the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month to the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

7.3 Curriculum Committee

Presented by: Julia Black

7.3.1 Resolution Memorandum – June 13, 2025

The resolutions brought forward from the June 13, 2025 Senate Curriculum Committee meeting were presented to Senate for approval.

Julia Black moved and Vedant Mehra seconded:

25/27 That Senate approve Resolutions 25/42 to 25/43.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Resolution Memorandum – August 22, 2025

The resolutions brought forward from the August 22, 2025 Senate Curriculum Committee meeting were presented to Senate for approval.

Julia Black moved and Denise Gringham seconded:



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25/28 That Senate approve Resolutions 25/44 to 25/46.

CARRIED

7.4 Graduate Studies

Presented by: Alan Jenks

The committee will be meeting on September 16th and reviewing Senate policy S2003-03 Academic Standing.

7.5 Teaching and Learning Committee

Presented by: Diana Twiss

The committee met on August 19th; however, quorum was not achieved and committee members indicated that moving forward, the first committee meeting be held in September. A report from the Director of Teaching and Learning was received indicating that the list of the full year of events and activities has been posted to the CTE website. A second report was also received from Creative Activity, Research, Scholarship and Graduate Studies (CARS) and that three faculty had recently received CARS research awards.

7.6 Budget Advisory Committee

Presented by: Michael Thoma

The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 23rd.

8. Other Reports

8.1 Senate Chair

Laureen Styles, interim President, provided the Chair's report, including the following highlights:

- Everyone involved with the student orientation and welcoming new and returning students on September 2nd were appreciated and acknowledged for their work.
- In terms of student enrollment, there is a 5% increase from this time last year for domestic students and 37% decrease for international students.



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- As per the usual process, a call will be going out for nominations for honorary degree and academic emeritus and the nomination period will be from October 1st to December 1st.
- As this was Ramin Shadmehr's last Senate meeting, he was acknowledged and appreciated for his work and contributions to both Senate and the university.

8.2 Vice Chair

Alan Jenks reported that he is looking forward to his new role as the Senate Vice Chair.

8.3 VP Academic and Provost

Tracy Penny Light provided the VP Academic and Provost report, including the following highlights:

- An acknowledgement was reiterated to everyone involved with the student orientation as well as everyone involved with the student enrolment management program.
- 19 faculty were recently celebrated at the first annual Faculty Book Launch.
- The truth and reconciliation working group are planning several activities during September leading to Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30th. Members of the working group were acknowledged for their work and everyone was encouraged to attend. Information on the various events is posted to [Frontlines](#).
- The next VP Academic and Provost Newsletter will be distributed next week and subsequently in time for Senate.
- Everyone was encouraged to attend the next coffee hour on Thursday, September 25th at 2.30 to 3.30 pm.

8.4 Board Report



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In the absence of Amina El Mantari, Laureen Styles shared that information on the recent Board appointments is posted to [Frontlines](#).

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 1st.

8.5 Elder's Words

Elder Dehlia acknowledged the Squamish welcoming party and is looking forward to the events during Reconciliation Week.

Elder Doctor Latash reflected on the name "Capilano" and the life of his uncle Chief Joe Capilano and seeing the world through his lens.

9. Discussion Items

The search process for the president, the provost and vice president academic and chancellor are ongoing.

10. Other Business

No other business was presented.

11. Information Items

A proposal was recently accepted by the International Association of Art in Early Childhood for ECCE to host the 2027 international conference at the Squamish campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2025
