



MEETING OF THE SENATE

Monday, December 8, 2025
3.30pm to 5.30pm

House of Learning, HL190

AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order** — Dr. Airini
 - a. Remarks from the Chair
 - i. Territorial Acknowledgment
 - ii. Welcome new senators:
 1. Annie St. John-Stark (Faculty Senator, Faculty of Arts)
 2. Mónica Sánchez-Flores (Faculty Senator, Faculty of Arts)
 3. Ikenna Ezeka (Student Senator)

Page 1 2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Page 3 3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- a. Minutes of senate meeting of November 24, 2025 (For Decision)

4. **Reports of Officers**
 - a. President and Vice-Chancellor — Dr. Airini
 - i. Provincial government review of BC's post-secondary education sector
 - b. Provost and Vice-President Academic — Dr. Shannon Wagner

Page 9 5. **Reports of Committees**

- a. Educational Programs Committee (Information; pending approval by EPC at their meeting on December 3) — Devon Graham

6. Question Period

7. Presentation

- a. Sustainable Development Goals site development and the sustainability impact submission — Dana Prymak / James Gordon

8. Next Senate meeting

- a. The next regular meeting of Senate is on Monday, January 26, 2026 from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Brown Family House of Learning, Room HL190.

9. Adjournment of Meeting



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DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Airini (Chair), Greg Anderson, Inderpreet Bains, Mike Bluhm, David Carter, John Church, David Cormier, Melba D'Souza, Yasmin Dean, Katia Dilkina, Ikenna Ezeka, Will Garrett-Petts, Jenna Goddard, Tania Gottschalk, Ishan Kapoor, Brad Kozubski, Derek Knox, Aleece Laird, Gurjit Lalli, Laura Lamb, Rita Leone, James Lomen, Krish Maharaj, Daleen Millard, Ryan Munden, John Patterson, Gordon Rudolph, Anne Terwiel, Joanna Urban, Shannon Wagner, Mark Wallin, Juliana West, Joel Wood (Vice-Chair)

Regrets:

Seán Donlan, Sarah Gibson, Mishal Nizar, Rani Srivastava

Absent:

Oleksandr Kondrashov, Ehsan Latif, Baldev Pooni

Executive and Others Present:

Baihua Chadwick (Vice-President, International), Matt Milovick (Vice-President, Administration and Finance), Brian Roy (Interim Vice-President, Research), Shannon Wagner (Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic), Michael Henry (Chief of Staff), Scott Blackford (Interim General Counsel), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance)

1. Call to Order

Chair of senate, Dr. Airini, called the meeting to order at 3:31pm and acknowledged the territory on which TRU's campuses are situated. She added that senate would be moving in camera later in the meeting, which was a separate matter from agenda item 6.b., a proposed motion to hold in-camera meetings at every meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The chair of senate asked senators if there were any objections or changes to the agenda and, as there were none, the agenda was adopted as circulated.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Minutes of senate meeting of October 27, 2025

Dr. Airini invited senators to identify any corrections required to the minutes and, hearing none, the minutes were approved as circulated.

4. Reports of Officers

a. President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Airini presented her report, which included information on strategic planning and financial strength, truth and reconciliation, campus safety, transformational investment in skilled trades education, sustainability, and TRU research, among others.

i. Strategic Change Goals

President Airini updated senators on refreshing the strategic change goals.

b. Provost and Vice-President Academic

S. Wagner delivered her report orally, touching on several topics, including TRUly Flexible, ongoing budget discussions, the university's first Canada Excellence Research Chair, and curriculum development with TteS and T'exelc. She also highlighted TRU's involvement with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

5. Reports of Committees

a. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

Senator Millard presented the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC) report, as she had chaired the meeting in the absence of the committee chair, S. Wagner.

The APPC report contained 3 items for decision by Senate:

1. Category III Proposal, Inclusive Practices Specialization Certificate in ECE

The chair asked senators if there were any objections to the proposed motion, and hearing none, declared the following motion adopted:

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that Senate approve the changes to the Category III Proposal, Inclusive Practices Specialization Certificate in ECE, as presented.*

2. Category III Proposal, Infant and Toddler Specialization Certificate in ECE

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that Senate approve the changes to the Category III Proposal, Infant and Toddler Specialization Certificate in ECE, as presented.*

3. Category III Proposal, Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that Senate approve the changes to the Category III Proposal, Diploma in Computer Network and Cybersecurity.*

The APPC report also contained several items for information.

b. Budget Committee of Senate

S. Wagner presented the report from the Budget Committee of Senate (BCOS), all items within which were for information.

c. Educational Programs Committee

Chair of the Educational Programs Committee (EPC), D. Graham, presented the committee's report, all items within which were for information. Dr. Airini welcomed D. Graham to her first meeting of senate as the chair of the EPC.

d. Steering Committee

J. Sudhoff, chair of the Steering Committee, presented the Steering Committee's report. The report contained two items for decision by Senate.

1. Appointments to senate and other committees

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that Senate approve the volunteer appointments to the Senate Standing Committees as follows:*

- a. Educational Programs Committee
Faculty: Robert Diab, Law

Dean: Baldev Pooni, Trades and Technology

b. Budget Committee

Dean: Baldev Pooni, Trades and Technology (2nd term)

c. Research Committee

Dean: Daleen Millard, Law

d. Awards and Honors Committee

Dean: Mark Wallin, Arts

e. University Sabbatical Leave Committee

Faculty:

- Tanya Sanders, Nursing (2nd term)
- Lian Dumouchel, FACT (term through Jan 2026) J. Heshka will resume the seat upon his return and through the remainder of his term.
- Michael Purcell, Library

Education and Social work: A nomination was not received for the vacancy.

2. Student Success Committee (“SSC”) Changes to Reporting Schedule

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the reporting frequency change (from twice a year in November and May to once a year in May) requested by the Student Success Committee (as indicated in their triennial review).*

The Steering Committee report also contained a list of student appointments to senate committees.

e. Student Academic Appeals Committee

Senator Bluhm, chair of the Student Academic Appeals Committee, delivered the committee’s report, for information.

f. Qelmúcw Affairs Committee

R. McCormick, co-chair of the Qelmúcw Affairs Committee, reported on the committee’s activities, for senate’s information. He drew attention to an item in the report, noting that the committee would be approaching senate in the future regarding the committee’s governance structure.

6. Business

a. Proposed revisions to policy ADM 32-0 Responsible Use of University Space

Dr. Airini reported that notice of consultation had been served at the October senate meeting regarding the proposed revisions to this policy, and that it was now before senate for consultation. She also noted that one comment had been received during the notice of motion period, which was circulated with the agenda package. Dr. Airini then invited comments from senators on the proposed revisions, and there were none.

b. Agenda item request from Senator Aleece Laird

The chair reported that notice of motion for this matter had been served at the October senate meeting, and that it was before senate at this meeting for decision. She added that Senator Laird had submitted a revised memo on the topic and invited her to comment on the proposal. Senator Laird introduced the motion and spoke to her rationale for proposing it. Discussion ensued.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the motion (“that the Thompson Rivers University Senate include an in-camera session as a standing item on its regular meeting agendas, to be held at the end of each meeting, in accordance with the rules and procedures outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order and applicable university policies regarding confidential matters”) be defeated.*

c. Fall 2025 Election Results

M. Bluhm reported the Fall 2025 election results for information.

7. Correspondence

a. Request from TRU Students’ Union regarding participation in program reviews

The chair of senate suggested that senate could refer the letter from TRUSU (a copy of which had been circulated with the agenda package) to the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC) for discussion with TRUSU and report back to senate. As there were no objections from senators to that recommendation, the matter was referred to APPC.

Dr. Airini vacated the chair so that she could respond to any questions arising in Question Period and senate vice chair, J. Wood, assumed the chair. A senator suggested that agenda items 8 (Question Period) and 9 (Presentation) be swapped so that any questions arising from the presentation could also be addressed during Question Period.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be amended to hold the presentation prior to Question Period.*

J. Wood indicated he would remain in the chair for the presentation and Question Period, to which no senators objected.

8. Presentation

a. Future TRU and Insights from Federal Budget 2025

Dr. Airini presented several slides on the topic of Future TRU and insights from the 2025 federal budget. She added that the presentation would be posted on the TRU senate website and a link provided so senators could submit comments.

9. Question Period

Several questions were asked and answered.

Senator Wood relinquished the chair and President Airini resumed chairing the meeting.

10. In Camera Meeting

The chair announced that the next agenda item was an in-camera portion of the meeting and asked for a motion to move in camera.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate move in camera.*

Before senate proceeded to meet in camera, all non-senators, other than required staff, left the meeting.

11. Next Senate meeting

- a. The next regular meeting of Senate is on Monday, December 8, 2025 from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Brown Family House of Learning, Room HL190.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE (EPC)
REPORT TO SENATE FOR DECEMBER 2025

The following approvals from the December 3, 2025 meeting of the Educational Programs Committee (EPC) are reported to Senate for information purposes:

Category I Modifications

1. ENGL 2111 Literary Landmarks in English to 1700
2. ENGL 4321 Contemporary Canadian Fiction

Respectfully submitted on December 3, 2025 by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Devon Graham".

Devon Graham, Chair, Educational Programs Committee