



## SENATE AGENDA

Hybrid Meeting – SBC, Waterloo  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Open Session

1. Call to Order, D. MacLatchy
  - a. Land Acknowledgement
  - b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
  - c. Approval of the Consent Agenda  
**Motion:** that Senate approve the Consent items listed for approval under item 11.a.
2. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes, D. MacLatchy
3. Leadership Update
  - a. Report of the President, D. MacLatchy
  - b. Report of the Interim Provost and VP Academic, T. McLaren
  - c. Report from the Board of Governors, L. Chu

### Reports and Recommendations from Standing Committees

4. Senate Academic Planning Committee, T. McLaren
  - a. Embargoed: Faculty of Law  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate recommend that the Board of Governors endorse in principle the creation of a Faculty of Law, contingent on the approval of the Juris Doctor program by the relevant regulatory authorities.
  - b. Course Drop Dates, D. Van Nijnatten  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes in the 2026/2027 Undergraduate Academic Calendar and 2026/2027 Graduate Academic Calendar, to establish two distinct drop dates: 1. A course drop date for a possible tuition adjustment (at course rate), and 2. A course drop date without failure.
  - c. GPA-Only Withdraw Decisions, D. Van Nijnatten  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the

Senate approve the changes in the 2026/2027 Undergraduate Academic Calendar, to reflect GPA-only withdraw decisions, effective immediately.

d. Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, B. Wolfe

- i) Major Modification, Graduate Diploma in Applied Expressive Arts and Psychotherapy, Martin Luther College

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the creation of a Type 2 and Type 3 Graduate Diploma in Applied Expressive Arts and Psychotherapy.

- ii) Major Modification, Master of Applied Politics

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the creation of a Type 1 Graduate Diploma in Applied Politics.

- iii) Major Modification, PhD in Religious Studies

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the name and requirements of the PhD in Religious Studies, along with the deletion of the Religious Diversity in North America graduate field.

e. Faculty of Arts, S. Lachapelle

- i) Certificate in Ethics, Philosophy

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the creation of a new for-credit Certificate in Ethics.

- ii) Major Modification, History

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the deletion of the Digital Humanities Option.

- iii) Major Modification, History

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the closure of the Public History Minor.

f. Faculty of Science, R. Monaghan

- i) Major Modification, Geography and Environmental Studies

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the program requirements for the Honours BSc Environmental Science program.

- ii) Major Modification, Geography and Environmental Studies

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the addition of five concentrations for the Honours BSc

Environmental Science program.

iii) Major Modification, Geography and Environmental Studies

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the deletion of the Environmental Science Research Specialization.

5. Senate Executive and Finance Committee, D. MacLatchy

a. 2025-2026 6-Month Fiscal Update, Z. Danis / C. Dale

b. 2026-2027 Budget Development Update, D. Martin / H. Northwood

6. Senate Committee on Research and Publication, J. Newman

a. Policy Revision: 11.1, Establishment, Operations and Review of Research Centres  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Research and Publication that Senate approve the proposed changes to Policy 11.1, Establishment, Operations and Review of Research Centres, effective immediately.

b. Policy Revision: 11.2, Contract Research

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Research and Publication that Senate approve the proposed changes to Policy 11.2, Contract Research, effective immediately.

7. Matters from the Consent Section of the Agenda

8. Other Business

9. Q&A

10. Adjournment

11. Consent Items

*The following items are provided for approval or information. The items noted for approval will be approved by consent unless otherwise highlighted during item 1.a.*

a. Items for Approval

i. Agenda

ii. Draft Minutes of the January 26, 2026 Senate Meeting

iii. Substantive Minor Modification, Youth and Children's Studies

**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes in program requirements for the Honours BA Youth and Children's Studies, Honours BA Youth and Children's Studies in Combination with another Honours BA Program, the Youth and Children's Studies Minor, and the general BA Youth and Children's Studies, including the editorial minor changes, as presented.

iv. Substantive Minor Modification, Master of Applied Politics; MA in Communication Studies; MA in Cultural Analysis and Social Theory; MA in

- English and Film Studies; MA in History; MA in Global Justice, Religion and Culture  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the admission requirements to the Master of Applied Politics and the Master of Arts in the following programs: Communication Studies; Cultural Analysis and Social Theory; English and Film Studies; History; Global Justice, Religion & Culture.
- v. Substantive Minor Modification, Master of Arts in Communication Studies  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the re-introduction of an oral examination as part of the MA degree in Communication Studies.
- vi. Substantive Minor Modification, PhD in English and Film Studies  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve a change in degree requirements for the PhD in English and Film Studies to remove the second language requirement.
- vii. Substantive Minor Modification, Master of Education  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the program requirements of the Master of Education, Student Affairs field.
- viii. Substantive Minor Modification, Master of Science in Mathematics  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the admission requirements of the Master of Science Mathematics.
- ix. Substantive Minor Modification, Master of Arts in Psychology  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the program requirements for the MA in Psychology - Social Psychology field.
- x. Substantive Minor Modification, PhD in Psychology  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the course changes and changes to the program requirements of the PhD in Psychology - Social Psychology field.
- xi. Substantive Minor Modification, Master of Finance/ Master of Science in Management Analytics (double-degree) Program  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change in program requirements for the MFin/MMA Double Degree program.
- xii. Substantive Minor Modification, Master of Business Administration  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes in program requirements for the Master of Business Administration program.
- xiii. Substantive Minor Modification, Bachelor of Education  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to progression requirements for the FSL Program within the Bachelor of Education.

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- xiv. Substantive Minor Modification, History  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the Public History Specialization.
  - xv. Substantive Minor Modification, Global Studies in collaboration with the International Education Studies Program in the Faculty of Education  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the removal of the GS 394 course as a program requirement in the Honours Bachelor of Arts, International Education Studies (IES) program.
  - xvi. Substantive Minor Modification, Women and Gender Studies Program  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the addition of WS101 (new course) to the required courses for HBA Women and Gender Studies, HBA Women and Gender Studies in Combination, and the Women and Gender Studies Minor.
  - xvii. Substantive Minor Modification, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to program requirements Honours BSc Biochemistry and Biotechnology.
  - xviii. Substantive Minor Modification, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to program requirements Honours BSc Biochemistry and Biotechnology with Thesis.
  - xix. Substantive Minor Modification, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to program requirements Honours BSc Chemistry.
  - xx. Substantive Minor Modification, Chemistry & Biochemistry  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to program requirements Honours BSc Chemistry with Thesis.
  - xxi. Substantive Minor, Kinesiology and Physical Education  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the removal of 96 hours of leadership experiences from the program requirements of the Honours Bachelor of Kinesiology program.
- b. Items for Information
- i. Reports of the Senior Executives
  - ii. Winter Enrolment Report
  - iii. Early Career Researcher Awards

*Note: If you need assistance or have a question about this agenda or the Senate, please contact the University Secretariat office, by email to [kjack@wlu.ca](mailto:kjack@wlu.ca).*