

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26, 2026

To: Faculty Members and Students

From: Pamela Perkins, Chair, Senate Committee on Nominations

Re: Vacancies on Senate Committees

The Senate Committee on Nominations is charged with nominating persons to serve on committees of Senate and will be meeting twice during the Winter Term to fill vacancies on the attached list of committees. Should you be interested in serving on a Senate committee, please complete and submit the Senate Committee Interest Form available [here](#).

This year, there are a number of changes to the Senate Committee structure. Starting June 1, 2026, a revised structure will be introduced to approve changes to undergraduate admission requirements and regulations, courses and curricula, and academic regulations and policies. A summary of the changes is below, with the Terms of Reference for each new Committee linked in its description.

Current Committees that will be Impacted

The Senate Committee on Admissions, Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes, and the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation will be disbanded in conjunction with the implementation of the new Committees on June 1, 2026. The responsibilities of these Committees have been redistributed across the new Committees listed below. Any outstanding responsibilities of the current Committees that have not been incorporated into new Terms of Reference will become part of Terms for other committees that are being restructured between now and June 1, 2026.

New Committees

Three new standing Committees have been established. Meeting schedules are available on the University's [Governance website](#).

[The Undergraduate Studies Council \(UGSC\)](#) consolidates responsibilities for the review of undergraduate-level degree and diploma programs, courses, curriculum,

admissions, and other program requirements. The UGSC will approve routine proposals on behalf of Senate and recommend to Senate on significant proposals.

[The Academic Policy and Regulations Committee \(APRC\)](#) will be responsible for university-level and unit-level academic policies, bylaws, and regulations. The APRC will approve routine proposals on behalf of Senate and recommend to Senate on significant proposals.

Significant and Routine Proposals are defined in [Schedule A: Definitions of Significant and Routine Proposals](#).

Additionally, a new [Certificate and Micro-certificate Committee \(CM-CC\)](#) will be responsible for providing university-level review, on behalf of Senate, of proposals related to non-degree level programs including certificate and micro-certificate programs, for quality assurance.

It is intended that:

- The new process will have regular meetings of UGSC, CM-CC, and APRC throughout the Senate- year, allowing proposals that require modifications to return to the committees on a timelier basis.
- The new process will reduce the number of proposals requiring review by multiple committees and allow for a more wholistic and comprehensive review of proposals.

Senate Committee Interest forms may be submitted at any time, however, in order to be considered for these committees in their first year, Senate Committee Interest Forms must be returned by **Tuesday, February 17, 2026**. To be considered for all other existing committees for the 2026-2027 year, Interest Forms should be submitted by **Friday, April 17, 2026**. Please note that expressions of interest inform the work of the Committee in making nominations, but that submission of the form does not guarantee a nomination.

Additionally, the Senate Committee on Nominations is responsible for nominating persons to serve on the University Discipline Committee, where membership is approved by the Board of Governors. A **separate** interest form for the University Discipline Committee is available [here](#).

For additional information regarding Senate committees, including their compositions and terms of reference please go to: <https://umanitoba.ca/governance/senate/committees> or contact Laura Orsak-Williams (Laura.Orsak@umanitoba.ca).

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SENATE COMMITTEES WITH CURRENT OR UPCOMING VACANCIES:

- Academic Policy and Regulations Committee (NEW)
- Certificate and Micro-Certificate Committee (NEW)
- Senate Committee on Academic Computing (*student positions only*)
- Senate Committee on Academic Review (*student positions only*)
- Senate Committee on Appeals
- Senate Committee on Awards
- Senate Committee on the Calendar (*student positions only*)
- Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (*faculty positions only*)
- Joint Senate Committee on Masters Programs (*student positions only*)
- Senate Committee on Libraries (*student positions only*)
- Senate Committee on Medical Qualifications (*faculty positions only*)
- Senate Committee on Nominations
- Senate Planning and Priorities Committee
- Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures
- Senate Committee on University Research
- Undergraduate Studies Council (NEW)
- University Discipline Committee

Terms of reference and composition of all Senate committees can be found at:

<https://umanitoba.ca/governance/senate/committees#standing-committees-of-senate>