

# Algoma University Senate Meeting Summary (Open Agenda) September 12, 2025

This summary report is for information only and does not constitute an official record of the Senate meeting; the formal meeting minutes will be approved at the subsequent Senate meeting. The meeting agenda and materials can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

## **Decisions**

#### Senate Minutes

The Senate approved the open minutes from its June 6 and June 11, 2025 meetings.

#### Speaker of Senate

The Senate was notified that Dr. Nikki Shaw's nomination as Speaker of Senate for the 2025-2026 term was approved through an electronic vote.

#### Senate Membership

The Senate approved the revised Senate membership slate, effective September 12, 2025.

### Senate Committee Membership

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#### **Adjunct Professor Nominations**

The Senate approved the appointments of Dr. Elaine Ho-Tassone, Dr. Carlos Baretto and Dr. Riley Jones as Adjunct Professors in the Department of Biology, Cameron Faculty of Science, for a period of three years beginning August 1, 2025.

#### New Program - MA in Psychotherapy

The Senate approved the new program proposal for the Master in Psychotherapy as prepared by the Department of Psychology and recommended by the Quality Assurance Committee.

#### Hiring Recommendation for MA in Psychotherapy

The Senate approved the recommendation that the President approve the faculty hires for the MA in Psychotherapy, as recommended by the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

#### **Convocation Dates**

The Senate approved the proposed Spring 2026 Convocation dates as follows:

- Saturday, June 13, 2026 Sault Ste. Marie Spring Convocation
- Wednesday, June 17, 2026 Brampton Spring Convocation
- Thursday, June 18, 2026 Brampton Spring Convocation

#### Prohibition of On-Campus Students Registering in Online Sections

The Senate approved a motion to direct that under no circumstances on-campus students be placed into online sections of ITEC or COSC courses as overflow when on-campus sections are

full, with the exceptions previously affirmed by Senate on May 2, 2025, and that course planning must provide sufficient in-person sections to meet the needs of all on-campus students.

## Information

The Senate was notified of the tentative dates for the joint Board-Senate Strategy Session in October 2025

The following written and verbal reports were provided:

- Decanal Reports
  - Faculty of Computer Science
  - o Cameron Faculty of Science
  - NORDIK Institute
- COU Colleague Report
- Vice-President Academic and Research Report
- Interim President and Vice-Chancellor Report
- Board Member on Senate update on Presidential Search

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2025. Senate packages and minutes can be found at <a href="algomau.ca/senate">algomau.ca/senate</a>.