



MEETING OF THE SENATE

Monday, September 22, 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
 - a. Inderpreet Bains – student senator
 - b. Ishan Kapoor – student senator
 - c. Brad Kozubski – faculty senator
 - d. Ryan Munden – faculty senator
 - e. Mishal Nizar – student senator
2. [Senate Bylaws](#) and **Robert's Rules** — Dr. Airini / Scott Blackford

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- a. Minutes of senate meeting of June 9, 2025 (For Decision)

5. **Business**
 - a. Election of Vice-Chair of Senate (For Decision) — Dr. Airini
NOTE TO SENATORS: The senate bylaws state that “The Vice-Chair of Senate shall be elected each year by secret ballot by and from the Senate Members other

than the Non-Voting Member” and that “The Vice-Chair shall fulfill the duties of the Chair in his/her absence, and shall assist the Chair in the performance of her/his duties.”

- b. New Policies from Revision Project for Policies Concerning Curriculum and Programs (Information) — Shannon Wagner

6. Reports of Officers

- a. President and Vice-Chancellor
 - i. President’s Report to Senate (Information)
- b. Provost and Vice-President Academic (Information)

7. Reports of Committees

- Page 8 a. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (Items for Decision) — Shannon Wagner
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- d. Steering Committee — James Sudhoff
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 - Page 21 e. Teaching and Learning Committee (Information) — Brian Lamb

8. Presentation

- a. Future TRU Financial Sustainability — Dr. Airini / Shannon Wagner / Matt Milovick

9. Question Period

10. Next Senate meeting

- a. The next regular meeting of Senate is on Monday, October 27, 2025 from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Brown Family House of Learning, Room HL190.

11. Termination of Meeting



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MEETING OF THE SENATE

Monday, June 9, 2025
3.30pm to 5.30pm

House of Learning, HL190

MINUTES

Present:

Greg Anderson, Michael Bluhm, Doug Booth, Susan Butland, David Carter, John Church, David Cormier, Melba D'Souza, Yasmin Dean, DeDe DeRose, Katia Dilkina, Sean Donlan, Tania Gottschalk, Derek Knox, Sasha Kondrashov, Gurjit Lalli, Rita Leone, Jim Lomen, Ben Lovely, Heather MacLeod, Krish Maharaj, Daleen Millard, Waqar Mulk, Mugesh Narayanasamy, Jamie Noakes, John Patterson, Baldev Pooni, Gordon Rudolph, Anne Terwiel, Mark Wallin, Darren Watt, Joel Wood

Regrets:

Brett Fairbairn, Laura Lamb, Joanna Urban, Shannon Wagner

Absent:

Jason Bermiller, Will Garrett-Petts, Mike Henry, Rayyan Khan, Aleece Laird, Rohini Ranganatha, Rani Srivastava, Juliana West

Executives and Others Present:

John Sparks (General Counsel and Corporate Secretary), Charlene Myers (Manager, University Governance), Lynda Worth (University Governance Coordinator)

1. Call to Order

In the absence of the chair, B. Fairbairn, the senate vice-chair, J. Wood, called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

a. Remarks from the Chair

i. Territorial Acknowledgment

J. Wood delivered the territorial acknowledgment.

b. In Memoriam

J. Wood drew senators' attention to the list circulated with the agenda package and invited senators to join him in a moment of silence in memory of the people from the TRU community who had passed away.

c. Acknowledgment of departing senators

J. Wood acknowledged the following senators whose terms were ending in August and handed certificates of recognition to those present:

- i. Susan Butland – Faculty Senator
- ii. Rayyan Khan – Student Senator
- iii. Ben Lovely – Faculty Senator
- iv. Waqar Mulk – Student Senator
- v. Mugesh Narayanasamy – Student Senator
- vi. Jamie Noakes – Faculty Senator
- vii. Rohini Ranganatha – Student Senator
- viii. Darren Watt – Faculty Senator

2. Adoption of Agenda

J. Wood reminded senators that a revised version of the report from the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee had been emailed to senators after the agenda package was circulated, to which he would refer during the report from that committee.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be adopted as presented.*

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Minutes of senate meeting of May 26, 2025

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the senate meeting of May 26, 2025 be approved as circulated.*

4. Reports of Officers

a. President and Vice-Chancellor

i. President's Report to Senate

The President's report was circulated with the agenda package. J. Wood drew attention to President Fairbairn's "Final Reflections" in his written report, and thanked President Fairbairn on behalf of senators.

b. Provost and Vice-President Academic

J. Wood suggested that senators having questions about the Provost's report direct them to S. Wagner.

5. Reports of Committees

a. Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

In the absence of Shannon Wagner, chair of the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), the committee's report was presented by committee member J. Wood.

i. April 2025

Category III Proposal: Master of Nursing Nurse Practitioner Program

J. Wood reminded senators that this item had been postponed from the April APPC report presented at the senate meeting of April 28, 2025.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the Master of Nursing Nurse Practitioner as presented.*

ii. June 2025

Based on the revised version of the APPC report, there were two items for decision and one Notice of Motion. All other items in the report were for information.

Category III proposal – Health Care Assistant Certificate

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the Health Care Assistant Certificate as presented.*

Category III proposal – Bachelor of Science in Nursing

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the Bachelor of Science in Nursing as presented.*

Notice of Motion: Policy ED 8-0 Educational Standards

Notice of motion was served for this policy, to be considered by senate for decision at the September senate meeting.

b. Educational Programs Committee

R. Chambers, chair of the Educational Programs Committee, attended the meeting to respond to questions on the committee's report.

c. University Tenure and Promotion Committee

In the absence of Shannon Wagner, chair of the University Tenure and Promotion Committee, the committee's report was presented by Y. Dean.

i. Proposed revisions to Departmental Standards, Department of English Language Learning and Teaching

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that senate approve the revised English Language Learning and Teaching Departmental Standards, as presented.*

6. Business

a. Election of vice-chair at September senate meeting

J. Wood reminded senators that the annual election of a senate vice-chair will occur at the September Senate meeting and asked them to consider standing for nomination.

7. Presentation

a. International Student update

B. Chadwick presented an update on international student enrolment. Discussion ensued.

8. Next Senate meeting

- a. The next regular meeting of Senate is on Monday, September 22, 2025 from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Brown Family House of Learning, Room HL190.

9. Termination of Meeting

There being no further agenda items, the meeting terminated at 4:29pm.



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ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 2025 REPORT TO SENATE

The September 11, 2025, meeting of APPC was chaired by Dr. Shannon Wagner. The following items come forward from APPC to Senate:

FOR APPROVAL

- a. **Category III Proposal**, Robin Nichol, Department of Literatures, Languages, and Performing Arts

Technical Theatre Certificate

[All Fields](#)

Motion Approved at APPC

On motion duly made and adopted, it is RESOLVED that APPC recommends to Senate and the Board the Technical Theatre Certificate as presented.

- b. **Formation of a New Department of Data Science**, Greg Anderson, Dean, and Faheem Ahmed, Associate Dean, Faculty of Science

Motion Approved at APPC

On motion duly made and adopted, it is RESOLVED that APPC approves and recommends that Senate and the Board approve the formation of a Department of Data Science within the Faculty of Science.

- c. **Division and Transition within the Counselling, Academic Supports, and Assessment (CASA) Department**, Sara Wolfe, AVP-Students, Student Services

Motion Approved at APPC

On motion duly made and adopted, it is RESOLVED that APPC recommends to Senate and the Board to approve dividing the Counselling, Academic Supports & Assessment (CASA) Department into two departments: the Department of Integrative Learning and Assessment (ILA) and the Counselling Department reporting to the Dean of the Faculty of Student Development.

Motion Approved at APPC

On motion duly made and adopted, it is RESOLVED that APPC recommends to Senate and the Board to approve the Counselling Department be moved to Student Services and report to the Director, Student Affairs.

APPC REPORT TO SENATE JUNE 2025

FOR INFORMATION

- a. Bachelor of Education Action Plan
- b. Psychology Program Review Final Report
- c. General Science Program Review Final Report
- d. Program Review Final Report for the Global Competency & Leadership in Environmental Sustainability Certificates

Respectfully submitted on September 11, 2025, by:

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Shannon Wagner, Chair, Academic Planning and Priorities Committee



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

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

Category I Modifications

1. HLSC 2550 Health Sciences: Pathophysiology 1
2. HLSC 2660 Health Science: Pharmacology
3. HLSC 3650 Health Sciences: Pathophysiology 2
4. HLSC 4650 Health Sciences: Pathophysiology 3
5. NURS 1170 Communication and Collaboration 1: Self and Others
6. NURS 1700 Professionalism and Leadership 1: Introduction to the Profession of Nursing
7. NURS 1800 Knowledge and Critical Inquiry 1: Introduction to the Discipline of Nursing
8. NURS 2170 Communication and Collaboration 2: Creating Health-promoting Relationships
9. NURS 2300 Knowledge and Critical Inquiry 2: Nursing Research
10. NURS 2380 Condensed Practice Experience 2
11. NURS 3170 Communication and Collaboration 3: Connecting Across Difference
12. NURS 3380 Consolidated Practice Experience 3
13. NURS 3500 Health and Health Promotion 7: Promoting Community and Societal Health
14. NURS 3510 Nursing Practice 6: Promoting Health of Communities and Society
15. NURS 3730 Health and Health Promotion 5: Health Transitions
16. NURS 3740 Nursing Practice 5: Promoting Health and Healing
17. NURS 3830 Health and Health Promotion 6: Global Health
18. NURS 4300 Professionalism and Leadership 2: Leadership in Nursing

Respectfully submitted on September 12, 2025 by

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Robert Chambers, Chair, Educational Programs Committee



BUDGET COMMITTEE OF SENATE (BCOS) REPORT TO SENATE September 22, 2025

The **June 10, 2025** meeting of the Budget Committee of Senate was chaired by Dr. Shannon Wagner, Provost and Vice-President Academic (Interim). The following items are presented to Senate for information purposes only:

Proposed formation of a Department of Data Science – Faculty of Science

- BCOS was advised that the Faculty of Science is developing new programming that spans multiple disciplines. While this cross-disciplinary approach introduces valuable content and expertise, it also presents challenges in scheduling, budgeting, and accountability due to its complexity and fluid structure. To address these challenges, the formation of a new Department of Data Science is proposed.
- The proposed department will include a master's degree, a post-baccalaureate diploma, and additional credentials focused on data science. It is expected to attract both domestic and international interest, enhancing TRU's visibility and aligning with government priorities.
- BCOS reviewed the proposal and APPC was advised there were no concerns related to the budget.

Proposed Technical Theatre Certificate – Faculty of Arts

- BCOS was advised that this proposal repackages four existing Technical Theatre courses into a new credential.
- The courses are currently offered with available capacity and require no additional resources, making this a cost-neutral and efficient initiative.
- BCOS reviewed the proposal and APPC was advised there were no concerns related to the budget.

Proposed Alteration to the Structure of the Department of CASA (Counselling Academic Supports & Assessment) – Faculty of Student Development / Students

- BCOS was advised that the proposed restructuring involves separating student services from the Faculty of Student Development. This change was discussed and approved by the Faculty Council.
- As a result:
 - Counselling will remain under Student Services.
 - Other academic support areas will continue to operate together, reporting to the Dean of the Faculty of Student Development.
 - The restructuring incurs a cost of approximately \$32,600 due to adjusted release time for pan-institutional duties. This cost will be covered by existing ongoing funds, as initiatives relying on one-time funding are not currently being approved.
- BCOS reviewed the proposal and APPC was advised there were no concerns related to the budget.

Finance Updates

- Finance reviewed Q4 and 2024/25 Year End Financial statements with the Committee.
 - Finance provided a 2025/26 Budget update to the Committee.
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The **September 9, 2025** meeting of the Budget Committee of Senate was chaired by Dr. Shannon Wagner, Provost and Vice-President Academic (Interim). The following items are presented to Senate for information purposes only:

Food Sovereignty Certificate – Faculty of Science

- BCOS was advised that this proposal repackages existing courses. These courses will continue at approved tuition rates, with no changes to enrolment expected.
- No additional faculty costs are anticipated, as existing course capacity is sufficient to accommodate new students.
- No additional non-salary requirements are expected, and the University Library has confirmed that its costs will remain unchanged.
- BCOS reviewed the proposal and APPC was advised there were no concerns related to the budget.

Finance Updates

- S. Wagner and M. Milovick reviewed a 2026/27 Budget Context presentation with the Committee.

The next BCOS meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2025.

Respectfully submitted on September 15, 2025 by:



Dr. Shannon Wagner, Chair, Budget Committee of Senate
Provost and Vice-President Academic (Interim)



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Steering Committee Report to Senate

June 11th, 2025

*** For information only. There are no actionable items in this month's report.*

1. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

There were no vacancies to be filled during this meeting of the Steering Committee.

2. BUSINESS

a. Standing committee of Senate Triennial Review Update

Every 3 years, the Steering Committee conducts a review of 13 of the Standing committees' operations to ensure smooth and up-to-date committee functioning. The following committees had their submitted Triennial Reports reviewed by the Steering Committee. They reported adequate functioning overall, with minor questions regarding committee representation being the most common theme. The Steering Committee Ratified the approval of each report, documented them, and corresponded with the chairs of each committee about the membership suggestions.

- i. Research Committee
- ii. Student Success Committee ("SSC")
- iii. Teaching and Learning Committee ("TaLC")
- iv. Qelmúcw Affairs Committee ("QAC")
- v. Steering Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Kukwstsétsemc (Thank you)

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James Sudhoff, DVM
Chair, Steering Committee of Senate

**Steering Committee
Report to Senate**

September 10, 2025

1. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

The Steering Committee recommends the following volunteers for appointment by Senate:

a. Graduate Studies Committee

Staff

- **Sarah Ladd, ESW**

b. Qelmu'cw Affairs Committee

Dean

- **Mark Wallin, Arts**

c. Academic Integrity Committee

Open Learning representative

- **Iain Pardoe, (2nd Term), Open Learning**

- **Motion:** *That Senate approve the volunteer appointments to the Senate Standing Committees as mentioned.*

2. BUISNESS

a. Revision to the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Senate International Affairs Committee ("SIAC")

The SIAC met and discussed potential updates to their committee's ToR, which included changes to the reporting schedule. They forward the following recommendations to the Steering Committee, who reviewed the changes and voted in favor of recommending them to Senate for approval.

See: [Link to SIAC Package](#) for the original, red-lined, and clean copies of the proposed ToR, and a brief memo outlining the changes.

- **Motion:** *That Senate approves the proposed changes to the SAIC ToR.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kukwstsétsemc (Thank you)

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James Sudhoff, DVM
Chair, Steering Committee of Senate



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

Steering Committee of Senate

Attention: James Sudhoff, Chair

Re: Revision to the Terms of Reference of the Senate International Affairs Committee

On March 20, 2025, the **Senate International Affairs** Committee met and discussed potential updates to the committee's Terms of Reference. On May 27, 2025, the committee agreed to forward the recommended revisions to the Steering Committee after reviewing the March 20th notes.

The committee decided to suggest revisions to:

1. Wording to ensure accuracy.
2. Membership roster to ensure titles are accurate and up to date.
3. Change the role from Director of TRU World to the Associate Vice-President International to attend in the Vice-President's absence.
4. The recommended frequency of reporting to Senate due to the meeting schedule.

Sincerely,

Baihua Chadwick,
Chair of the Senate International Affairs Committee

International Affairs Committee

Responsibilities of the International Affairs Committee

- Advise Senate on measures to achieve the goals set out in the University's Strategic Plan and Academic Plan with regard to International Opportunities with a focus on internationalization and increasing the number of international opportunities for TRU students and faculty.
- Advise Senate on measures to promote alignment of academic, budgetary and other priorities of Senate with the international activities of the University.
- Advise Accreditation Steering Committee and report on mission fulfillment in relation to the Core Theme Intercultural Understanding.
- Establish such subcommittees as needed to fulfil the Committee's responsibilities.

Membership

- Chair: Associate Vice President, International, & Chief Executive Officer TRU World Global Operations

Members

- One Dean, approved by Senate;
- Five faculty members and or OL Faculty Members approved by Senate (one must be a Senator, one must be an OLFM)
- Up to three students nominated by TRUSU and appointed by the Senate Steering Committee
- One representative from the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee appointed by the APPC
- One member, to be appointed by the Associate Vice President, International

Ex Officio –Members

- Vice-Chair: A Director, TRU World
- Dean of Students (or designate)
- Intercultural Coordinator

Administrative Support

- TRU World

Approved by Senate January 27, 2020

International Affairs Committee

Responsibilities of the International Affairs Committee

- Advise Senate once a year, on measures to achieve the goals set out in the University's Strategic Plan and Academic Plan, with regard to the Strategic Internationalization Plan and iInternational oOpportunities ~~with a focus on internationalization and increasing the number of international opportunities for TRU students and faculty.~~
- Advise Senate on measures to promote alignment of academic, budgetary and other priorities of Senate with the international activities of the University.
- ~~Advise Accreditation Steering Committee and report on mission fulfillment in relation to the Core Theme Intercultural Understanding.~~
- Establish such subcommittees as needed to fulfil the Committee's responsibilities.

Membership

- Chair: ~~Associate Vice-President, International, & Chief Executive Officer~~ or Associate Vice-President International-TRU World Global Operations

Members

- One Dean, approved by Senate;
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- One member, to be appointed by the ~~Associate Vice-President, International~~

Ex Officio –Members

- Vice-Chair: ~~Associate Vice-President International-Director~~, TRU World
- Associate Vice-President of Students and Dean, Faculty of Students Development(or designate)
- Intercultural Coordinator

Administrative Support

- TRU World

| Approved by Senate January 27, 20~~1~~20

International Affairs Committee

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- Advise Senate on measures to promote alignment of academic, budgetary and other priorities of Senate with the international activities of the University.
- Establish such subcommittees as needed to fulfil the Committee's responsibilities.

Membership

- Chair: Vice-President International, or Associate Vice-President International

Members

- One Dean, approved by Senate;
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Ex Officio –Members

- Vice-Chair: Associate Vice-President International, TRU World
- Associate Vice-President of Students and Dean, Faculty Student Development (or designate)
- Intercultural Coordinator

Administrative Support

- TRU World

Approved by Senate September 2025

Teaching and Learning Committee

Annual Report to Senate – September 2025

Appointments to the Committee

New members:

Shane Edward – Student (Nov 2024)

Amy Tucker – Faculty (Nov 2024)

Amanda Russett – Faculty (Nov 2024)

Melanie Latham – Faculty (Mar 2025)

Leaving members:

Lyn Baldwin – Faculty (Feb 2025)

Gul-e-rana Mufti – Faculty (Apr 2025, may renew)

Julia Wells – Library (Nov 2024)

Meetings

This report reflects TLC activities under the outgoing Chair, Dr. Brett McCollum. The Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) met nine times between September 2024 and June 2025.

Meetings followed a standing agenda that received reports from TLC working groups and updates from the Library, Information Technology Services (ITS), Integrated Planning & Effectiveness (IPE), Learning Technology and Innovation (LT&I), Open Learning (OL), and the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT).

Responsibilities

1. Policies, programs and practices to promote, support and celebrate high quality and innovative teaching and learning environments.

The Committee addressed this responsibility through its Inclusive Excellence Awards, Awards Adjudication, and Course Outlines working groups.

Awards Adjudication:

- Completed adjudication for the Faculty Excellence Award (FEA), the President's Distinguished Teacher Award (PDTA), and the Award for Excellence in Interculturalization (AEI). Recommendations were submitted to the President's Office in March 2025, with recipients recognized at Convocation and university merit award ceremonies. Saskia Stinson was awarded a 3M National Teaching Fellowship, with support from TLC and CELT. TLC continued oversight of internal nomination processes for the West Coast Teaching Excellence Award (WCTEA) and 3M Fellowship.

Inclusive Excellence Awards:

- The working group was re-formed to evaluate the two-stage nomination/application

process introduced in 2022. Barriers identified included time constraints and confusion around process; recommendations are expected in Fall 2025.

Course Outlines:

- A new subcommittee was struck in April 2025 to study the structure and content of course outlines across TRU. The subcommittee is reviewing consistency, standard elements, and guidance on topics such as AI and accommodations.

2. Measurement of quality of teaching and learning, and promotion of research on teaching and learning.

Student Course Evaluations (SCEs):

- TLC approved revised Principles and Procedures, which were shared with APPC, UTPC, Senate, and Faculty Councils. A proposed extension of the response window was piloted, then paused for further discussion with TRUFA. Evaluation activity for 2024–25: approximately 1,400 courses evaluated, with 16,000+ valid responses. Institutional response rates were 56% (Fall 2024) and 50% (Winter 2025).

Assurance of Learning Subcommittee:

- Concluded its mandate in October 2024. Recommended embedding assessment of program and institutional learning outcomes within the cyclical program review process. With these recommendations submitted, the subcommittee was dissolved.

3. Coordination of academic policies and regulations involving Library, ITS, IPE, and Digital Learning Resources.

Library: Transition to OpenAthens authentication, launch of an AI Collaboratory (HL 271) with support from CELT and LT&I, and expansion of information literacy instruction.

ITS: Work on FlexReg and CRM replacements, hybrid classroom standardization, network upgrades, AI integration (Microsoft Copilot), and research computing partnerships.

IPE: Publication of the 2024 Fall Student Census and enrollment factbooks; analysis of student satisfaction linked to communication practices; continued administration of SCEs.

4. Service integration and coordination of CELT, LT&I, Open Learning, Library, ITS, and IPE.

Open Learning: Reported solid and steady enrollment growth. OL reported initiatives on lab kits, course development process improvements, and OLFM training.

CELT: Finalized a five-year strategic plan; hosted the Thompson-Okanagan Teaching and Learning Conference (TOTLC) in May 2025, attended by 120 participants from 12 institutions; and continued to lead professional development, SoTL programs.

LT&I: Moodle upgraded to v4.5 (August 2025); launched a Digital Literacy Challenge for faculty; ongoing leadership in the OpenETC WordPress shared service, and the TRU Open Press.

5. Matters brought forward by faculty, students, Senate, AVP Digital Strategies, University Librarian, and the Vice-Provost, Open, Learning, Teaching and Innovation.

The Committee devoted significant attention to policy and guidance for Generative AI (GenAI) through the Data Stewardship and Analytics for Learning and Teaching (DSALT) Working Group.

DSALT activities included an environmental scan of peer-institution policies and an inventory of TRU resources.

Four draft principles were articulated:

1. Human-Centred Learning & Shared Responsibility
2. Inclusive, Culturally Responsive & Committed to Indigenization
3. AI Literacy, Lifelong Learning & Empowerment
4. Ethical, Transparent & Sustainable Use

- TLC emphasized that GenAI detection tools should not be used, due to concerns about reliability, bias, and privacy.
- Summer of 2025, provisional guidance was circulated to instructors, including suggested syllabus and assignment language.
<https://aieducation.trubox.ca/guidance/>
- DSALT's consultation timeline calls for draft guidelines to be circulated and revised through Fall 2025, alongside consultations with Senate committees, Indigenous educators, Accessibility Services, TRUSU, Privacy, Legal, and Research offices. Final recommendations to Senate when completed.
- LT&I is developing student-focused GenAI resources at <https://studentai.trubox.ca/>

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Lamb

Chair, Senate Teaching and Learning Committee

Interim Director, Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching