

Academic Council Committee Roster 2026-2027

2026-27	2027-28	2028-2029	Jul 1 to Jun 30	Constituency or Role
Appointments, Promotion & Tenure (Chair: Mark Yenson; Recording Secretary: Erin Wilson)				
Mark Yenson (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Vice-President and Academic Dean (Chair)
Vidya Natarajan (EFW)	Vidya Natarajan (EFW)		3-Year, staggered	TWO Full-time Faculty Members from Group A (EFW; Phil & Relig.; Hist; and PIR), elected by FT faculty members in Group A
Georgia Mouroutsou (Phil / for R Duvernoy)	Russell Duvernoy (Phil)			
Adian McFarlane MEM (Econ)	Adian McFarlane MEM (Econ)	Luisa Liboni (MEM)	3-Year, staggered	TWO Full-time Faculty Members from Group B (Soc; Econ; Busi; Math; and Psych), elected by FT faculty members in Group B
Luisa Liboni (MEM)	Luisa Liboni (MEM)			
Patrick Ryan (CYS)			3-Year, staggered	One Full-time Faculty Member from Group C (CYS, Disab.St., SJPS, and Than), elected by FT faculty members in Group C
Stephanie Baird			3-Year, staggered	One Full-time Faculty Member from Social Work, elected by FT faculty members from Social Work
Cardinal Carter Library Committee (Chair = Emma Swiatek; Recording Secretary: Nigel Finch)				
Emma Swiatek			Ex-Officio	Head Academic Librarian (Chair)
Mark Yenson (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Vice-President and Academic Dean
Lisa McLean * (Than)	Lisa McLean (Than)	Lisa McLean (Than)	3-Year (renewable)	TWO Faculty Members from Social Sciences
Nic Virtue (HIS)	Nic Virtue (HIS)			
Antonio Calcagno (Phil)	Antonio Calcagno (Phil)	Antonio Calcagno (Phil)	3-Year (renewable)	TWO Faculty Members from Arts
Tom Malleson (SJPS)	Tom Malleson (SJPS)			
Kofi Antwi-Boasiako	Kofi Antwi-Boasiako	Kofi Antwi-Boasiako	3-Year (renewable)	ONE Faculty Member from Social Work
TBA (fall)			1-Year	One undergraduate student chosen by KUCSC
Lian Judy			1-Year	One graduate student representative
Educational Policy Committee (Chair: Mark Yenson; Vice-Chair: Laura Melnyk Gribble; Recording Secretary: Danielle Teeter)				
Mark Yenson (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Vice-President and Academic Dean (Chair)
Laura Melnyk Gribble (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Associate Academic Dean (Vice-Chair)
Tom Gray			Ex-Officio	Registrar (or designate)
Emma Swiatek			Ex-Officio	Head Academic Librarian
Various			Ex-Officio	Chairs and Directors of Each Academic Unit
Various			Ex-Officio	Associate Directors of Academic Units
Breandén Dunn			Ex-Officio	President of Students' Council (or designate)
John Dool			Ex-Officio	Dean of Students, St. Peter's Seminary
Joe Henry			Ex-Officio	Associate Vice-President Campus Life and Dean of Students
Julia Eastabrook			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Manager of Academic Planning and Analysis
Miriam Love			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Manager, Academic Advising
Governance and Nominating Committee (Chair: Mark Yenson; Recording Secretary: Ann Hoffer) * member of AC				
Mark Yenson (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Vice-President and Academic Dean (Chair)
VACANT (2026-27)	Laura Melnyk Gribble (Psych)		3-Year, staggered? (renewable)	THREE FT Faculty Members who are a members of Academic Council
Josephine Gemson * (MEM)	Josephine Gemson (MEM)	Josephine Gemson (MEM)		
Pat Ryan * (CYS)			Ex-Officio	ONE student who is a member of Academic Council, who shall be in their 3rd or 4th year and approved by KUCSC for election by the AC.
Breandén Dunn				
Robert Ventresca			Ex-Officio	President
Vince Macdonald			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Board Member, selected from among the Board of Directors
Paul Wilton			Ex-Officio (n-v)	University Secretary
Mission Integration and Inclusion Committee (Chair: Jeff Preston; Recording Secretary: Cynthia Lessard) * member of AC				
Dustin Ciuffo (CYS)	Dustin Ciuffo (CYS)	Allyson Larkin (CJPS)	3-Years staggered (renewable)	THREE Faculty members, at least one of whom is a member of Academic Council, elected by the faculty
Allyson Larkin * (CJPS)	Allyson Larkin (CJPS)			
Jeff Preston (Chair) (Dis.Studies)	Jeff Preston (Dis.Studies)		3-Years (renewable)	ONE Professional Officer as elected by Academic Council
Emily Carrothers				
Allison Powell	Allison Powell		3-Years (renewable)	ONE Non-Academic Staff as elected by Academic Council
TBA (fall)			1-Year (renewable)	ONE Student appointed by Students' Council
Robert Ventresca			Ex-Officio	President
Janet Loo			Ex-Officio	Manager of Campus Ministry & Music Director
Himm Lai			Ex-Officio	Vice-President Student Affairs (KUCSC)
Mark Yenson (Interim)			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Vice-President and Academic Dean (or designate)
Joe Henry			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Associate Vice-President Campus Life and Dean of Students (or designate)

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Planning and Priorities Committee (Chair: Mark Yenson; Recording Secretary: Danielle Teeter) * member of AC				
Mark Yenson (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Vice-President and Academic Dean (Chair)
Felipe Rodrigues * (MEM)	Felipe Rodrigues (MEM)		3-Year staggered (renewable)	FOUR Faculty Members, at least two of whom are members of Academic Council
Josephine Gemson * (MEM)	Josephine Gemson (MEM)	Josephine Gemson (MEM)		
Ben Muller (Interdisc)				
Jennifer Silcox * (CYS)	Jennifer Silcox (CYS)	Jennifer Silcox (CYS)		
Ranah Omar			1-Year (renewable)	ONE student elected by KUCSC
Breandén Dunn				President of the King's University College Students' Council (KUCSC)
Karen Thomson			Ex-Officio	Chief Operating Officer (or designate)
Joe Henry			Ex-Officio	Associate Vice-President Campus Life and Dean of Students (or designate)
Dom Perrault			Ex-Officio	Director of Information Technology Services (or designate)
Robert Ventresca			Ex-Officio (n-v)	President
Julia Eastabrook			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Manager, Academic Planning and Analysis
Thomas Gray			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Registrar
Paul Wilton			Ex-Officio (n-v)	University Secretary
Research Committee (Chair = Graham Broad; Recording Secretary: Lauren Francis) * member of AC				
Graham Broad (Interim ADR)			Ex-Officio	Associate Dean Research (Chair)
Loretta Norton	Loretta Norton	Loretta Norton	At least THREE of whom are members of Academic Council 3-Years (renewable)	ONE Full-time Faculty Member from Psychology
Ruth Wilson *	Ruth Wilson	Ruth Wilson		ONE Full-time Faculty Member from Social Work
Jingjing Xu (MEM-Econ)	Jingjing Xu (MEM-Econ)	Jingjing Xu (MEM-Econ)		ONE Full-time Faculty Member from Management, Economics, and Math
Ian Rae * (EFW)	Ian Rae (EFW)	Ian Rae (EFW)		ONE Full-time Faculty Member from Philosophy, Religious Studies, or English, French, and Writing
Nic Virtue * (Hist / for G Broad)	Graham Broad * (HIS)			ONE Full-time Faculty Member from Politics and International Relations or History
Jinette Comeau	Jinette Comeau			ONE Full-time Faculty Member from Sociology
Lisa McLean * (Than)	Lisa McLean (Than)	Lisa McLean (Than)		ONE member from Social Justice and Peace Studies, Childhood and Youth Studies, Disability Studies, or Thanatology
new	new			ONE Community Member (optional)
Emma Swiatek			Ex-Officio	Head Academic Librarian (or designate)
R. Grewal / TBA (Jan '27)			Ex-Officio	Chair of RERC (or designate)
Breandén Dunn			1-Year	President of KUCSC (or designate)
Ramanpreet Grewal			Ex-officio (n-v)	Research Facilitator
Rodney Parker			Ex-officio (n-v)	Research Facilitator
Research Ethics Review Committee (Interim Chair: Ramanpreet; Vice-Chair: TBD; Recording Secretary: Nadeem Deeb)				
Laura Rosen	Laura Rosen	Laura Rosen	3-Year Term	ONE Research Discipline Expert from Psychology
Stephanie Baird	Stephanie Baird	Stephanie Baird	3-Year Term	ONE Research Discipline Expert from School of Social Work
Jingjing Xu (for L. Murray)	Lori Murray (MEM)		3-Year Term	ONE Research Discipline Expert from School of Management, Economics, and Mathematics
Corina Sandu (EFW)			3-Year Term	ONE Research Discipline Expert from Philosophy, Religious Studies, English, French and Writing
Jordan Fairbairn (Soc)	Jordan Fairbairn (Soc)	Jordan Fairbairn (Soc)	3-Year Term	ONE Research Discipline Expert from Sociology, Thanatology
Klaire Gain	Klaire Gain		3-Year Term	ONE Research Discipline Expert from Politics and International Relations, History, Social Justice and Peace Studies, Childhood and Youth Studies, Disability Studies
Alice van Deven			3-Year Term	ONE Community Member with no affiliation with King's
See Community Member			3-Year Term	ONE Legal Expert (not King's legal counsel or risk manager)
Laurie Bursch	Laurie Bursch	Laurie Bursch	3-Year Term	ONE member representing King's non-academic staff or professional officers
TBA (fall)			1-Year Term	ONE Student representative (optional)
~			3-Year Term	ONE Indigenous Community Member (optional)
Emma Swiatek	Emma Swiatek	Emma Swiatek	3-Year Term	Head Academic Librarian (optional)
Ramanpreet Grewal			Ex-officio (n-v)	Research Facilitator (Chair [Jul-Dec "26])
Rodney Parker			Ex-officio (n-v)	Research Facilitator

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Scholarship and Bursary Committee (Chair: Laura Melnyk Gribble; Vice-Chair=TBD; Recording Secretary: Danielle Teeter)				
Laura Melnyk Gribble (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Associate Academic Dean (Chair)
Eleni Nicolaides (PIR)	Eleni Nicolaides (PIR)		3-Years, staggered (renewable)	FOUR Faculty Members, elected by AC
Mehdi Rasteh (MEM)	Mehdi Rasteh (MEM)			
Corina Sandu (EFW)				
Joshua Wyman (Psych)	Joshua Wyman (Psych)	Joshua Wyman (Psych)		
TBA (fall)			1-Year (renewable)	Student elected by KUCSC
Emily Carrothers (for J. Henry)			Ex-Officio	Associate Vice-President Campus Life and Dean of Students (or designate)
Tom Gray			Ex-Officio	Registrar (or designate)
Kim Malcolm			Ex-Officio	ONE member appointed by Foundation, Alumni, and Development
Lindsay Marshall			Ex-Officio (n-v)	ONE representative appointed by Foundation, Alumni, and Development
Amber Patrick			Ex-Officio (n-v)	One representative appointed from Student Financial Services
Strategic Enrolment Management Committee (Chair: Mark Yenson; Vice-Chair: TBD; Recording Secretary: Kate Deonarine)				
Joseph Turnbull * (Math&Stats)	Joseph Turnbull (Math&Stats)	Joseph Turnbull (Math&Stats)	3-Years, staggered (renewable)	FOUR Full-time faculty members, at least three of whom are members of Academic Council and who come from different disciplines within the institution
Ben Muller (Interdisc)				
Adam Bohnet * (Hist)	Adam Bohnet (Hist)	Adam Bohnet (Hist)		
VACANT	VACANT			
Jafar El Armali (MEM)	Jafar El Armali (MEM)	Jafar El Armali (MEM)	3-Years (renewable)	One Faculty Member, elected by AC
Chris Smith			Ex-Officio	Director of Marketing, Communications and Recruitment (or designate)
Mark Yenson (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Vice-President and Academic Dean (Chair)
Karen Thomson			Ex-Officio	Chief Operating Officer (or designate)
Joe Henry			Ex-Officio	Associate Vice-President Campus Life and Dean of Students (or designate)
Himm Lai			1-Year (renewable)	Student nominated by KUCSC
Thomas Gray			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Registrar
Julia Eastabrook			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Manager, Academic Planning and Analysis
Vishal Kothari			Ex-Officio (n-v)	Associate Director of Finance
John Kukurudziak (for Breandén Dunn)			Ex-Officio (n-v)	President of KUCSC (or designate)
Teaching Excellence Awards Committee (Chair: Laura Melnyk Gribble; Vice-Chair: TBD; Recording Secretary: Danielle Teeter)				
Laura Melnyk Gribble (Interim)			Ex-Officio	Associate Academic Dean (Chair)
Paul Werstine	Paul Werstine		2-Years (renewable)	ONE Professor Emeritus/a, appointed by AC
Jafar El Armali (MEM)	Jafar El Armali (MEM)		2-Years (renewable)	TWO Faculty Members, elected by AC, at least one of whom should ideally be a prior recipient of the TEA
Trevor Hunter MEM (MOS)	Trevor Hunter MEM (MOS)			
Ranah Omar			1-Year (renewable)	ONE Student Member of Academic Council
Julia Eastabrook	Julia Eastabrook		2-Years (renewable)	ONE Alum who is a professional officer as elected by AC
Samantha Hurren			3-Years (renewable)	ONE Alum who is a non-academic staff member as elected by AC