

Academic Council Roster 2026-2027

Position/Unit Delegate	Term	Member
President (Chair)	Ex-Officio	Robert Ventresca
Vice-President and Academic Dean (Vice-Chair)	Ex-Officio	Mark Yenson
Management and Organizational Studies	2025-2028	Renfang Tian
	2026-2029	Josephine Gemson
	2024-2027	Joseph Turnbull
	2025-2028	Felipe Rodrigues
Sociology	2026-2029	Lesley Bikos
	2024-2027	Liam Kennedy
	2026-2028	Christine Lavrence / (TBA Jan-Jun'27)
Psychology	2025-2028	Lynne Jackson
	2026-2029	L. Melnyk Gribble / Wendy Ellis (2026 - 2027)
Social Work	2026-2029	J. Sanders / Akin Taiwo (2026 - 2027)
	2025-2028	Ruth Wilson
Child and Youth Studies	2026-2029	Jennifer Silcox
	2024-2027	Pat Ryan
English, Writing, and French	2026-2027	Ian Rae
	2025-2029	Krista Lysack
History	2026-2029	Nic Virtue
	2026-2028	Adam Bohnet
Politics and International Relations	2025-2028	John Grant
	2024-2027	Thomas Tieku
Religious Studies	2024-2027	Chaya Halberstam
Philosophy	2026-2029	Gyongi Hegedus
Disability Studies	2026-2029	Erika Katzman
Social Justice and Peace Studies	2026-2029	Allyson Larkin
Thanatology	2026-2029	Lisa McLean
President, KUCSC	Ex-Officio	Breandén Dunn
Vice-President Student Affairs, KUCSC	Ex-Officio	Himm Lai
Academic Council Student Liaison	Ex-Officio	John Kukurudziak
At Large (KUCSC)	2026-2027	Ranah Omar
At Large (KUCSC)	2026-2027	TBA (fall)
Part-Time Faculty Member	2026-2027	Donna Maynard
Part-Time Faculty Member	2026-2027	Shahrzad Izadpanah
Professional Officer	2024-2027	Miriam Love
Non-Academic Staff Member	2026-2029	Natalie Spruce
Indigenous Community Member	2026-2029	Tyler Waddilove
Chief Operating Officer	Ex-Officio	Karen Thomson
Interim Associate Academic Dean	Ex-Officio	Laura Melnyk Gribble
Interim Associate Dean of Research	Ex-Officio	Graham Broad
Head Academic Librarian	Ex-Officio	Emma Swiatek
Associate Vice-President Campus Life and Dean of Students /	Ex-Officio	Joe Henry
Dean of Studies or designate, St Peter's	Ex-Officio	John Dool
Registrar	Ex-Officio	Tom Gray
Board Member (non-voting)	2026-2027 (n-v)	Paul Tufts
University Secretary	Ex-Officio (n-v)	Paul Wilton