

Dear councillors,

Senate convened on Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> for the first senate meeting of the academic year. President Alaa started the meeting with his President's reported. Nine hundred and fifty-seven students graduated in the 2017/2018 academic year from UPEI. He also informed senate that we are expected to have the largest class ever at UPEI this year. The final number of registered students could not be given at this time as there were still students registering for the current school year. We discussed enrollment increases within senate however these numbers cannot be released until they are approved by MPHEC.

President Alaa raised a point of interest in creating a motion to support Saudi Arabian students who were forced to leave Canada earlier this year. He informed senate that some students had approached him saying that they would really like to graduate from UPEI. Senate made a motion to create a special invitation to welcome Saudi Arabian students to graduate from UPEI who have met their minimum course requirements, transfer credit requirements, and minimum residency requirements.

The rest of the meeting focused on updates from the Senate Nominations and Steering Committee in regards to which faculty have been newly nominated to sit on senate committees and which spots still need to be filled. The following students sit on each of the following committees:

Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee	Emma and Laura Young (VP of Finance for the Graduate Student Association)
Board Senate Liaison Committee	Will
Honorary Degree Committee	Will and Sarah
Senate Academic Student Discipline Appeals Committee	Keyshawn and Rachel *This committee still requires a Residence Representative
Senate Committee and Admissions and Degrees	
Senate Committee on Enhancement of Teaching	Will, Emma, and Emerald Naylor (VP of the Graduate Student Association)
Senate Committee on Scholarships and Awards	Sarah
Senate Library Committee	Scott
Senate Research Advisory Committee	Keyshawn and Ashley (President of GSA)
Senate Steering and Nominations Committee	Will

Council will meet again on October 12<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,  
Rachel  
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