Standing Committees of Senate
2026- 2027 Membership

Committee	Elected Member
Executive Committee *The Executive Committee shall consist of* *i. Vice-President, Academic and Provost;* *ii. Chair of Senate;* *iii. Vice Chair of Senate;* *iv. Secretary of Senate;* *v. Chair of the Academic Committee;* *vi. Chair of the By-laws and Procedures Committee;* *vii. Chair of the Planning and Priorities Committee;* *viii. Chair of the Research Committee;* *ix. Chair of the Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation Committee;* *x. Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee;* *xi. one student who normally will be the President of the Students' Union or a member appointed by the Students' Union.*	
VP Academic (Provost)	Andy Parnaby
Chair of Senate	Matthias Bierenstiel
Vice Chair of Senate	Tammy Bernasky
Secretary of Senate	?
Chair - Academic Committee	Joe Parish
Chair - By-Laws & Procedures Committee	Shauna MacDonald
Chair - Planning & Review Committee	?
Chair - Research Committee	Virginia Gunn
Chair - Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Committee	Sergiy Pysarenko
Chair - Quality Assurance	Sahand Ashtab
Student (SU Vice President)	Bria Goyetche
Academic Committee (minimum 7 max 12) *There shall be not fewer than seven and not more than twelve members, including:* *i. Registrar;* *ii. two students;* *iii. one Dean or Dean's delegate from any unit;* *iv. one member from Library Services;* *v. one member from the Shannon School of Business;* *vi. one member from the School of Arts and Social Sciences;* *vii. one member from the School of Science and Technology;* *viii. one member from the School of Education and Health;* *ix. one member from the School of Nursing;* *x. one member from Unama'ki College;* *xi. one representative from the Office of the Vice President Academic (ex officio)* *At least half of the members of the committee shall be members of CBUFA and/or NSGEU. At least two members shall be senators, at least one of whom shall be a member of CBUFA or NSGEU.*	
Registrar	Becky Chisholm
SASS Faculty Member	**Joe Parish**
SEH Faculty Member	Carolin Kreber
SSOB Faculty Member	Md Anisul Islam
SST Faculty Member	Tim Rawlings
SON Faculty Member	Kate Rigby
Student	Bria Goyetche
Student	Kinnon Pitcher

Library Services	Martin Chandler
Dean	Mary Jane Morrison
Member from Unama'ki College	Laurianne Sylvester
Office of the Vice President Academic (ex officio)	Marcy MacKinnon
Centre for Teaching and Learning (non-voting)	Terry MacDonald

By-Laws and Procedures Committee (minimum 6 max 10)

There shall be not fewer than six and not more than ten members, including:

i. one student;
ii. one Dean or Dean's delegate from any unit;
iii. one member from the Shannon School of Business;
iv. one member from the School of Arts and Social Sciences;
v. one member from the School of Science and Technology;
vi. one member from the School of Education and Health;
vii. one member from the School of Nursing;
viii. two members-at-large (optional)

At least half of the members of the committee shall be members of CBUFA and/or NSGEU. At least two members shall be senators, at least one of whom shall be a member of CBUFA or NSGEU). Not fewer than one member shall be a student.

SASS Faculty Member	**Shauna MacDonald**
SEH Faculty Member	Jenny Kassen
SSOB Faculty Member	**Stefanie Ruel**
SST Faculty Member	Kellie White
SON Faculty Member	Rebecca Jones
Student	Paarth Mehla
Dean	Stephanie MacQuarrie
Member	?

Planning and Review Committee (minimum 8 max 10)

The committee shall have between eight and ten members, including:

i. Vice President, Academic and Provost;
ii. Vice President Finance and Operations;
iii. one member from the Shannon School of Business;
iv. one member from the School of Arts and Social Sciences;
v. one member from the School of Science and Technology;
vi. one member from the School of Education and Health;
vii. one member from the School of Nursing;

Two students, not fewer than one of whom must be a senator.

At least half of the members of the committee shall be members of CBUFA and/or NSGEU. At least three of whom shall be senators, at least one of whom shall be a member of CBUFA or NSGEU.

VP Academic & Provost	Andy Parnaby
Vice President Operations	Shauna Kelly
SASS Faculty Member	Michael MacDonald
SEH Faculty Member	Carolina Bergonzoni
SSOB Faculty Member	Sahand Ashtab
SST Faculty Member	Tanya MacDonald
SON Faculty Member	Dena Edwards Wadden
Student	Tracy Dike
Student	Eliza Gould
Member	Bharat Vaishnav
	Karen Kennedy

Quality Assurance Committee (minimum 8 max 11)

The committee shall have not fewer than eight and not more than eleven members, including:

i. Vice President Academic and Provost;
ii. one staff member appointed by the Registrar;
iii. one faculty member from the Shannon School of Business;
iv. one faculty member from the School of Arts and Social Sciences;
v. one faculty member from the School of Science and Technology;
vi. one faculty member from the School of Education and Health;
vii. one faculty member or Nurse Practice Educator from the School of Nursing;
viii. one student representative.

At least half of the members of the committee shall be faculty members (CBUFA or NSGEU). Not fewer than two members shall be senators, at least one of whom shall be faculty members (CBUFA or NSGEU). The Coordinator, Quality Assurance/Teaching & Learning shall be a non-voting member and the "coordinator" as defined in the Quality Assurance Policy.

VP Academic & Provost	Andy Parnaby
Staff member appointed by Registrar's Office	Barbara Kennedy
SASS Faculty Member	Tom Ue
SEH Faculty Member	Nancy Spina
SON Faculty Member	Dena Edwards Wadden
SSOB Faculty Member	**Sahand Ashtab**
SST Faculty Member	Shannon Ezzat
Student Representative	Nova Nguyen
Coordinator, Quality Assurance (non-voting)	AJ Fraser
Dean	
Member	Tanya MacDonald

Research Committee (minimum 10 max 12)

The committee shall have not fewer than ten and not more than twelve members, including:

i. Associate Vice President, Academic and Research;
ii. Chair of the Research Assistance Committee;
iii. Chair of Research Ethics Board;
iv. Chair of Animal Care Committee;
v. one member from the Shannon School of Business;
vi. one member from the School of Arts and Social Sciences;
vii. one member from the School of Science and Technology;
viii. one member from the School of Education and Health;
ix. one member from the School of Nursing;
x. one student;

xi. two members-at-large (optional). *At least half of the members of the committee shall be members of CBUFA and/or NSGEU). At least two members shall be senators, at least one of whom shall be a member of CBUFA or NSGEU). Not fewer than one member shall be a student.*	
Associate Vice-President, Academic & Research	Tanya Brann-Barrett
Chair of the Research Assistance Committee (ex officio)	Michelle Jetha
SASS Faculty Member	Shannon Landers
SON Faculty Member	Virginia Gunn
SSOB Faculty Member	Guosong Wu
SEH Faculty Member	Enrique Hernandez
SST Faculty Member	Xenia Medvedeva
Student	Kehinde Oni
Member	Jasmine Hoover
Member	Emily MacLeod
Chair of Animal Care Committee (ex officio)	Alana Pindar
Chair of Research Ethics Board (ex officio)	?

Teaching, Learning and Assessment Committee (minimum 8 max 11) *TLAC shall have not fewer than eight, and not more than eleven members, including:* *i. Educational Developer, Centre for Teaching and Learning* *ii. Manager, Student Development* *iii. one Dean* *iv. one member from the Shannon School of Business* *v. one member from the School of Arts and Social Sciences* *vi. one member from the School of Science and Technology* *vii. one member from the School of Nursing* *viii. one member from the School of Education and Health* *ix. one Librarian* *x. one Lab Instructor (from any school)* *xi. one student* *At least half of the members of the committee shall be members of CBUFA and/or NSGEU. At least two members shall be elected senators, at least one of whom shall be a member of CBUFA or NSGEU.*	
Educational Developer, Centre for Teaching & Learning	Terry McDonald
Student Services	Jacqueline Côté
One School Dean	Stephanie MacQuarrie
SASS Faculty Member	Sarah MacRae
SEH Faculty Member	Carolina Bergonzoni
SSOB Faculty Member	**Sergiy Pysarenko**
SST Faculty Member	?
SON Faculty Member	Tracy Lillington
Librarian	Kara Thompson
Student	Jaxon McDonald
Lab Instructor (any school)	?
Appeals Committee *The committee shall have four members and three alternates, as follows:* *i. one student and one alternate student, appointed by Senate;* *ii. two faculty members and one alternate faculty member, appointed by Senate;* *iii. One School Dean and one alternate School Dean, appointed by Senate.*	

One School Dean	Stephanie MacQuarrie
Alternate School Dean	Kristin O'Rourke
Two faculty members:	Scott Rodney
	Patrick de Lamirande
Alternate Faculty Member	Martin Mkandawire
Student	Tracy Dike
Alternate Student	Paarth Mehla

Other Committee Representation:

Budget Advisory

Senate appointees to the Budget Advisory Committee shall be drawn from each School, shall be appointed to two-year terms, and shall be full-time faculty members belonging to the Cape Breton University Faculty Association or the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union. (approved May 2, 2008 Senate Meeting)

School of Arts & Social Sciences	Mary Keating
School of Science & Technology	Scott Rodney
School of Education & Health	Ed Barre
Shannon School of Business	Sahand Ashtab
School of Nursing	Virginia Gunn
Student	Paarth Mehla

Tributes Committee

The composition of the Tributes Committee includes: Two members of Senate representing the teaching faculty of the University, elected by Senate; and a member of Senate, a senior student, elected by Senate.

Senator Faculty Representative – Stefanie Ruel
Senator Faculty Representative – Dena Edwards Wadden
Senator Senior Student- Paarth Mehla

Special Committee Assignment

Special committee assignment – University Parliamentarian: Tom Urbaniak. This ad hoc assignment is to be available -- especially during this time of adjustments related to the pandemic -- to committees and

deliberative bodies at the university as a volunteer resource/advisor on effective meetings, questions about meeting procedures and deliberations, structuring of agendas, Minutes, voting, and related matters.