The UBC Vancouver Senate and the Student Senate Caucus
What is the Senate?

UBC has bicameral governance, consisting of two governing bodies: the Board of Governors and the Senate.

The Board of Governors governs the administration and finance of the University. The Senate is the body responsible for the academic governance of UBC, which includes (among other things):

- determining criteria for admission to UBC
- setting the academic policies of the University
- considering and approving courses of study in UBC’s Faculties and Departments
- establishing standing committees to deal with student appeals
- all matters under the University Act section 37.1
- powers of the Board of Governors are listed under section 27
- some matters fall under both Senate and Board jurisdiction

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Who is on Senate?

• Chair by the President
• The Chancellor, VP Academic & Provost, Chief Librarian, Director of Continuing Education, Registrar, one elected librarian
• Faculty
• Convocation members
• STUDENTS
What is the Student Senate Caucus?

The Student Senate Caucus (SSC) is a group comprised of all 18 student senators who meet before every Senate meeting to:

• collaborate on projects,
• discuss the Senate agenda and,
• discuss issues that may have arisen in our committees, from our constituencies, etc.
Committees?

- Academic Building Needs
- Academic Policy
- Admissions
- Agenda
- Appeals on Academic Standing
- Budget Committee (Vancouver Sub-Committee)
- Curriculum
- Library
- Nominating
- Student Appeals on Academic Discipline
- Student Awards
- Teaching & Learning
- Tributes
What is the Senate working on?

- EVERYTHING and ANYTHING
- Flexible learning, co-curricular records, open access, the new integrated research library on south campus, (re)writing policies, etc.
- Presentations
- Approving new courses, programs, degrees, awards
What is the SSC working on?

Our top goals for the year are:

• Standardized syllabi
• Increased student resources
• Flexible learning initiative
• & many, many more projects
I want to change something academic, what can I do?
Questions?