

Senate Meeting: **May 17, 2023**

**Updates from Senate's last meeting**

1. Senate highest body on academic policy at UBC. Student Senate Caucus is open to giving insight and hearing about issues relating to students' academic experience.
  - a. Chairs of Student Caucus: Kamil Kanji and Kareem Hassib
  - b. Vice-chair of Senate: Kamil Kanji
  - c. Student Senators have been approved in committees: Feel Free to check the UBC senate website and reach out
  
2. End of the current Triennium and school year: Committees have provided annual reports and Senate will meet in September (though some committees will still work during summer).
  - a. Academic Building Needs Committee will merge with the Budget Committee
  - b. 42 Recommendations on improving the Senate consisting of 7 aspects were discussed, such as external review, considerations of whether the transition to in-person etc
  - c. We were able to resist pressure to add an addition to the VP Research and Innovation from the administration as a full voting member of the Senate to the detriment of student and faculty senators
  
3. Senate handles approval of degrees. Graduations approved. You can see them happening in the Chan Centre