

1. The University of British Columbia Senate met on the 15th November, 2023. The new president and Vice Chancellor of UBC, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon provided his first opening remarks to Senate, with a number of senators making enquiries regarding issues relating to students at UBC afterwards.



2. Senate 2026, the triennial collection of student goals as discussed by your student senators building on those made in Senate 2023, was submitted to the UBC Senate for forwarding to the Senate Nominating Committee for consideration and referral to the respective relevant committees. Senate 2026 consists of 6 goals: Equity, Experiential Learning, Student Academic Support, Accountability, Appeals, and Reviews, with specific issues including 24/7 library access, the creation of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Diversity and Inclusion (SACADI) as a permanent Committee, and more co-op and experiential learning experiences for international students, among others. We welcome students to look through Senate 2026 and discuss thoughts on those issues with your student senators.



3. A report from the University Librarian was received and presented to senate, including aspects such as Library expenditures and collections, how the Library has been working in relation to the Inclusion Action Plan and Indigenous Strategic Plan, and work to make sure academic materials can be made more accessible to students through open access and agreements with journal publishers. A number of questions have been asked in response to the report, including the availability of certain kinds of library materials, how donated collections are received by UBC, and potential 24/7

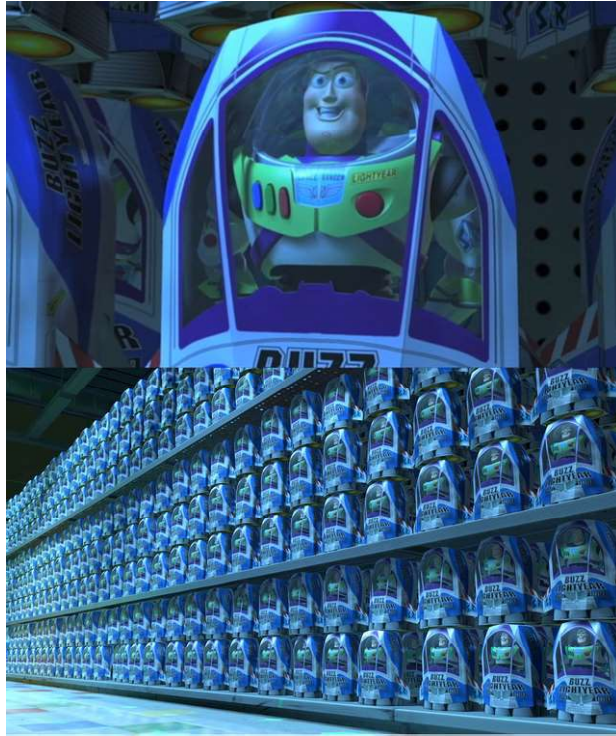
access to libraries given the amount of available study spaces at UBC continue to decrease.



4. Approvals made in Senate included a new Koerner Chair on Wildfire Coexistence at UBC under the Faculty of Forestry, revisions to the application process for the Bachelor of Indigenous Land Stewardship, and Memorandum agreement on a Forestry Masters Program with a number of European Universities, new awards, and new curriculum proposals on topics from the Hong Kong diaspora in Canada to Romance cultures.



5. Candidates for degrees in the November 2023 graduations have been approved. We look forward to seeing graduating students in the November graduations today and later this week.



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6. Please let your Senate Rep on Council, Mathew know if you have any questions, and also feel free to reach out to the rest of the Senate Student Caucus, especially Kamil and Kareem, the Caucus chairs. We continue to encourage our Student Senate Reps that there is an open spot on AMS Council, a most friendly and welcoming place.

