COLLEGE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2026

Chair	Christopher Doré	P
Academic Staff		
Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence	Francesco Tangorra	P
School of Advanced Technology	Paulo Sousa	P
School of Business and Hospitality	Patrick Kostiw	P
School of Health Sciences	Louise Boudreault	P
School of Creative and Interdisciplinary Studies	Laura McHugh	P
School of Wellness, Public Safety & Community Studies	Alyssa Ferns	P
Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley (Pembroke Campus)	Chris Melmoth	R
Librarians	Brenda Mahoney	R
Counsellors	John Muldon	P
Support Staff		
Student Services	Jessica Scallen	P
Students Association		
President, Students' Association	Jacob Stewart	P
Vice-President, Students' Association	Cianah Miller	P
Board Member, Students' Association	Shawna Storie	P
Learning and Teaching Services	André Légér	P
Dean		
Pembroke Campus	Angela Rintoul	R
Academic Chair		
Police & Public Safety Institute	Dominique Germain	P

Ex. Officio Members		
Senior Vice President, Academic	Julie Beauchamp	R
Vice President, Student Services	Krista Pearson	P
Registrar	Krista Marsden	P
AC Online Representative	Jessica Brown	P

1. Welcome from the Chair

0.1 Approval of the September 21, 2026 meeting Agenda

The Chair advised that Dr. Julie Beauchamp, Senior Vice-President, Academic, was unable to attend the meeting. Her update was deferred to a future meeting.

Motion 09212026-1
The Chair called for approval of the of September 21, 2026 meeting Agenda. Seconded by L. McHugh and A. Légér. The agenda was approved as amended. Motion passed.

0.2 Introductions of CAC members

C. Doré welcomed members to the first meeting of the 2026–27 academic year.

Members introduced themselves, including returning and newly appointed representatives from faculty, support staff, students, administration, and ex-officio positions. The Chair thanked members for their participation and acknowledged the secretarial support provided to the Council.

2.1 Setting Expectations and Timeline for 2026–27

The Chair provided an overview of the Council's mandate, responsibilities, and annual activities, particularly for new members.

The Council's primary responsibilities include:

- Providing advice and recommendations to the College President through an annual report.
- Reviewing and providing feedback on College policies, reflecting the perspectives of members' respective constituencies.
- Identifying institutional priorities and establishing working groups to research issues and develop recommendations.

The Chair reviewed the previous year's priorities, which included artificial intelligence in the classroom, applied research, and academic integrity in relation to artificial intelligence. Previous annual reports and supporting materials are available through the CAC Teams channel.

The anticipated timeline for 2026–27 was outlined as follows:

- **Fall 2026**: Members will consult their respective constituencies and submit proposed priorities for consideration. The Council will discuss and select priorities, typically before the end of the calendar year.
- **Winter 2027**: Working groups will be established based on the selected priorities. Members will be invited to volunteer.
- **Winter–Spring 2027**: Working groups will undertake research, consultation, and other activities to develop recommendations for inclusion in the annual report to the President.

The Chair noted that working groups typically comprise three to five members and that approximately three to four priorities are manageable given the Council's available resources.

It was clarified that working groups are established annually based on the selected priorities rather than continuing automatically from previous years.

2.2 Soliciting 2026-27 CAC Priorities

Members were encouraged to consult their constituencies and submit proposed priorities for 2026–27. The Council will review and select priorities in the fall, with working groups to be established in the new year to develop recommendations.

3.Call for CAC Chair Nominations and Election

The Chair advised that, having completed the maximum two terms, he would be stepping down from the position.

K. Moroz, the Secretary, outlined the nomination and election process. A nomination form will be circulated to Council members, allowing them to nominate another eligible member or themselves. Voting will follow the nomination period.

Action: K. Moroz to circulate the Chair nomination form and coordinate the subsequent election process.

4. Other Business

4.1 Follow-up on CAC Annual Report Recommendations

Members noted the lack of a formal mechanism to track and report on the implementation of CAC recommendations. The Chair suggested raising this during the AA02 policy review.

4.2 Policy AA02 – College Academic Council

In response to Paulo Sousa's question regarding the status of Policy AA02, it was confirmed that the policy is currently under review by the Senior Vice President, Academic, with an update expected at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.05 pm ET.