

Tanshi kiyawaw! My name is Rob Hancock, and I am Cree-Metis from Treaty 8 territory on my mother's side and English Canadian on my father's. I was born and raised, and am grateful to living and working, in the territory of the Lək^wəŋən people. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology and the Associate Director Academic in the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement.

I have served two terms on Senate, most recently representing Social Sciences (2021-present) and before that as a Convocation Senator (2018-2021). For both of these terms I was appointed to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards. As part of my responsibilities, I chaired the SCAS Subcommittee on Academic Concessions (2019-2022) and participated in this vital renewal of the undergraduate Academic Concessions regulation. This work, and the extensive consultation process upon which it was built, gave me the opportunity to connect with faculty, staff and student leaders across the university and to develop an appreciation for the range of perspectives on a complex issue and for the deep commitments people demonstrate through their work and engagement. It has also allowed me to strengthen my understanding of the processes and procedures at the core of university governance and their relationships with institutional operations, including the essential connections between administrative units and faculty and administrators in academic units. Since that time, I have also had the opportunity to be involved in other policy development and implementation including the renewal of the Indigenous Plan and Strategic Plan and the creation of the Equity Action Plan.

I would be excited to be able to continue participating in the important work of Senate while applying the experience I have gained to serve as a faculty member at large.

Hiy hiy for your consideration.