



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 3, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (L. Gammon/A. Monahan)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (S. Lewis Hammond/T. Haskett)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on January 6, 2012 be approved, and circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Rules to Govern Elections to the Board of Governors and the Senate

Dr. Eastman stated that as a result of a comment at last month's Senate meeting about the number of terms in the summer session, section 3.3 of the Rules to Govern Elections to the Board of Governors and the Senate has been clarified by adding: "two of the following academic terms, 1st term of winter session, 2nd term of winter session or any term of the summer session".

b. Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LATHE)

Dr. Eastman informed members that as agreed at last month's Senate meeting, the summary had been revised to be more positive in tone.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

Dr. Turpin welcomed Mr. Param Bhatti as a new student senator from the Faculty of Science.

i. January 2012 Theft of Personal Information: Preliminary Report

Dr. Turpin introduced the matter by saying that faculty and staff naturally expected the university to safeguard their personal information. He said that the breach on January 7 - 8, 2012 should not have happened and apologized for it.

Dr. Turpin described the nature and scope the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's investigation, the external review by Dr. Flaherty and the internal assessment by Prof. Cassels.

Dr. Turpin reviewed the university's response to the incident, including offering faculty and staff credit monitoring.

He addressed several rumours he had heard including that the theft did not involve personal information members of the executive (which was not true). He mentioned that faculty and staff were concerned that the university community had learned information through the media before hearing it from the university. He explained that the roles and objectives of the police differ from those of the university and that the police had on occasion released information to the media without informing the university in advance. The university would continue to update the university community through the website.

In response to a question from Mr. Foster about whether the equipment should have been encrypted, Dr. Turpin said that he anticipated the reviews would address that question. He said it would not be appropriate for him to comment during the ongoing investigation, review and assessment.

Dr. Lewis Hammond asked whether the university had considered issuing new employee numbers to mitigate risks of fraud with Pacific Blue Cross. Dr. Turpin said that he would make sure she would receive an answer to her question directly.

Dr. Tiedje asked whether the costs of the breach would be made public. Dr. Turpin stated that a full accounting would be made public when all the reports had come in.

Dr. Turpin said he would update Senate on a regular basis.

ii. Other matters

With respect to federal matters, Dr. Turpin reported that universities continue to advocate for research funding.

With respect to provincial matters, Dr. Turpin reported that there were a number of tough years ahead, financially. He said that the university would be expected to comment on a draft government letter of expectations from the BC government which was expected shortly.

With respect to municipal matters, Dr. Turpin reported that he met with Oak Bay and Saanich mayors and councillors on January 12, 2012. He said that meetings with mayors and councillors in all 13 municipalities were planned for 2012.

With respect to matters at the university, Dr. Turpin reported the following:

- The university community was deeply saddened by the January 18, 2012 death of undergraduate student Mr. Leo Chan from bacterial meningococcal disease. A memorial for Leo was held on January 25, 2012 in the Interfaith Chapel.
- This week the Board of Governors approved the revised Strategic Plan and over the next week a web-enabled version would be available and a few hard copies would be distributed to each unit.
- On January 23, 2012, an event was held to acknowledge the completion of the Knowledge Infrastructure Project. The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for Science and Technology, the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of Advanced Education, and the Honourable Ida Chong, MLA for Oak Bay-Gordon Head, joined executive, faculty, staff and students at the Welcome Centre to celebrate the completion of the extensive renewal and enhancement project. UVic received \$42.5 million in combined federal and provincial funding to support renovations and upgrades.
- The Sustainability Office had just completed its first sustainability update report documenting UVic's progress in relation to the sustainability action plan for operations. Copies of the report are available through the Sustainability Office.
- A highly successful event to celebrate Chinese New Year was held at the Farquhar Auditorium on January 15, 2012. The celebration was organized by the Victoria Chinese Community Association and the Victoria Chinese Students and Scholars Association and featured modern and traditional performances by BC's Chinese community artists groups, societies and individuals.
- Another very successful and well attended event held on campus in January was the Provost's Diversity Research Forum, *Critical Conversations: Living Social Justice*. The program featured keynote speaker, Her Honour Gwendolyn Point, and panel presentations included topics such as social justice and the UVic Strategic Plan, perspectives on Indigenous wellness, and promoting social justice through the internationalization of teaching.
- The United Way campaign this year raised \$271,165 with 488 donors, of which 62 were new. The goal had been to raise \$290,000.
- The President's Panel Workshop on Mental Health was held December 7 and 8, 2011.
- Executive searches for the Vice-President Research, the Vice-President External Relations and the Associate Vice-President International Relations were underway.
- Alumni Week 2012, slated for February 6 – 12, is UVic's annual celebration of alumni and their achievements. Events included the Distinguished Alumni Awards on February 8, 2012 where 12 outstanding leaders and members of the alumni community would be honoured.
- On February 8, 2012, the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation's annual Trudeau Lecture would be presented by Steven Loft, Mohawk of the Six Nations. Mr. Loft is a curator, scholar, writer and media artist, who would speak about contemporary Aboriginal art in Canada. The lecture would take place in the presence of Their Honours The Honourable Steven L. Point and Mrs. Gwendolyn Point in the Ceremonial Hall of the First Peoples House at 7:30 pm.
- On February 9, 2012, the Royal Society of Canada's 2012 Governor General's Lecture would be given by Dr. Jim Miller, University of Saskatchewan historian and Canada

Research Chair in Native-Newcomer Relations. Dr. Miller's lecture was entitled "We are all treaty people: New Models for a Shared Future."

- From March 5 – 10, 2012, the Office of the Vice-President Research would present Idea Fest. The week-long celebration will honour and promote excellence, diversity and growth in research, scholarship and creative endeavours at UVic. Events include an interdisciplinary "hot topics" conversation series and public evening seminars featuring high-profile UVic researchers.

With respect to matters to awards and honours, Dr. Turpin reported the following:

- On December 16, 2012, Ms. Marnie Swanson was honoured on her retirement with the naming of the Marnie Swanson International Commons in the Mearns Centre for Learning. The new commons will provide space and support for international students, and reflects the personal touch Ms. Swanson brought to all her projects at the university.
- Mr. Naz Rayani has been named this year's recipient of the Leadership Victoria Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Rayani is a long-time friend and supporter of UVic. UVic is a founding partner of the Victoria Leadership awards program which celebrates the inspirational talents of our city's most tireless champions.
- In January, Curriculum and Instruction Professor Emeritus Larry Yore received the 2012 National Association for Research in Science Teaching Distinguished Contributions to Science Education through Research Award in honour of his distinguished career as a science educator and faculty member.
- UVic Writing Instructor Dr. Madeline Sonik's book, *Afflictions & Departures: Essays*, was shortlisted for the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction.
- The UVic Law team brought home the coveted Spirit Cup from the national Law Games, which attracted more than 600 law students from 16 law schools held at UBC for four days of competition.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Update on the Transition to the Percentage Grading System

Dr. Wilson introduced this item by saying it was for the information of Senate and that information sheets, including "frequently asked questions", were being prepared for faculty.

There were a number of questions about the mapping of letter grades to percentage grades; the percentage grading associated with the description of "unacceptable work" in the Faculty of Graduate Studies chart; and the language in the description of the undergraduate grading scale.

Dr. Turpin reminded members that Senate had approved the manner in which percentage grading would be implemented in April 2011 and that this item was for Senate's information.

Dr. Devor undertook to report back on the percentage grading scale and the description of “unacceptable work” for Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Ms. Charlton pointed out the chart for Faculty of Law was incorrect and said she would provide a corrected chart.

Dr. Tremblay asked members to make colleagues aware of the need to implement the percentage grading system over the next year.

ii. Faculty of Graduate Studies proposal for new grades NEX and FEX

Dr. Webb stated that, while he understood the challenge posed by students who repeatedly requested academic concessions, the proposed solution was wrong. He said he was concerned that if a student had a legitimate medical or family reason for receiving an academic concession, it is inappropriate to flag that on a transcript. Putting NEX or FEX on the transcript could lead to questioning from potential employers and others who receive the transcripts, and put students under pressure to reveal information about personal, medical or family circumstances.

He stated that SFU does not use such a grade; rather it uses “WE” – meaning “withdrawal under extenuating circumstances”. He said that withdrawal conveys a different message than the N or the F in the proposed NEX and FEX grades. Similarly, “extenuating” conveys a different message than “exceptional”.

He suggested the university needs to have a proactive way to assist students; to review this proposal in relation to the N grade and the F grade; and to review this in light of the privacy legislation. Dr. Purkis and Dr. Gillis agreed.

Dr. Wilson explained that the committee considered this proposal to respond to the needs of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the committee would consult with faculties about the application to undergraduate students. She stated that the presence of the new marks on the transcript would not reveal personal information. The intention was to ensure that students are not penalized on their GPA calculation for situations out of their control.

Dr. Baer suggested the matter be referred back to the committee to consider the comments made by members. Dr. Gillis agreed and suggested that a common approach should be taken for both undergraduate and graduate grades. Mr. Sherlock stated students would have privacy concerns if these grades were put on transcripts provided to potential employers.

Dr. Devor stated the intention of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was to ensure a truthful record, rather than erasing the record.

Motion: (D. Sherlock/D. Baer)

That Senate approve that the amendments to the section of the graduate academic calendar entitled Faculty of Graduate Studies Grading Scale as set out in the attached document be referred back to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards for further consideration.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Dr. Webb asked why the qualifications for awards required students to be enrolled in fall and winter sessions and not allow for enrolment in the summer session. Ms. Nolt explained as the awards are reviewed once a year, a student who took a fall or winter session and a summer session would not be eligible. Dr. Webb suggested that as the university is trying to regularize the summer session, our awards provisions should reflect this.

Dr. Turpin suggested that the committee look at this question and would report back to Senate on this matter.

Motion: (A. Lepp/M. Kennedy)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the new and revised awards set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Awards:

- Elsa Groundwater Scholarships* (revised)
- Simba Technologies Inc. Scholarship* (revised)
- Tolmie-Wood Scholarship* (new)
- Elsa Eleonora Fagerberg & Clara Maria Fagerberg Entrance Scholarships* (revised)
- National Entrance Scholarships* (revised)
- The David Strong Entrance Scholarship* (revised)
- UVic Excellence Scholarships* (revised)
- T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarships* (revised)
- John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarships* (revised)
- Dairyland Entrance Scholarship* (revised)
- Richard and Elizabeth Flury Scholarship* (revised)
- Victoria Historical Society Scholarship (new)
- B. & C. Field Bursary* (new)
- Esmé Walker Scholarship* (new)

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CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. 2011/2012 Annual Report

Dr. Fulton presented the committee's annual report and noted the contribution by student senator Ms. Rogers to the work of the committee's work. He noted a minor change on page 1 of the report.

Motion: (G. Fulton/T. Haskett)

That Senate receive the 2011/2012 annual report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum for information.

CARRIED

ii. 2012/2013 Major Curriculum Changes

Dr. Fulton referred members to the new page 36 handed out at the meeting.

Motion: (G. Fulton/T. Haskett)

That Senate approve the major curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2012/2013 academic calendar.

CARRIED

Motion: (G. Fulton/T. Haskett)

That Senate authorize the Chair of the Senate Committee on Curriculum to make small changes and additions that would otherwise unnecessarily delay the submission of items for the academic calendar.

CARRIED

Dr. Turpin thanked Dr. Fulton on behalf of Senate.

d. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. Policy on Class Attendance

Mr. Foster suggested because the registration system did not permit a student to register in conflicting classes, the second sentence was redundant. He asked whether there was a definition of attendance.

Dr. Littlewood explained that the instructor would be expected to be explicit about his or her expectations in the course outline.

Dr. Webb explained the current calendar had similar wording and that the registration system reflected the regulation.

Mr. Sherlock stated that there was a problem with having different rules for attendance and there should be a single definition.

Ms. Ulysses stated she was pleased with the proposed regulations as lateness was a problem.

Motion: (C. Littlewood/F. Diacu)

That Senate approve the proposed calendar regulations on attendance for inclusion in the graduate and undergraduate academic calendars, as set out in the attached document.

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for BEng in Civil Engineering

Ms. Lanning asked whether the additional administrative costs had been considered in the proposal. Dr. Mateer responded that resource issues were not within Senate's mandate. Dr. Tremblay assured Senate these issues had been considered by her office.

Dr. Baer asked whether the impact on the Library had been considered. Dr. Tiedje referred to the letter of support from the Library.

Motion: (T. Tiedje/D. Sherlock)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of Bachelor of Engineering, Civil Engineering to be offered by the Faculty of Engineering, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for Civil Engineering", dated December 12, 2011 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

CARRIED

ii. Proposal for Course-Based, Non-thesis Master's Degree Option

Members suggested two minor wording suggestions.

Dr. Gillis stated she was uncomfortable with this proposal. Ms. Ulysses asked whether this proposal devalued the master's degree with a thesis.

Prof. Greschner said she was comfortable with the proposal as it brought the university in line with other universities and gave faculties options to design programs to meet the needs of their students.

Dr. Tiedje supported Prof. Greschner's comments. He mentioned there is a need for such programs for some groups of students.

Dr. Keller said he would reluctantly support the proposal and saw the need for the change.

In response to a question from Dr. Lewis Hammond, Dr. Devor said the proposal gave faculties flexibility to design graduate programs.

Dr. Serra asked whether the written or oral examination requirement made sense in this context. Dr. Devor responded that faculties would have options for the conduct of such examinations.

Motion: (A. Devor/M. Purkis)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve an entirely course-based, non-thesis Master's degree option offered through the Faculty of Graduate Studies as described in the proposal dated 04 January 2012, as amended. Any specific program in this category would require specific approval as a new degree program through the regular approval process.

CARRIED

iii. Proposal for Course-Based, Non-thesis Master's Degree Option for Nurse Practitioner (NP) Program

Motion: (M. Purkis/A. Devor)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve a course-based, non-thesis Master's degree option for the Nurse Practitioner (NP) program as described in the proposal dated July 19, 2011.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Ten-Year Sessional Calendar

Dr. Diacu asked whether Senate could retroactively approve dates, as it appeared to do with this calendar. Dr. Eastman said that Senate was only approving the addition of one more year to the Ten-Year Calendar.

Motion: (R. Burke/S. Lewis Hammond)

That Senate approve the 2011-2021 Ten-Year Sessional Calendar.

CARRIED

b. 2012/2013 Academic Year Important Dates

Motion: (T. Haskett/ R. Burke)

That Senate approve the 2012/2013 Academic Year Important Dates calendar for submission to the 2012/2013 academic calendar.

CARRIED

c. 2011/2012 Emeritus

Motion: (T. Haskett/ S. Lewis Hammond)

That Senate receive for information the 2011/12 Emeritus list for submission to the 2012/2013 academic calendar.

CARRIED

d. 2012/2013 Senate Meeting Dates

Motion: (R. Burke/K. Gillis)

That Senate approve the 2012/2013 Senate Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates schedule.

CARRIED

e. Enrolment Projections for 2012/13

Dr. Webb asked about the statement that “the GPA cutoff was maintained in 2011 at 75%.” He noted the commitment to vary standards by program depending on levels of student demand. Since the 75% GPA cutoff was significantly lower than in the early 2000’s and the Faculty of Social Sciences was currently approximately 12% above target, he wondered if the entrance cutoff was going to rise. Dr. Tremblay responded that the quality of incoming students was improving. The focus for recruitment would be attracting quality students.

Motion: (R. Tremblay/ R. Burke)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, a projected annualized internal enrolment target of 17,428 FTE for the 2012/13 academic year, subject to revision in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, and application rates.

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Attendance

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from January 1, 2012

Feb. 2012

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35

(2) (a-f)

- ✓ Chancellor: Murray Farmer (31/12/14)
- ✓ President and Vice-Chancellor: David Turpin, Chair
- ✓ V.P. Academic & Provost: ~~Keeta~~ Tremblay
- ✓ V.P. Research: Howard Brunt
- ✓ Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business:
Ali Dastmalchian
- Dean of Education: Ted Riecken
- ✓ Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
- ✓ Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
- Dean of Fine Arts: Sarah Blackstone
- ✓ Dean of Graduate Studies: Aaron Devor
- Dean of Humanities: John Archibald
- ✓ Dean of HSD: Mary Ellen Purkis
- ✓ Dean of Law: Donna Greschner
- ✓ Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
- ✓ Dean of Social Sciences: Peter Keller, Vice-Chair
- University Librarian: Jonathan Bengtson

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES -

Section 35 (2) (g)

- BUSI: ✓ Richard Wolfe (30/6/13)
- Kenneth Thornicroft (30/6/12)
- EDUC: ✓ Mary Kennedy (30/6/14)
- ✓ Geraldine Van Gyn (30/6/13)
- ENGR: ✓ Micaela Serra (30/06/13)
- ✓ Yang Shi (30/6/14)
- FINE: ✓ Patricia Kostek (30/6/12)
- Jan Wood (30/6/13)
- GRAD: ✓ Annalee Lepp (30/6/13)
- ✓ John Walsh (30/6/14)
- HUMA: ✓ Abdul Roudsari (30/6/12)
- ✓ Debra Sheets (30/6/13)
- HUMS: ✓ Jamie Dopp (30/6/13)
- ✓ Cedric Littlewood (30/6/12)
- LAWF: ✓ Gillian Calder (30/6/14)
- ✓ Robert Howell (30/6/13)
- SCIE: ✓ Robert Burke (30/6/14)
- ✓ Florin Diacu (30/6/14)
- SOSC: ✓ Michael Webb (30/6/14)
- ✓ Margot Wilson (30/6/12)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS - Sections 35 (2) (g)

- ✓ Doug Baer - SOSC (30/6/14)
- ✓ Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/13)
- ✓ Sara Beam - HUMS (30/6/12)
- ✓ Gordon Fulton - HUMS (30/6/12)
- ✓ Lynda Gammon - FINE (30/6/12)
- ✓ Kathryn Gillis - SCIE (30/6/14)
- ✓ Reuven Gordon - ENGR (30/6/14)
- ✓ David Harrington - SCIE (30/6/13)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS (continued)

- ✓ Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/13)
- ✓ Susan Lewis Hammond - FINE (30/6/14)
- ✓ Adam Monahan - SCIE (30/6/14)
- ✓ Leslee Francis Pelton - EDUC (30/6/14)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)

- ✓ Hafeez Ali Dhalla (SOSC) (30/6/12)
- ✓ Chandra Beaveridge (ENGR) "
- ✓ Param Bhatti (SCIE) "
- ✓ Carley Coccola (SOSC) "
- ✓ David Foster (HUMS) "
- Chris Hackett (BUSI) "
- ✓ Marc Labelle (GRAD) "
- ✓ Melissa Manuel (FINE) "
- ✓ Jaraad Marani (SOSC) "
- ✓ Yianni Pappas-Acreman (LAW) " gm
- Emily Rogers (HUMA) "
- ✓ Dylan Sherlock (HUMS) " Jh
- ✓ Ali Tehranchi (GRAD) "
- ✓ Ariel Tseng (HUMS) "
- TBA (EDUC) "
- TBA (GRAD) "

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

- ✓ Nav Bassi (31/12/14)
- ✓ Linda Hannah (31/12/14)
- ✓ Robbyn Lanning (31/12/14)
- ✓ Cathy McIntyre (31/12/14)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

- Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Oscar Casiro
- Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
Rebecca Raworth (30/06/12)
- ✓ Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulyssès (30/06/14)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

- ✓ University Secretary: Julia Eastman

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

- ✓ Assoc. V.P. Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
- ✓ Assoc. V.P. Academic Planning: Catherine Mateer
- ✓ Registrar: Lauren Charlton
- ✓ Associate University Secretary: Carrie Andersen