



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on December 2, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (S. Blackstone/J. Archibald)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (R. Lipson/S. Blackstone)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on November 4, 2011 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were none.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

Dr. Turpin reported that Dr. Brunt had decided not to seek a second term as Vice-President Research. He acknowledged Dr. Brunt for his hard work during his term, which ends on June 30, 2012. Dr. Turpin said Ms. Swanson was retiring on December 31, 2011 after 23 years as University Librarian. He thanked her for her hard work over the years. Dr. Turpin also thanked the convocation senators whose terms were ending on December 31, 2011.

With respect to federal matters, Dr. Turpin reported that the current area of focus was the financial situation, which universities were addressing through AUCC.

Dr. Turpin said the Independent Panel on Federal Support to Research and Development had released a report on October 17, 2011 outlining how Canada can get better value for its research and development funding.

Dr. Turpin said AUCC had reported in October that Canadian universities welcomed over one million undergraduate students this fall.

On the technology front, Dr. Turpin said that on November 16, 2011, BCNET and CANARIE had transmitted a record amount of data - one petabyte of particle physics data in a 24 hour period.

On the provincial front, Dr. Turpin said the new Deputy Minister, Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland had recently attended a dinner with the Board of Governors. He said the university was continuing to work with the provincial government regarding budget matters.

Dr. Turpin reported on the results of the recent municipal elections.

With respect to matters at the university, Dr. Turpin noted that searches were currently underway for the following positions - Vice-President Research, Vice-President External Relations and Associate Vice-President International.

Dr. Turpin asked Dr. Brunt to report on his recent trip to China. Dr. Brunt reported that a memorandum of understanding between UVic and IESVic and the China Academy of Sciences was signed to extend and support the Canada-China Clean Energy Research Training Initiative.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on renewal of the strategic plan, noting that the Planning and Priorities Committee had met to consider and incorporate feedback from members of the university community. He expected the final strategic plan would be presented to the Senate and the Board of Governors in January.

Dr. Turpin reminded members of Senate that December 6 was the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. He said a number of events were being held in connection with the day, including film screenings and the launch of the Clothesline Project.

With respect to a recent media article about physical expansion of the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, Dr. Turpin said a request for quotes had been issued to consider initial planning matters. He said no actual construction work was planned at this time.

Dr. Turpin reported on a recent alumni event in Toronto. He also reported on the Legacy Awards held on November 22, 2011, where awards were presented to the Honourable Lance Finch, Dr. Gary MacGillivray, Mr. George Smith, and Dr. Andreas Antoniou.

Dr. Turpin announced that students entering UVic from the province's Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association's post-secondary institutes would now have access to entrance awards thanks to a \$50,000 donation from HSBC Bank of Canada.

Dr. Turpin reported on a number of awards received by members of the university community:

- Prof. Joan MacLeod, Department of Writing won the 2011 Siminovitch Prize in Theatre;
- Department of Writing alumna Esi Edugyan won the 2011 Scotiabank Giller Prize for her novel, *Half-Blood Blues*;
- Prof. Roberta Taylor, School of Social Work received the Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award;
- Computer Science PhD student Norha Villegas and Dr. Hausi Mueller, Faculty of Engineering won the project of the year award 2011 from IBM Canada;
- UVic alumna Lauren Woolstencroft was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame;

- Vikes swimmer Richard Weinberger won a gold medal in the men`s open water 10km swim at the Pan-American Games;
- the Vikes men`s soccer team won their fifth CIS national title on November 13, 2011; and
- on November 6, 2011, the Vikes women`s rowing team won their tenth national title.

b. University Rankings

Ms. Cheryl Siverston from Institutional Planning and Analysis delivered a PowerPoint presentation on UVic`s placement in university rankings recently published in publications such as Times Higher Education, Research InfoSource, the Globe and Mail and Macleans.

c. Update on Copyright

Ms. Inba Kehoe, Copyright Officer provided an update on copyright matters. She explained that the university would be ending its contract with Access Copyright due to a significant fee increase. Ms. Kehoe explained how this change would impact the university community and said the university was setting up a copyright office to address copyright matters independently. Ms. Kehoe explained that, as of August 2011, 35 other universities had ended their contracts with Access Copyright.

Dr. Gillis suggested that the university develop a plan for communicating the change to students.

Ms. Kehoe explained that a number of changes to copyright legislation were currently being considered that could provide more flexibility to the university. Dr. Beam said her department was opposed to ending the contract with Access Copyright because of the limitations this would place on the university. She asked what the university was doing to lobby for the changes to the legislation. Ms. Kehoe said the university was working through the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Dr. Turpin said a number of other national organizations were also considering the issue.

d. Presentation on UVic`s 50th Anniversary

Dr. Keller, co-chair of the university`s 50th anniversary committee introduced Ms. Kerra St John and Ms. Heather Richards from the University Ceremonies and Events Office.

Ms. Richards delivered a PowerPoint presentation on preparations for the university`s 50th anniversary. She provided members of Senate with information about planning that was underway and explained how they could become involved.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Campus Planning Committee

i. Semi-Annual Report

Motion: (S. Blackstone/J. Archibald)

That Senate receive the 2011/2012 semi-annual report of the Campus Planning Committee for information.

CARRIED

b. Correspondence to the Planning and Priorities Committee from the Faculty Association regarding the Draft Strategic Plan, copied to the Senate and the Board of Governors

Dr. Turpin said this correspondence had been sent to the Planning and Priorities Committee with a copy to Senate and the Board of Governors. He said the Board had reviewed the correspondence at its meeting earlier in the week. Dr. Turpin explained that the strategic plan had not traditionally contained anything that would bind the Board of Governors in negotiations with bargaining units. He said the Board of Governors had confirmed the appropriateness of this. Dr. Turpin said it was recognized that faculty salary competitiveness is an issue and explained that the Planning and Priorities Committee proposed to address this issue by identifying in the plan compensation as amongst the factors that impact the university's faculty recruitment and retention goal.

Dr. Turpin asked if members of Senate had any questions or comments. Mr. Foster commented that quality and salary are not necessarily correlated.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Student Peer Evaluation – Graduate Academic Calendar Regulations

Dr. Harrington said the concerns raised at the last meeting regarding the wording "master's courses" had not been addressed. Dr. Wilson explained that revisions had been made to clarify that only PhD students who have completed course work and passed their candidacy exams may serve as teaching assistants in graduate courses. Dr. Monahan said this revision did not address the situation where graduate students enrol in undergraduate courses. Dr. Devor explained that the regulations intended to limit the ability of graduate students to grade other graduate students. He said an instructor of an undergraduate course would be required to grade any graduate students enrolled in that course. Dr. Monahan said the policy was unclear on that point.

Dr. Burke asked why an exception was being made to the general principle that graduate students should not grade the work of other graduate students. Dr. Devor said the regulations attempted to balance that principle with concerns from units that graduate students should be allowed to act as teaching assistants for graduate students in some courses.

Mr. Foster suggested removing the reference in the regulations to course level. Dr. Haskett agreed with this suggestion if the intent was to limit grading based on type of student. Dr. Baer thought the regulations should focus on type of student instead of course level. Dr. Beam proposed a friendly amendment to the regulations to remove the reference to course level. Dr. Wilson accepted the amendment.

Dr. Devor commented that a sentence had been omitted from the end of the regulations. Ms. Andersen said this omission had occurred by error. Dr. Devor suggested a friendly amendment to re-insert the sentence. Dr. Wilson accepted the amendment.

Dr. Littlewood thought enforcing the regulations could pose a challenge to instructors because they will be required to review lists for undergraduate courses to determine if any graduate students are enrolled. Ms. Manuel suggested that instructors should be aware of any graduate students enrolled in their courses because of the procedures for course admission.

Dr. Lewis Hammond wondered if the regulations put an unfair burden on graduate students who would be responsible for grading the work of other graduate students. Dr. Wilson said the regulations provided an opportunity for graduate students to practice teaching skills. In response to a question from Dr. Lewis Hammond, Dr. Wilson said there could be situations where graduate students would not have an opportunity to act as teaching assistants in undergraduate courses.

Dr. Tiedje asked why it was not acceptable for a doctoral student who has finished his or her coursework to be a course instructor. Dr. Devor responded that these individuals are still students and the intent was for them to practice their skills under close supervision. Dr. Tiedje said he thought there should be room for judgment to be exercised. Dr. Serra noted that these regulations only applied to the grading of graduate students.

Motion: (M. Wilson/S. Blackstone)

That Senate approve amendments to the section of the graduate academic calendar entitled "Assessment Techniques", as amended.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer

i. 2010/2011 Annual Report

Motion: (A. Monahan/T. Haskett)

That Senate receive the 2010/2011 annual report of the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer for information.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Dr. Devor said there were a number of awards that did not specify if they were available to graduate students. Ms. Lori Nolt confirmed that these awards were available to undergraduate students only.

Motion: (M. Kennedy/S. Blackstone)

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:

- Jamie Chien-Ming Wu Memorial Scholarship in Engineering (new)
- School of Public Health and Social Policy Student Award (new) *
- Noel & Margaret Gantly Scholarship (revised) *
- Stuart Olson Dominion Scholarship (new)
- Constable Ian D. Jordan Bursary (revised) *
- Ethel Dorothy McConnell Scholarship (revised) *
- C.H. Dowling Memorial Award (revised) *
- R.B. Wilson Entrance Scholarship (revised) *
- Jane-Claire Inkster Memorial Scholarship (revised) *

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CARRIED

ii. Undergraduate Scholarships, Medals and Prizes General Regulations

Prof. Greschner pointed out that the revisions being proposed were made on an outdated version of the undergraduate calendar. She proposed that the motion be revised to refer to the specific amendment being proposed. This friendly amendment was accepted.

Motion: (M. Kennedy/R. Lipson)

That Senate approve that the Undergraduate Scholarships, Medals and Prizes General Regulations in the undergraduate academic calendar be amended to add “and universities” after “community colleges” in the section entitled Entrance Scholarships.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

i. Revised Faculty Constitution and Bylaws

Dr. Dastmalchian explained that the faculty had grown and become more complex since the constitution and bylaws were last updated. He said the proposed revisions reflected the current structure and composition of the faculty.

Mr. Foster asked why the teaching staff representative was now being appointed to the faculty council instead of elected. Dr. Dastmalchian said that in the past many of the elected representatives had not attended meetings, so a decision was made to propose appointment of the representative instead.

Motion: (A. Dastmalchian/R. Wolfe)
That Senate approve the revised Faculty Constitution for the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business.

CARRIED

Dr. Gillis noted that the section on appointment of the associate dean did not include a ratification clause. She recalled the discussion at Senate last year regarding appointment procedures for the Associate Dean Academic Advising, during which members of Senate had required a ratification clause to be added. Dr. Gillis said she understood that the bylaws reflected the current appointment procedures but wondered why they were different than for other associate deans.

Dr. Devor recalled that the appointment procedures for deans had recently been revised to be more consistent across faculties. He asked if a similar review was planned for associate deans. Dr. Eastman confirmed that such a review had been discussed but was not yet underway. Prof. Greschner thought that any review of appointment procedures for associate deans would require an exception for non-departmentalized faculties such as Business and Law. Dr. Burke said he did not think being a non-departmentalized faculty was a reason to forego ratification. Prof. Greschner disagreed and suggested there were other mechanisms for ensuring a fair and democratic process.

Dr. Thornicroft said he was not concerned by the lack of a ratification clause. He said if a review was undertaken, he would ask members of Senate to respect the model chosen by the faculty.

Dr. Gillis said she had raised the issue in the context of the decision made at Senate regarding a ratification requirement for the Associate Dean Academic Advising. She noted that a decision had been made by the collective to require ratification.

Ms. Andersen reminded members of Senate that the procedures for appointment of senior academic administrators are set out in university policy approved by Senate and the Board of Governors. She noted that any revisions to the appointment procedures could not be enacted through a revision to the bylaws.

Dr. Turpin suggested that the sections regarding appointment procedures be removed from the bylaws. He suggested that Dr. Dastmalchian consider the necessary revisions and bring the bylaws back to Senate for approval at a future meeting. Dr. Dastmalchian agreed.

Dr. Beam said she supported the idea of a university-level review of appointment procedures for associate deans. Dr. Baer agreed and asked how Senate could express its support for this initiative. Dr. Eastman explained that university policies are scheduled for regular review as part of the policy review cycle. She said the Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost would be responsible for conducting the review. Dr. Turpin agreed to report to Senate regarding when a university-level review of the appointment procedures for the Associate Deans was scheduled.

Motion: (R. Lipson/S. Blackstone)

That Senate approve that the revised Faculty Bylaws for the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business be referred back to the faculty for further consideration.

CARRIED

b. Faculty of Graduate Studies

i. New and Revised Graduate Studies Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/L. Gammon)

That the Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the new awards set out in the attached document as recommended by the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

- Professional Employees Association (PEA) Graduate Scholarship
- Darlene Scott Scholarship

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Attendance

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from July 1, 2011

December 2011

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: Reeta 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
- ✓ Acting Dean of HSD: Leslie Brown
- ✓ Dean of Law: Donna Greschner
- ✓ Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
- ✓ Dean of Social Sciences: Peter Keller, Vice-Chair
- ✓ University Librarian: Marnie Swanson

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)
- ✓ LAW: 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) "
- ✓ Carley Coccola (SOSC) "
- ✓ David Foster (HUMS) "
- ✓ Chris Hackett (BUSI) "
- ✓ Marc Labelle (GRAD) "
- ✓ Melissa Manuel (FINE) "
- ✓ Jaraad Marani (SOSC) "
- ✓ Yianni Pappas-Acreman (LAW) "
- ✓ Emily Rogers (HUMA) "
- ✓ Samandeep Sall (SCIE) "
- ✓ Dylan Sherlock (HUMS) "
- ✓ Ali Tehranchi (GRAD) "
- ✓ Ariel Tseng (HUMS) "
- TBA (EDUC) "
- TBA (GRAD) "

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

- ✓ Kathleen Barnes (31/12/11)
- ✓ Betty Clazie (31/12/11)
- ✓ Larry Cross (31/12/11)
- ✓ Gail Flitton (31/12/11)

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 Ulysses (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