



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on January 6, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (S. Lewis Hammond/P. Kostek)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

There were a few minor changes to the minutes.

Motion: (A. Lepp/P. Kostek)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on December 2, 2011 be approved, as amended, and circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dr. Turpin reported that the review of the appointment procedures for the Associate Deans would begin in 2012, either in the spring or fall.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

Dr. Turpin reported that there were four new convocation senators who were recently elected by the Convocation. All four were in attendance and Dr. Turpin welcomed and introduced them. Nav Bassi, Linda Hannah, Robbyn Lanning and Cathy McIntyre. Dr. Turpin also welcomed and introduced the new University Librarian, Jonathan Bengston and provided senators with a brief description of his background. Finally, Dr. Turpin introduced Mr. Bill Trott from the Office of the University Secretary who will be Acting Associate University Secretary while Ms. Carrie Andersen is on a five month leave.

With respect to federal matters, Dr. Turpin reported that universities were continuing to stress the importance of adequate research funding and noted the economic situation was not much better.

With respect to provincial matters, Dr. Turpin reported that the university was being cautiously optimistic that grant funding would remain stable. He noted the university would probably need to achieve a 1.5% budget reduction in 2012/13. He said there were a number of uncertainties that

needed to be resolved, noting that the 2% tuition increase would be going ahead for next year. He said he anticipated a couple of fiscally tough years ahead.

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

- The Welcome Centre, located on the first floor of the University Centre, opened its doors on January 3rd. The centre provides a first point of contact for new students, visitors, alumni and current members of the campus community in navigating the university;
- UVic ranked 200th in the international Leiden ranking, ahead of many Canadian universities with medical schools. The ranking aims to provide highly accurate measurements of the scientific impact of universities and of universities' involvement in scientific collaboration. The ranking is based on over 25 years of bibliometric experience at the Centre for Science and Technology Studies of Leiden University in The Netherlands. The Leiden Ranking does not use reputational surveys or data provided by the institutions;
- Large Hadron Collider - on December 13, 2011 researchers released results that offered indications that the elusive Higgs boson or "God particle" actually exists and that a long-standing theory of physics may well be true, which could help explain how matter was formed at the dawn of the universe. The UVic-ATLAS team was responsible for designing and building several crucial components of one of two large detectors recording debris from the subatomic collisions in CERN's 27-km circular collider buried 100 metres underground near Geneva. UVic physics and astronomy adjunct professor and Institute for Particle Physics scientist Dr. Rob McPherson is also the spokesperson for ATLAS Canada;
- CANARIE, a high speed data network, recently ranked UVic as #2 in data traffic, just slightly behind the University of Toronto;
- A new partnership between the RCMP, youth organizations and UVic researchers will train RCMP youth officers to assist schools and rural communities in delivering the WITS (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out and Seek help) anti-bullying program in places it has not been offered before. The WITS Program was developed through a UVic-community partnership.

Dr. Turpin reported on a number of awards and honours received by members of the university community. Professor Heather Raven, Associate Dean of Law and a member of the Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation, was appointed Queen's Counsel in December. On December 10, 2011, Dr. Budd Hall received an Honorary Degree of Laws from St. Francis Xavier University.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Planning and Priorities Committee

i. Review and Renewal of the Strategic Plan

Dr. Turpin introduced a few members and resource persons of the Planning and Priorities Committee who were in attendance; Dr. Frank Van Veggel, Dr. Annalee Lepp, Dr. Geraldine Van Gyn, Dr. Reeta Tremblay, Mr. Bruce Kilpatrick and Ms. Ludgard De Decker.

For the benefit of new senators, Dr. Turpin provided background on the process that had taken place over the last few years, led by the Planning and Priorities Committee, to produce the renewed plan that was before Senate. He noted the changing financial environment and the major demographic changes. As a result, we would be building excellence rather than focusing on

growth. He said that there were a number of areas where there needed to be major emphasis, such as in improving systems and processes, and an emphasis on community and community engagement.

Dr. Littlewood referred to objective 12(c) and asked what specific ideas were being contemplated. Dr. Turpin said that the issue of the breadth requirement was a topic of discussion with a number of faculties during the consultation process. He advised that one of the Senate committees would be asked to undertake the task of looking at this issue.

Motion: (S. Blackstone/A. Devor)

That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve the renewed University of Victoria Strategic Plan, 2012.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Revised Rules to Govern Elections to the Board of Governors and the Senate

Dr. Turpin said there was a further amendment to the document distributed with the agenda that had come about after a discussion between the Office of the University Secretary and the student societies.

Dr. Eastman said that the Office of the University Secretary meets annually with representatives of the student societies regarding the student elections. At the meeting this year, it was noted it would be important to try to align the student Board of Governors and Senate elections with the student society elections. Dr. Eastman said that, after consultation with the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance, it was proposed to amend sections 9.2 and 11.1 of the document attached to the Senate agenda in order to permit continued alignment of the practises for the student elections. A sheet showing the proposed amendments had been distributed.

Dr. Devor asked about those areas in the rules that referenced paper ballots and if electronic methods could be used in place of paper. Dr. Eastman said that most elections have moved to an electronic method, including the use of webvote, and there were very few elections that still required paper ballots.

Dr. Haskett asked for clarification on section 3.3, student eligibility, specifically the May to July term. He pointed out that UVic in fact has seven terms rather than three. Dr. Eastman offered to amend that section to make it clearer. This was agreed. Ms. Manuel asked whether the Office of the University Secretary would send out an email to remind students to vote. Dr. Eastman confirmed there would be one email to students inviting nominations and another inviting them to vote.

Motion: (M. Webb/K. Gillis)

That Senate approve the revised *Rules to Govern Elections to the Board of Governors and the Senate*, as amended.

CARRIED

Motion: (R. Raworth/M. Webb)

That Senate approve the revisions to section 9(b) of the *Rules to Govern the Conduct of Senate Procedures*.

CARRIED

ii. Appointment to the Senate Committee on Libraries

Motion: (K. Gillis/R. Raworth)

That Senate approve the appointment to the Senate Committee on Libraries for the term indicated in the attached document, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for a Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering

Motion: (T. Tiedje/R. Burke)

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 in Biomedical Engineering to be offered by the Faculty of Engineering, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for Biomedical Engineering", dated December 14, 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 a Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LATHE)

Dr. Devor provided a brief overview of the program. Dr. Lewis Hammond suggested wording the summary in a more positive note before sending it to the Ministry of Advanced Education for approval. Dr. Devor agreed. Dr. Mateer commended the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the Learning and Teaching Centre and the Faculty of Education on a wonderful collaboration.

Motion: (A. Devor/T. Riecken)

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 Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education to be offered by the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Learning and Teaching Centre, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LATHE)", dated December 11, 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.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

i. Revised Faculty Bylaws

Motion: (A. Dastmalchian/R. Wolfe)

That Senate approve the revised Faculty Bylaws for the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Policy on Calendar Submissions

Dr. Eastman provided brief background information on the revised policy. She said that the existing policy did not address who was responsible for parts of the calendar other than curriculum and the proposed changes provided that clarity. She noted that the appendices in the current calendar policy will automatically become appendices to the new calendar procedures.

Motion: (G. Fulton/S. Blackstone)

That Senate approve the new *Policy on Calendar Submissions (AC1120)*;
and

That Senate approve that the current *Policy on Calendar Submissions (AC1120)* become the *Procedures on Curriculum Submissions*, to be associated with the new policy.

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Attendance

January 2012

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA Effective from January 1, 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: 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
✓ 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) "
✓ 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)

- ✓ 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 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: Bill Troth
Carrie Andersen