



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on May 3, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (M. Purkis/R. Lipson)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (G. Sutherland/T. Haskett)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on April 5, 2013 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

Dr. Turpin reported that Ms. Andersen was serving as Acting University Secretary until August 15, 2013 and Ms. Eshuys was Acting Associate University Secretary during this time.

Dr. Turpin said farewell to and thanked Prof. Donna Greschner, whose term as Dean of Law was ending June 30, 2013 and Dr. Lynne Van Luven, who would step down as Acting Dean of Fine Arts on June 30, 2013. Dr. Turpin also thanked other members of Senate whose terms were ending June 30, 2013.

With regard to provincial matters, Dr. Turpin reported he had just received confirmation of funding for the Aboriginal Services Plan. Mr. Dunsdon provided Senate with more detail.

Dr. Turpin reported that the Centre for Addictions Research of BC had received \$1 million from the provincial government as part of a new mental health and substance use funding initiative announced on April 12, 2013.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on matters at the university. He reported that:

- Dr. Tom Tiedje was re-appointed as Dean of Engineering for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2013;
- Ms. Norah McRae was re-appointed as Executive Director, Cooperative Education Program and Career Services;
- The University of Victoria was in the top one percent of universities in the world and among the top-ranked in Canada for its scientific impact and its involvement in scientific collaboration, as measured by Leiden University's Centre for Science and Technology Studies.
 - UVic is fifth overall in the country, according to the Leiden rankings. Also, the university had the highest ranking in Canada for international collaboration.
 - In natural science and engineering, UVic placed 68th worldwide and third in Canada, and in math and computer science, the university placed 123rd and sixth nationally. These fields are the focus of the Leiden rankings.
- The 2013 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) competition resulted in more funding than in previous years; however, the success rate had dropped slightly below the national average.
- Earth and Oceans Sciences Professor Dr. Michael Whiticar, along with three of his students, created a new website www.energybc.ca aimed at providing unbiased, factual information about BC energy sources, types and issues.
- UVic friend, and generous benefactor and community leader, Mr. Bob Wright, passed away April 17, 2013.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on awards and honours at the university. He reported that:

- Prof. Lorna Crozier, Professor in the Department of Writing and award-winning poet was the co-winner of this year's Lieutenant Governor's Award for Literary Excellence.
- Ms. Jenna Ries, one of three UVic Co-op Students of the Year in 2012, was one of two winners of the Association of Co-operative Education Student of the Year award for BC-Yukon.
- Mathematics Professor Emeritus Pauline van den Driessche was recognized for contributions to linear algebra and mathematical biology with fellowship in the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.
- The following 2013 Craigdarroch Awards were presented on May 2, 2013:
 - The Craigdarroch Gold Medal for Career Achievement Award – Pauline van den Driessche, Professor Emeritus in Mathematics and Statistics;
 - The Craigdarroch Silver Medal for Excellence in Research – Dr. Marcus Milwright of the Department of History in Art;
 - The Craigdarroch Research Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization – Dr. Ana Maria Peredo of the Gustavson School of Business and Director of the Centre for Co-operative and Community Based Economy;
 - The Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Dr. Frank van Veggel of the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Brunt advised members that, at the Craigdarroch Research Awards event on May 2, 2013 it had been announced that the Craigdarroch Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research was renamed the David H. Turpin Gold Medal for Career Achievement.

b. Senator Resignation

The Chair reported that notice of a Senate member's resignation had been received. Ms. Eshuys advised that a student senator had recently resigned because that student was moving out of province. Given that the student's term was ending on 30 June 2013 and the May Senate meeting was the last for the academic year, it was decided not to fill the vacancy using the list of alternates.

c. 2013 Congress Update

Dr. Mateer updated members on planning for the Social Sciences and Humanities Congress being held on campus in June 2013. She encouraged members to visit the Congress website and provided some information on the wide range of events being held.

On behalf of the university community, Dr. Turpin thanked Dr. Mateer, Dr. Rippin, Mr. Dunsdon and other UVic staff and faculty involved in the organisation of this important event.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Office of the Ombudsperson

i. 2012 Annual Report

Motion: (L. Van Luven/ G. Sutherland)

That Senate receive the 2012 annual report of the Office of the Ombudsperson for information.

CARRIED

b. Draft Student Mental Health Strategy

Mr. Dunsdon reported on the consultation process being undertaken as part of the development of the strategy. He advised that feedback on the strategy had been positive.

Motion: (M. Purkis/ H. Brunt)

That Senate receive the Draft Student Mental Health Strategy for information.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Proposal regarding implementation of percentage grading

Dr. Turpin invited Dr. Webb to speak on behalf of Dr. Tremblay. Dr. Webb provided some background on the issue of percentage and comparative grading, reminding members of the series of motions that were passed by Senate on this topic in April 2011. He explained that after those motions were passed 2011, the Office of the Registrar and University Systems prepared a feasibility report to better understand the issues related to implementation of the decisions made by Senate. The report concluded that the averages for both the GPA and percentage grades could not be produced due to calculation issues that may cause confusion for students and other graduate

schools. The report also identified that Banner would require a major rebuild in order to accommodate the system requirements, a very costly and time-consuming process. Since then Deans' Council and the Office of the Registrar had discussed how to move forward and it was agreed to implement the most important aspect of the original recommendations, i.e. the addition of percentage grades to the student transcript.

Dr. Sager advised that, after lengthy discussion, the Senate Committee on Academic Standards agreed that the recommendations before Senate were the most feasible option given that the alternatives were so costly.

In response to a question from Dr. Haskett, Dr. Webb responded the previous motions are being modified rather than rescinded. Dr. Haskett commented that the 9.0 GPA is unusual in North America and he asked whether there was any plan to move to a 4.33 GPA in future. Dr. Webb responded that, according to the Office of the Registrar and University Systems, the recommendations put forward at this meeting will not create an obstacle for further changes. Dr. Haskett noted that the original intent of the change to the 4.33 GPA was to provide comparator information for other institutions. Dr. Harrington noted that the original intent of the percentage grading changes was to use the percentage grades for the purpose of determining academic standing, and that he would prefer that system. Dr. Sager commented that most other graduate schools make their own GPA calculations and by including percentage grades on the transcript, UVic will make this easier. Dr. Haskett commented that accuracy is lost by continuing to use a 9.0 GPA for the purposes of determining academic standing. Dr. Serra asked if there was a rationale for a review after 5 years and whether it should be sooner.

Dr. Webb explained that the motions being considered at this meeting represent a move from the problems associated with the existing system to a better system that doesn't preclude future changes being made.

Motion: (G. Sutherland/ M. Purkis)

That Senate proceed with the implementation of percentage grading and comparative grading information as approved by Senate on April 1, 2011 with the addition of an amendment related to grade point average:

"That the 9 point grading system be retained as the basis for the calculation and display of the sessional, cumulative and graduating grade point averages and the determination of academic standing."

AND

That Senate not proceed with the motion approved by Senate on April 1, 2011 to implement the following changes to the grade point average scale:

"That the university change from a 9 point grade point average scale to a 4.33 grade point average scale.

That the sessional and cumulative grade point average equivalencies be directly translated from the sessional and cumulative percentage averages.

That the graduating grade point average be calculated from the percentage average assigned.

That a statement explaining the grade point average scale be developed for inclusion in the undergraduate and graduate academic calendars and in the official transcript."

AND

That Senate not proceed with the motion passed by Senate on January 6, 1993 to convert units into credits, and instead that it retain the current course value system of units.

CARRIED

Motion: (G. Sutherland/ M. Webb)

That Senate approve the following revision to the Graduate, Undergraduate and Law Grading Scales in the academic calendar, effective May 1, 2014:

"The grading scale of the University of Victoria is a percentage scale that translates to a 9 point/letter grade system. Standardized percentage ranges have been established as a basis for the assignment of a letter grade to each course. Academic standing at the university is determined solely on the basis of the 9 point/letter grade system. Comparative grading information (average grade for the class), along with the number of students in the class, is displayed for each course section for which percentage grades are assigned."

CARRIED

Motion: (D. Harrington/ T. Haskett)

That Senate approve that the Senate Committee on Academic Standards review the implementation of percentage and comparative grading 5 years after full implementation, which will begin in May 2014.

CARRIED

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

i. Faculty of Science – Proposed Change to Admission Requirements

Motion: (R. Lipson/ M. Webb)

That Senate approve the addition of a minimum mathematics requirement for the Faculty of Science of 60% for Principles of Mathematics 12 or Pre-Calculus 12, effective May 1, 2014.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2013/2014 Senate Standing Committees

Motion: (M. Webb/ J. Wood)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2013/2014 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document,

as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Appeals

i. Annual Report

Motion: (G. Sutherland/ M. Purkis)

That Senate receive the 2012/2013 annual report of the Senate Committee on Appeals for information.

CARRIED

The Chair thanked Prof. Pirie for his work as Chair of the committee.

e. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Motion: (J. Wood/ R. Wolfe)

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:

- Dax Gibson Memorial Award in Gender Studies (new)
- Maurie Jorre de St. Jorre Prize (new)
- Candis Graham Writing Scholarship, Lambda Foundation Fund (revised)*
- Allnorth Scholarship (revised)
- Angus & Marjorie McPherson Memorial Scholarship (revised)*
- Engineering Students' Society Stream B Award for Community Involvement (revised)*
- Simba Technologies Inc. Scholarship (revised)*
- Ken Smythe Bursary (new)*
- Jessie H. Mantle Fellowship in Nursing (new)
- Merck Scholarship for Aboriginal Science Students (new)
- Gary Hoskins Athletic Award (new)
- CAPP Public Engagement Scholarship (new)

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CARRIED

f. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. 2013/2014 Additional Curriculum Recommendations to Senate

Motion: (T. Haskett/ M. Webb)

That Senate approve the major curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in 2013-2014 academic calendar.

CARRIED

Motion: (D. Baer/ J. Wood)

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

g. Senate Committee on Libraries

i. Annual Report

The Chair thanked Dr. Devereaux for his work as Chair of the committee. Dr. Devereaux acknowledged the successful transition to the new leadership in the library.

Motion: (H. Brunt/ R. Wolfe)

That Senate receive the 2012/2013 annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries for information.

CARRIED

h. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for BSc in Chemistry for the Medical Sciences

Motion: (R. Lipson/ D. Harrington)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of a BSc Majors Program in Chemistry for the Medical Sciences, to be offered by the Faculty of Science, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for the Introduction of a New Undergraduate Program in Chemistry for the Medical Sciences", dated April 2013, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and Responsible for Multiculturalism website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

CARRIED

ii. Centre for Biomedical Research (CFBR)

Motion: (D. Greschner/ H. Brunt)

That Senate extend the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Biomedical Research (CFBR) until December 31, 2013.

CARRIED

iii. Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS)

Motion: (R. Lipson/ M. Farmer)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) for the period 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2018 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the external review report relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-President Research.

CARRIED

iv. Centre on Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR)

Motion: (M. Purkis/ J. Wood)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre on Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR) for the period 1 June 2013 – 31 May 2018 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the external review report relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-President Research.

CARRIED

i. Senate Committee on University Budget

i. Annual Report

Mr. Bell commented that he would have liked more detail in the report. The Chair suggested that Mr. Bell read UVic's Budget Framework which is available on the UVic website. Ms. Gorrill added that there was an article about the budget framework in the April 2013 edition of The Ring, and that members of Senate could contact her for more information.

Motion: (S. Banerjee/ G. Sutherland)

That Senate receive the 2012/2013 annual report of the Senate Committee on University Budget for information.

CARRIED

j. Ad hoc Senate Committee to Consider the Curriculum Process

i. Policy on Calendar Submissions (AC1120) and Procedures on Curriculum Submissions

The Chair thanked Dr. Webb for his work as Chair of the committee.

Motion: (M. Webb/ T. Haskett)

That Senate approve the revised Policy AC1120 *Policy on Calendar Submissions* and the accompanying *Procedures on Curriculum Submissions*, including *Appendix A, Curriculum Submission Timelines and Key System Dates*.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 2012 Policy Review Annual Report

Motion: (G. Sutherland/ M. Purkis)

That Senate receive, for information, the 2012 Policy Review Annual Report.

CARRIED

On behalf Senate, Dr. Purkis and Dr. Sikata provided words of thanks for Dr. Turpin's leadership of Senate and of the university over his term as president. The Chair received a standing ovation from members. He responded by expressing his gratitude and pride in the accomplishments of UVic.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Attendance

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from April 3, 2013

May 3 2013

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: Saul Klein
- ✓ Dean of Education: Ted Riecken
- ✓ Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
- ✓ Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
- ✓ Acting Dean of Fine Arts: Lynne Van Luven
- ✓ Dean of Graduate Studies: David Capson
- ✓ 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: Brock Smith (30/6/15)
- Richard Wolfe (30/6/13) ✓
- EDUC: Mary Kennedy (30/6/14)
- R Geraldine Van Gyn (30/6/13)
- ✓ ENGR: Micaela Serra (30/06/13)
- Yang Shi (30/6/14)
- FINE: Patricia Kostek (30/6/15)
- Jan Wood (30/6/13)
- GRAD: Annalee Lepp (30/6/13)
- John Walsh (30/6/14)
- HUMA: Abdul Roudsari (30/6/15)
- Debra Sheets (30/6/13)
- HUMS: Jamie Dopp (30/6/13)
- Laura Parisi (30/6/15)
- LAWF: Gillian Calder (30/6/14)
- Robert Howell (30/6/13)
- SCIE: Robert Burke (30/6/14)
- Florin Diacu (30/6/14)
- SOSC: Rosaline Canessa (30/6/15)
- Michael Webb (30/6/14)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS - Sections 35 (2) (g)

- Janni Aragon - SOSC (30/6/15)
- Doug Baer - SOSC (30/6/14)
- Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/13)
- Alison Chapman - HUMS (30/6/15)
- Kathryn Gillis - SCIE (30/6/14)
- Reuven Gordon - ENGR (30/6/14)
- David Harrington - SCIE (30/6/13)
- Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/13)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS (continued)

- R Susan Lewis Hammond - FINE (30/6/14)
- R Adam Monahan - SCIE (30/6/14)
- ✓ Leslee Francis Pelton - EDUC (30/6/14)
- ✓ Margot Wilson - SOSC (30/6/15)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)

- Rachel Barr (SOSC) (30/6/13)
- ✓ Peter Bell (GRAD) "
- Andrew Fortune (SOSC) "
- David Hamilton (ENGR) "
- Emilie Henriksen (FINE ARTS) "
- R Nicole Iaci (SOSC) "
- ✓ Kelsey Mech (SCIE) "
- Ariel Mishkin (BUSI) "
- Yianni Pappas-Acreman (LAW) "
- Emily Rogers (HUMA) "
- Peter Schalk (GRAD) "
- ✓ Gabrielle Sutherland (SOSC) "
- Ariel Tseng (HUMS) "
- R Kelly Watson (GRAD) "
- TBA "
- TBA "

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

- ✓ N Nav Bassi (31/12/14)
- R Linda Hannah (31/12/14)
- R Robbyn Lanning (31/12/14)
- ✓ Mathy McIntyre (31/12/14)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

- Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Oscar Casiro
- ✓ Member elected by the Professional Librarians: Tracie Smith (30/06/15)
- ✓ Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulysses (30/06/14)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

University Secretary: R Julia Eastman

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

- ✓ Assoc. V.P. International - Andrew Marton
- ✓ Assoc. V.P. Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
- ✓ Assoc. V.P. Academic Planning: Catherine Mateer
- ✓ Registrar: Lauren Charlton
- ✓ Acting University Secretary: Carrie Andersen
- ✓ Acting Associate University Secretary: Sally Fishburn