



## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on October 5, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

Dr. Turpin welcomed members of Senate to the first meeting of the year. He noted that all materials for the meeting had been distributed electronically, and asked members of Senate to report any difficulties accessing the materials.

Dr. Turpin advised that there were a number of new members this year. He introduced Dr. Capson, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Dr. Klein, Dean of the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business. Dr. Turpin also noted that Dr. Van Luven was the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (R. Burke/R. Lipson)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

Motion: (M. MacDonald/B. Smith)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on May 4, 2012 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

**CARRIED**

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Dr. Tremblay provided members of Senate with an update on proposed amendments to the procedures for the appointment of deans, which had been presented to Senate at the May 2012 meeting. She said further revisions were being considered based on the comments received at the May meeting. Dr. Tremblay also provided an update on the review of the appointment procedures for chairs and directors, which had been presented to Senate in January 2010. She said the comments from members of Senate would be considered by a working group and brought back to Senate in the near future.

#### **4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

##### **a. President's Report**

##### **i. United Way Campaign**

Dr. Purkis, Chair of UVic's annual United Way campaign, provided information to members of Senate on this year's campaign. She invited Jaraad Marani, a student and former member of Senate, to share his personal experience with the United Way.

##### **ii. President's Annual Update**

Dr. Turpin presented his annual update to Senate. He provided members of Senate with some background information on the university, and reported on the university's standing in recent rankings. Dr. Turpin commented on UVic's identity as a destination university, and its focus on experiential learning. He reviewed areas of excellence, including student satisfaction, growth in enrolment of indigenous students, student success, and faculty success. Dr. Turpin provided members of Senate with an overview of the University's Strategic Plan, and reviewed how implementation takes place through the integrated planning, academic planning and budget planning processes. He spoke about the budget planning currently underway for the upcoming year, which included a 4% budget cut. Dr. Turpin said the university was continuing to focus on its commitment to excellence and on maintaining funding sources, including provincial and federal funding and philanthropic contributions. Dr. Turpin commented on his commitment to facilitating a successful presidential transition over the coming year.

In response to a question from Dr. Dopp, Dr. Tremblay provided information on preliminary enrolment numbers for this year. In response to a further question, Mr. Murray Griffith provided information regarding how salaries are broken down between academic, administrative and other positions.

Mr. Bell suggested that business be separated from philanthropy as a funding source. He thought there were a number of opportunities to collaborate with business on projects and for funding.

In response to a question from Mr. Foster, Dr. Turpin said the university had considered private partnerships for student housing. He noted that there are a number of factors to consider, including the university's inability to offload the reputational risk associated with student housing.

##### **iii. Quality Assurance Initiatives in BC and at UVic**

Dr. Tremblay provided an overview of the quality assurance initiative being undertaken by the provincial government. Dr. Mateer provided some further detailed information on steps undertaken since May 2012. She reported on drivers for establishing a BC quality assurance framework and summarized the international and Canadian contexts. Dr. Mateer reviewed the current quality assurance mechanisms at the provincial level in BC. She provided an overview of the framework proposed by the government and reviewed UVic's response to date. Dr. Mateer summarized the quality assurance mechanisms in place at the university, and discussed the quality assurance exercise currently being conducted by the Provost's office.

#### **iv. Other matters**

With respect to federal matters, Dr. Turpin reported on an announcement in August of Western Economic Diversification funding of \$671,500 for the Centre for Aeronautical Research. He also reported on an announcement in October regarding \$32.8 million in funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and \$8.9 million from the BC government for Ocean Networks Canada (ONC). He said the funding would be used to support the operating costs of the ONC Observatory.

Dr. Turpin reported that Mr. John Yap was the new Minister of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism. As well, he said a second Deputy Minister had been named to the Ministry.

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

- the Board of Governors agreed last week to delay resumption of the Vice-President Research search in order to allow engagement of Dr. Turpin's successor, and to extend Dr. Brunt's terms as Vice-President Research to June 30, 2014;
- on September 16, 2012, Saanich Council approved the proposal for the Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities;
- Dr. Andrew Marton was appointed Associate Vice-President International;
- Dr. Kate Moran was appointed Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) President and Chief Executive Officer.

With regard to awards and honours at the university, Dr. Turpin announced that:

- Dr. Paul Hoffman, Adjunct Professor in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, was appointed an officer of Order of Canada;
- Dr. Myer Horowitz, former University of Alberta President and Acting Director of UVic's Centre for Early Childhood Research and Policy, received an honorary doctorate from Royal Roads University; and
- four alumni and three current students won medals at the London Olympics and Paralympics;

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **a. University of Victoria Financial Statements as at March 31, 2012**

There were no questions about the financial statements.

## 6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

### a. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

#### i. Revised Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Planning

Motion: (R. Tremblay/K. Gillis)

That the terms of reference of the Senate Committee on Planning be revised to add a non-voting member from the Division of Continuing Studies.

**CARRIED**

#### ii. Appointments to the 2012/2013 Senate Committees

Motion: (K. Gillis/G. Sutherland)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2012/2013 Senate committees for the terms indicated in the attached document, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

#### iii. Appointments to the Planning and Priorities Committee

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)

That Senate approve the appointment of Reuven Gordon, Faculty of Engineering to the Planning and Priorities Committee for a 3-year term beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2015;

**CARRIED**

AND

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)

That Senate approve the appointments of student senators Peter Bell, David Foster and Nicole Iaci to the Planning and Priorities Committee for a one-year term beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2013, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

#### iv. Appointments to the 2013 Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)

That Senate approve the appointments of Alison Chapman, Robert Burke and Emilie Henriksen to the Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee for a one-year term beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2013, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

## b. Senate Committee on Awards

### i. New and Revised Awards

Dr. Webb asked if the Senate Committee on Awards takes into account the difference in grading standards across faculties when it reviews appeals regarding renewable scholarships. Dr. Lepp explained that there had recently been a relaxation in the criteria required to maintain a renewable scholarship and that due consideration was given to the circumstances surrounding all appeals; however, she said the committee had not specifically considered different grading standards across the university. Dr. Webb said this information was available in the undergraduate grading patterns report and suggested that the committee give this matter some consideration. Ms. Lori Nolt agreed to consider this and report back to Senate on the committee's discussion of the issue.

Motion: (A. Lepp/J. Wood)

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:

- Paul Parizeau Bursary (revised)
- President's Scholarship (revised)
- Spanish and Latin America Study Abroad Scholarship (new)\*
- Chemistry Co-op Report Prizes (revised)
- Anthony Gerard "Bud" Peetz Scholarship (new)\*
- Hildegard Anna Hayward Scholarships (new)\*
- Elsa Eleonora Fagerberg & Clara Maria Fagerberg Entrance Scholarships (revised)\*
- University of Victoria International Scholarship (revised)\*
- John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship (revised)\*
- T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship (revised)\*
- National Entrance Scholarships (revised)\*
- David Strong Entrance Scholarship (revised)\*
- UVic Excellence Scholarship (revised)\*
- Madame Berangere Steel Memorial Scholarship (revised)\*
- Oak Bay and Saanich Centennial Scholarships (revised)\*
- Margaret Sanson Memorial Scholarship (revised)\*
- Dobbie Family Athletic Award (new)

\* *Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

**c. Senate Committee on Continuing Studies**

**i. Annual Report**

Motion: (M. MacDonald/P. Keller)

That Senate receive the 2011/12 annual report of the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies for information.

**CARRIED**

**d. Senate Committee on Planning**

**i. Annual Report on Status of Academic Program Reviews**

Motion: (C. Mateer/R. Wolfe)

That the Senate receive the 2011/12 annual report on the status of academic programs review for information.

**CARRIED**

**7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Family Day – Ten-Year Sessional Calendar**

Ms. Andersen reviewed the proposal, including the recommendation to move reading break in the January to April term to include the Family Day holiday in February.

Mr. Foster said he opposed the proposal. He commented that combining reading break with the holiday had the effect of taking away the holiday, which had been created to provide an opportunity for people to spend time with their families. Dr. Harrington noted that, for classes with labs, missing a Monday results in a full week of missed classes. Dr. Kennedy said the impact was similar for performance classes. Dr. Lewis Hammond said the reading break was a time for study and reading. She did not think it should be combined with the holiday.

Motion: (T. Haskett/D. Harrington)

That Senate approve the revised 2011-2021 ten-year sessional calendar.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Foster and Ms. Sutherland voted in opposition of the motion.

**b. Regalia Colours – Masters Degree in Public Health**

Motion: (M. Purkis/D. Capson)

That the Senate approve that the regalia hood for the Masters Degree in Public Health be pumpkin with a mitred neckpiece and a narrow band of black velvet one inch from the edge of the hood on the outside only.

**CARRIED**

**c. Update on Elections to Senate for 2012/2013**

Ms. Andersen said a report listing members of Senate elected or acclaimed since the last meeting had been circulated in the docket.

**d. Update on the Implementation of Percentage Grading**

Dr. Mateer provided an updated on the implementation of percentage grading. She explained that implementation was taking place in two phases and that, as of May 1, 2012, all instructors were required to use the Senate approved percentage grading scale. Dr. Mateer reported that phase two, which included development and implementation of changes to university systems and administrative projects, was planned to begin in 2014.

**e. Election of Vice-Chair of Senate**

Dr. Serra nominated Peter Keller as Vice-Chair. Dr. Kennedy seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Dr. Keller was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of Senate.

**f. Joint Senate Board Retreat**

Ms. Andersen reported that the Joint Senate Board Retreat would take place on March 2, 2013.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

# Attendance

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from July 1, 2012

October 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: 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)
- ✓ 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)

- ✓ Susan Lewis Hammond - FINE (30/6/14)
- ✓ 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 Foster (HUMS) "
- ✓ David Hamilton (ENGR) "
- ✓ Emilie Henriksen (FINE ARTS) "
- ✓ 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) "
- ✓ Kelly Watson (GRAD) "
- ✓ TBA (EDUC) "

### 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: Tracie Smith (30/06/15)
- ✓ 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