



Meeting of Senate
April 5, 2024

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on April 5, 2024 at 3:33 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre, Room A180.

Kevin Hall called the meeting to order and offered a territorial acknowledgement.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (B. Smith/A. Mallidou)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. March 1, 2024

Motion: (J. Salinas/A. Bhappu)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on March 1, 2024 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

K. Hall shared that colleague and fellow Senator Rebecca Warburton passed away in March. He noted that R. Warburton was a long-time HSD Senate faculty member and Convocation Senator. She was a member of the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching and the sub-committee on the Revisions to the Course Experience Survey. He reported that a message of condolence had been sent to R. Warburton's family.

Monica Prendergast spoke about R. Warburton's work as a member of the Faculty Association and shared that a celebration of life would be held on April 27, 2024, at the University Club.

K. Hall continued with his report with the announcement that March marked the second anniversary of the International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders (CIFAL) Victoria's official launch, with a mandate to deliver training activities and research that build on UVic's commitments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

K. Hall reported on meeting with the new Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, the Honourable Lisa Beare, and the other RUCBC Presidents. The items discussed included enhancing affordable education and accessibility, securing student housing, implementing the Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People Act Action Plan, and new measures to strengthen standards and safeguards for international students in the province.

In terms of UVic athletics, K. Hall announced that the Vikes women's rugby team won the silver medal at the Canadian University Women's Rugby 7s National Championship, and that the Vikes men's and women's golf teams took home first and second place at the Vikes Spring Shootout. He noted that our student-athletes are consistently high academic achieving members of the university's honour roll.

Finally, K. Hall provided an update on several awards:

- Dr. Lisa Reynolds, Associate Professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, received the 2024 CIHR-INMD-Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Early Career Investigator Partnership Prize.
- Nicholas J. Roberts, a UVic graduate student in Chemistry, won the Gilead Early Career Award for Excellence in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for their work in EDI initiatives.
- Dr. Francis Juanes, Liber Ergo Professor of Fisheries in the Department of Biology, received the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC's Paz Buttedahl Career Achievement Award.
- Kim Senklip Harvey, UVic alumna and 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient from the Syilx [Sea-ilk] and Tsilhqot'in [Chill-coat-en] nations, won the prestigious Vanier Scholarship.

There were no questions.

b. Presentation on Transnational Education

K. Hall introduced the presentation on transnational education and introduced Elango Elangovan, Associate Vice-President Global Engagement and Elizabeth Adjin-Tetty, Associate Vice-President Academic Programs.

E. Elangovan provided members of Senate with an overview of Transnational Education (TNE) and the shift from student mobility to program mobility. E. Adjin-Tetty explained how TNE would work academically with the host and the awarding institutions. E. Elangovan outlined why universities engaged in TNE and provided examples of institutions currently involved with this type of programming globally and domestically. E. Adjin-Tetty outlined instances of when TNEs were most successful and noted when a proposal becomes concrete for UVic, these would be brought to Senate for approval.

E. Elangovan and E. Adjin-Tetty responded to questions from members of Senate such as clarification that the students in these programs should have access to all UVic resources, including library and co-op opportunities. Other Senators stressed the need to be aware of the risks of TNE and the use of sound judgment when entering countries whose culture may not align with UVic while ensuring respect for this local culture. Other comments were made regarding the need to be mindful of the legislation and regulations in different countries and the importance of providing student support.

E. Elangovan reported on Canadian institutions currently engaged in TNE and the upcoming program offered by Camosun College in the fall. Elizabeth Croft noted that Prince Edward Island currently has a cohort of approximately 800 students in the program.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Change to admission requirements for Bachelor of Science Physics and Computer Science Major

Yasmine Kandil, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (Y. Kandil/P. Loock)

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the admission requirements for Bachelor of Science Physics and Computer Science Major.

CARRIED

ii. Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science – Admission Requirements for the West Shore Computing Gateway program

Y. Kandil introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (Y. Kandil/M. Hoorfar)

That Senate approve the proposed admissions requirements for the West Shore Computing Gateway program.

CARRIED

iii. Change to Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Education: Indigenous Language Revitalization

Y. Kandil introduced the proposal.

Jean-Paul Restoule, Chair of Indigenous Education, and Aliko Marinakis, Indigenous Language Programs Manager, responded to a Senator's question regarding how the revision would allow for greater transfer credit flexibility from other certificates.

Motion: (Y. Kandil/R. Hancock)

That Senate approve the proposed change to admission requirements for the Bachelor of Education: Indigenous Language Revitalization.

CARRIED

iv. Greek and Roman Studies – Revisions to the Admission and Readmission Requirements for Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy programs

Y. Kandil introduced the proposal.

In response to a Senator’s question on the many languages required, Mark Nugent, Acting Chair of Greek and Roman Studies, explained that most of the languages required are acquired during enrolment in the program. A member of the Senate asked about funding, for which M. Nugent confirmed that funding was primarily met through external bodies.

Motion: (Y. Kandil/J. Salinas)

That Senate approve the revisions to the admission and readmission requirements for the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Greek and Roman Studies for the September 2024 graduate academic calendar.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Rishi Gupta introduced the new and revised awards on behalf of the Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards.

A member of the Senate spoke about the Association of Former MLAs of BC Student Scholarship and its wording regarding providing the scholarship to two students of different gender identities. R. Gupta reported that the committee discussed the need to review gender language for all awards and that this would be a significant undertaking in the future. Lori Hunter, Director of Student Awards and Financial Aid, also noted a meeting scheduled with Development Officers to discuss the correct wording for inclusivity when approaching award terms with our donors.

A Senator asked about the deadline to apply for undergraduate scholarships, as it was unclear whether it was the end of April or May. L. Hunter confirmed that the deadline for all undergraduate awards held with the Student Awards and Financial Aid office was the end of May.

Motion: (R. Gupta/D. Sirois Ennis)

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:

- Association of Former MLAs of BC Student Scholarship* (Revised)
- David Ritchie Business Grant* (Revised)
- Derrick Hirons Graduate Scholarship* (New)
- Dr. Ian Stuart MBA Scholarship in Service Management* (Revised)
- Emma Machado Memorial Scholarship* (Revised)
- Geoff McKay Vikes Men’s Basketball Annual Award (New)
- James A. Mossey (SM) Award* (Revised)
- Law Foundation of BC Black Legal Scholar Award (New)

- Law Foundation of BC Black Legal Scholar Entrance Award (New)
- Law Foundation of BC Legal Scholar Award (New)
- MBA Leadership/Citizenship Award* (Revised)
- MBA Pay-it-Forward Award* (Revised)
- Peninsula Co-op Dr. Ian MacPherson Memorial Scholarship* (Revised)
- Peter Gustavson MGB Scholarship (Revised)
- Ritchie Foundation Graduate Entrance Scholarship* (Revised)
- Ritchie Foundation MBA Scholarship* (Revised)
- Ritchie Foundation Travel Award* (Revised)
- Stikeman Elliott Entrance Award (Revised)
- Strathcona Hotel Award* (Revised)
- Wayne and Nancy MacDonald Vikes Athletics Award* (Revised)

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CARRIED

c. Ad-hoc Senate Committee on Academic Health Programming

i. Update from Chair

Helga Hallgrímsdóttir, Chair of the Ad-hoc Senate Committee on Academic Health Programming, provided members of Senate with an update on what has transpired since the last Senate meeting. Highlights of the update included:

- Board of Governors approval of the Faculty of Health at its March meeting
- continued work with Psychology for recommendation to Senate in May
- continued work with Counselling Psychology for recommendation to Senate in May

H. Hallgrímsdóttir also noted that a motion to disband the committee would be recommended in May, as any remaining work to be done would be done through other committees.

There were no questions.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There was none.

8. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

a. Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost Update

E. Croft provided a brief update on academic accommodations. She recognized that while there is interest in adopting pedagogical approaches that better support the university's diverse community of students, instructors have noted more time is needed to make the transition. Referring to the recent campus email regarding continued temporary support for academic accommodations for the summer session through the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and Office of Registrar and Enrolment Management (OREM), E. Croft explained that the supports are intended to ensure that students and instructors are well supported while they take the time necessary to move to a more access-centred approach to academic

accommodations. E. Croft mentioned a new VPAC webpage for instructors that includes resources, principles and approaches, and updates for academic accommodation.

E. Croft reported that instructors will likely receive additional information in May on what to expect for the fall term and any longer-term strategies. She noted this would be in addition to providing regular updates to Senate.

A member of Senate asked for an update on the midterm examination pilot report. E. Adjin-Tettey explained that a report would be provided Senate for its May meeting.

Another question was asked regarding any possible clarity on how the Provost's office expected instructors to handle accommodations. E. Croft responded that it would not be possible to eliminate the need for accommodations, and as a result, an access-centred approach was needed to reduce the need for individual accommodation. E. Adjin-Tettey also noted that support would also be available for those students with complex needs.

b. Launch of UVic's inaugural Academic Action Plan

E. Croft introduced the report on the Academic Action Plan.

H. Hallgrímsdóttir reported that the plan was an operational design to further UVic's Strategic and other UVic Plans. She added that initiatives enacted from the Academic Action Plan are expected to follow the appropriate governing processes and approvals.

In response to a question, E. Croft confirmed there was no timeline for the Academic Action Plan; instead, the plan would outline efforts to support the university's other plans. A Senator asked why the Faculty of Humanities was not represented on the Budget Design Committee. E. Croft responded that the intent was to work with a small number of Deans and that the committee was not designed to be representative. She noted that consultation and work was being undertaken with the Chairs and Directors.

A member of Senate noted that while Senate would be part of the process as it pertains to specific proposals, they wondered if there were other ways Senate members could be included in the plans processes. H. Hallgrímsdóttir replied that the plan would not change the role of Senate but rather create a place to talk openly about initiatives.

In response to a question regarding the ongoing budget discussions, E. Croft said that hard work was being done, and she hoped to communicate an update to the campus community in late April/early May.

A member of Senate asked if the academic program review process would be changing, given what was outlined in the Academic Action Plan. E. Croft confirmed that the Plan was not replacing the current process.

c. Digital Learning Plan

E. Croft introduced the report on the Digital Learning Plan.

E. Adjin-Tettey presented the Plan and thanked the committee for their work. She said the Plan was a framework for guiding the work on how we learn and teach on campus and increased transparency. She

noted that a new committee would be established for further implementation, including high-level priorities over five years.

Given the government's push on this issue, a member of the Senate asked if there was a budget allocated for this initiative. E. Adjin-Tetty acknowledged there was no budget allocation from the government to accompany any initiatives. Another Senator asked if there were supports beyond LTSI as there were competencies that would be integrated by discipline. E. Adjin-Tetty said there were possible grants, and that the Division was looking at reallocations to ensure enough support.

A member of the Senate suggested that, given the conversation about TNE, collecting these revenues could fund accessibility on awarding campuses. K. Hall advised that all aspects of revenue diversity were currently being considered.

d. Recommendation to rescind Off-Campus Graduate Programs policy (AC1115)

E. Croft introduced the proposal.

A member of Senate expressed concern about rescinding a policy without knowing where the sections within the policy are covered elsewhere. Robin Hicks, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, noted that this was a disused policy and that each point in the policy was covered elsewhere.

In response to a question on replacement for approving who delivers courses, E. Croft advised that this was a decision for the Deans. K. Hall noted that approvals of this nature can also be found in each affiliation agreement.

Motion: (E. Croft/R. Hancock)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, rescinding the Off-Campus Graduate Programs policy (AC1115) effective immediately.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 2023 Policy Annual Report

K. Hall introduced the annual report. There were no questions.

b. Senate Special June meeting

Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, explained that given the number of initiatives currently underway, an additional meeting in June would likely be scheduled. She advised senators to check their calendars for a potential meeting, which would be held in a hybrid format.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Senate Meeting April 5, 2024

Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Adjin-Tetty, Elizabeth	X		Associate Vice-President Academic Programs	By Invitation
Aikau, Hokulani	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Andersen, Carrie	X		University Secretary	Secretary of Senate
Andreotti, Vanessa	X		Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Anyaeibunam, Chekwube	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Bengtson, Jonathan	X		University Librarian	Ex officio
Bhappu, Anita	X		Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
Brown, Hannah	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Buller, Marion		X	Chancellor	Ex officio
Campbell, Erin	X		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Clarke, Jo-Anne	X		Dean, Division of Continuing Studies	Ex officio
Croft, Elizabeth	X		Vice-President Academic and Provost	Ex officio
Curran, Deborah	X		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Diether, Kelly	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Dunsdon, Jim		X	Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Eagle, Chris	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Empringham, Kyle			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Fyfe, Benjamin			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Gaudet, Loren	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Gupta, Rishi	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Hall, Kevin	X		President and Vice-Chancellor	Chair of Senate
Hallgrimsdottir, Helga	X		Deputy Provost	By invitation
Hancock, Rob	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Harder, Lois	X		Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Ex officio
Harding, Catherine	X		Faulty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Harris, Moronke			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Hicks, Robin	X		Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Hier, Sean			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Holdaway, Anais			Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Hoorfar, Mina	X		Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Ex officio
Hope Tucker, Nathaniel			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Huang, Li-Shih			Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Humphreys, Sara	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Hundza, Sandra			Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Jeffery, Donna	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the faculty members
Kalynchuk, Lisa	X		Vice-President Research and Innovation	Ex officio
Kandil, Yasmine	X		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Kelly, Erin	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Kennedy, Cole	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Koch, Matthew	X		Continuing Sessional	Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Kodar, Freya	X		Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Laidlaw, Mark	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Lee, Kelvin			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Lepp, Annalee	X		Dean, Faculty of Humanities	Ex officio
Lindgren, Allana			Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	Ex officio
Loock, Peter	X		Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Mallidou, Anastasia	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the faculty members
Marks, Lynne	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Martin, Travis	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
McGinnis, Martha	X		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Minshall, Simon	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Mukhopadhyaya, Phalguni	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the faculty members
Nair, Sudhir			Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Newcombe, Andrew			Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Pavlik, Sophie			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Prendergast, Monica	X		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Prince, Michael	X		A/Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Rose-Redwood, CindyAnn	X		Faculty of Socia Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Saab, Ada	X		Associate University Secretary	By Invitation
Salem, Joseph	X		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Salinas, Justin	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Sirois Ennis, Daniela	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Smith, Brock	X		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Stinson, Danu	X		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Struchtrup, Henning	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Sukhdeo, Nathaniel			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Taylor, Wendy	X		Acting Registrar	By Invitation
Voss, Graham		X	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Wang, Alivia	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Wang, Emily	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Wilson, Lara	X		Professional Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Wright, Bruce	X		Head, Division of Medical Sciences	Additional Member
Zhou, Lina	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the faculty members

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective April 5, 2024EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)

Chancellor: Marion Buller (31/12/24)
 President and Vice-Chancellor: Kevin Hall, Chair
 Vice-President Academic and Provost: Elizabeth Croft
 Vice-President Research and Innovation: Lisa Kalynchuk
 Dean of Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Anita Bhappu
 Dean of Education: Vanessa Andreotti
 Dean of Engineering: Mina Hoorfar
 Dean of Continuing Studies: JoAnne Clarke
 Dean of Fine Arts: Allana Lindgren
 Dean of Graduate Studies: Robin Hicks (Vice-Chair)
 Dean of Humanities: Annalee Lepp
 Acting Dean of HSD: Michael Prince
 Dean of Law: Freya Kodar
 Dean of Science: Peter Loock
 Dean of Social Sciences: Lois Harder
 University Librarian: Jonathan Bengtson

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES

- Section 35 (2) (g)

BUSI: Sudhir Nair (30/6/25)
 Brock Smith (30/6/24)
 EDUC: Sandra Hundza (30/6/25)
 Monica Prendergast (30/6/26)
 ENGR: Rishi Gupta (30/6/25)
 Henning Struchtrup (30/6/26)
 FINE: Catherine Harding (30/6/25)
 Joseph Salem (30/6/24)
 GRAD: Martha McGinnis (30/6/26)
 Danu Stinson (30/6/25)
 HSD: Hokulani Aikau (30/6/24)
 Simon Minshall (30/6/25)
 HUMS: Loren Gaudet (30/6/25)
 Lynne Marks (30/6/24)
 LAW: Deborah Curran (30/6/25)
 Andrew Newcombe (30/6/26)
 SCIE: Mark Laidlaw (30/6/26)
 Travis Martin (30/6/26)
 SOSC: Rob Hancock (30/6/24)
 CindyAnn Rose-Redwood (30/6/26)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

- Sections 35 (2) (g)

Erin Campbell (FINE) (30/6/26)
 Chris Eagle (SCIE) (30/6/26)
 Sean Hier (SOSC) (30/6/24)
 Sara Humphreys (HUM) (30/6/26)
 Li-Shih Huang (HUM) (30/6/24)
 Donna Jeffery (HSD) (30/6/24)
 Yasmine Kandil (FINE) (30/6/26)
 Erin Kelly (HUM) (30/6/24)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTYMEMBERS (continued)

Anastasia Mallidou (HSD) (30/6/26)
 Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya (ENGR) (30/6/25)
 Graham Voss (SOSC) (30/6/24)
 Lina Zhou (ENGR) (30/6/26)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENTSOCIETIES – Section 35 (2) (h)

Chekwube Anyaegbunam (GRAD) (30/6/24)
 Hannah Brown (GRAD) “
 Kyle Empringham (GRAD) “
 Benjamin Fyfe (BUSI) “
 Moronke Harris (GRAD) “
 Nathaniel Hope Tucker (SOSC) “
 Cole Kennedy (GRAD) “
 Kelvin Lee (ENGR) “
 Sophie Pavlik (SCIE) “
 Justin Salinas (HUMS) “
 Daniela Sirois Ennis (SOSC) “
 Nathaniel Sukhdeo (LAW) “
 Emily Wang (LAW) “
 Vacancy (EDUC) “
 Vacancy (FINE) “
 Vacancy (HSD) “

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

– Section 35 (2) (i)

Kelly Diether (30/06/24)
 Anaïs Holdaway (30/06/24)
 Alivia Wang (30/06/24)
 Vacancy (30/06/24)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Bruce Wright
 Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
 Lara Wilson (30/06/24)
 Continuing Sessional: Matthew Koch (30/06/26)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

University Secretary: Carrie Andersen

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

Deputy Provost: Helga Hallgrímsdóttir
 Assoc. VP Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
 Assoc. VP Academic Programs: Elizabeth Adjin-Tetty
 A/Registrar: Wendy Taylor
 Associate University Secretary: Ada Saab