University of Victoria

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Meeting of Senate
November 3, 2023

MINUTES

An open meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on November 3, 2023 at 3:46 p.m. in the Medical Sciences Building, room 160.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (M. McGinnis/M. Laidlaw)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. October 6, 2023

Motion: (J. Salem/A. Lindgren)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on October 6, 2023 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

Kevin Hall, President and Vice-Chancellor, remarked on the recent 5 Days of Action, noting the importance of these events to highlight our shared commitment to end discrimination, harassment, and sexualized violence. He hoped that members of Senate were able to take advantage of the many sessions, activities, and workshops.

Reflecting on the past week's crisis in the Middle East, K. Hall noted the importance of safety for all members of our community. He commented on the need for the university to remain a place where all people can come to work, study, and live without fear. Addressing recent reports of racism, antisemitism, and Islamophobia, K. Hall reinforced that the university condemns all forms of hate, violence, and intolerance and any form of intimidation or discrimination.

To update Senate on institutional rankings, K. Hall reported that Maclean's magazine ranked UVic as #2 in Canada among the 15 comprehensive universities. He noted that this is the sixth consecutive year the university has been in either first or second place. K. Hall also reported that the university is ranked first

for faculty awards and medical/science grants, second for research activity and student awards, and third for scholarships and bursaries, and library resources.

Regarding Convocation, K. Hall noted that 1,500 degrees, certificates and diplomas will be awarded for fall 2023 convocation. As well, two Honorary degrees will also be awarded to Linda Catlin Smith, a music composer and educator, and Andrew Petter, a former member of the B.C. Legislative Assembly and Dean of Law at UVic.

K. Hall reported that on October 25th at the First People's House, the Office of the Vice-President Indigenous, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and guests celebrated the name gifted to them by J,SINTEN, Dr. John Elliott and translated into Lək̓ʷəŋən by Seniemten, Dr. Elmer George. The name they were gifted is Etalew̓txʷ | ÁTOL ÁUTW̱ (A-Toll–Outwa) meaning 'Centre of respect for the rights of one another and all beings.' Also honoured was Qwul'thilum, Dylan Thomas, for his design of the VPI office logo, reflecting the concept of Etalew̓txʷ | ÁTOL ÁUTW̱ (A-Toll–Outwa).

K. Hall announced the following faculty awards:

- Nancy Clarke, Associate Professor in Nursing, was awarded the ninth President's Chair—the highest internal honour we can bestow on a faculty member at UVic. N. Clarke works collaboratively to research, practice and support the mental health and well-being of immigrant, refugee ethno-cultural and racialized groups in Canada.
- Arif Babul, Physics and Astronomy, is a rare second-time recipient of the Leverhulme Visiting Professorship award. This is given to "an eminent senior professor from overseas, to bring genuinely novel expertise and enhance the skills and knowledge of academic staff and students in the UK." A. Babul has also been named Fellow of the American Physical Society for advances in astrophysics from galaxy formation and gravitational lensing to cosmic strings and warm dark matter.
- Adam Ritz, Physics and Astronomy, was named Fellow of the American Physical Society for important theory contributions toward improving our understanding of dark matter, the dynamics of quantum field theories, and much more.
- Stan Dosso, Earth and Ocean Sciences, has been named recipient of the Silver Medal in Acoustical Oceanography for contributions to Bayesian inference methods in ocean acoustics and marine geophysics.
- Jeff Masuda, Public Health and Social Policy, was named Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Science for undertaking community-aligned research that reveals the structural underpinnings of place-based health inequities.
- Julio Navarro, Physics and Astronomy, has been awarded the Royal Society Wolfson Visiting Professorship for his work on dark matter clues from the faintest galaxies.
- Jeffrey Reading, Public Health and Social Policy, was appointed as a member of the Order of Canada. He was recognized for his groundbreaking contributions to Indigenous health research and for his leadership in bringing Indigenous perspectives to scientific and health institutions.

K. Hall announced the naming ceremony for the CARSA field hockey pitch on October 21st honouring Lynne Beecroft. Lynne was the women's field hockey coach for 15 U Sports national championships, and 19 other medals on the national stage.

b. United Way Presentation

Robin Hicks and Cassbreea Dewis, this year's co-chairs of UVic's United Way Campaign, provided members of Senate with a brief presentation of this year's campaign.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Changes to the Honours Program: French and Francophone Studies

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

> Motion: (Y. Kandil/A. Lepp)
> That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Honours Program: French and Francophone Studies in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

CARRIED

ii. Change to Year 1 Admission to the Kinesiology (KINE) Program

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

> Motion: (Y. Kandil/S. Hundza)
> That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Year 1 admission requirements for the Faculty of Education, Kinesiology Program.

CARRIED

iii. Revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar Regarding Examinations, Deferred Status

Y. Kandil introduced the proposal. A member of Senate asked if the committee considered a change to the period in which deferred exams would be held in January, given the recent revision to the start of January classes. Y. Kandil explained deferred examinations could be held before the start of classes to avoid possible impact to the add/drop deadlines.

Another Senator asked if the change would mean the appeal process would take longer. Wendy Taylor, Acting Registrar, explained that the intent of the revisions was to clarify the deferred status already defined in the undergraduate Academic Concession regulation.

> Motion: (Y. Kandil/S. Minshall)
> That Senate approve the revisions to Examinations, Deferred Status in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Revisions to the Senate Rules and Procedures for Remote Attendance

Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, thanked those members of Senate who responded to the survey. She noted that the responses had been thoughtful and that the revisions proposed were the result of the majority of responding Senators.

A. Saab summarized the proposed revisions, noting that there would be some hiccups moving forward. She reported that technological changes are planned for the Senate and Board Chambers in the coming months.

A member of Senate expressed their concern regarding the use of "prevented" in section 12.01 of the revised rules and procedures and that this may be stricter than intended considering most respondents felt Senators should be able to decide how to attend the meeting. A. Saab noted that most respondents also agreed that Senate meetings were more effective in person and that this wording reflected the preference to keep Senate engaged. A. Saab noted that the wording was not to meant to enforce what "prevented" may mean to each Senator. Another member of Senate agreed with the use of the wording, noting it was broad enough to be reasonable and functional.

Motion: (K. Diether/M. Laidlaw)
That Senate approve the revisions to the Senate Rules and Procedures for remote attendance.

CARRIED

ii. Appointments to the 2023/2024 Senate standing committees

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, Chair of the Nominations sub-committee, introduced the listing of new committee appointments. There were no questions.

Motion: (P. Mukhopadhyaya/S. Pavlik)
That Senate approve the appointments to the 2023/2024 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Awards

i. 2023/2024 Annual Report

Maureen Ryan, Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards introduced the report. There were no questions.

ii. New and Revised Awards

M. Ryan introduced the recommended list of new and revised awards. There were no questions.

Motion: (Y. Kandil/A. Wang)
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:

- Borden Ladner Gervais Professional Excellence Awards (Revised)
- Cassels Shaw Graduate Fellowship* (Revised)
- Douglas and Jennifer Mann Scholarship* (Revised)
- Dr. Frank Parnell Memorial Award (Revised)
- Kairos Scholarship* (New)
- Khowutzen Forestry Award in Environmental Studies (Revised)
- Marc Bell Award in Environmental Studies* (Revised)
- Neil J. Sterritt Legacy Fellowship* (New)
- Nina Dobbyn Award* (New)
- Onuma's Opus Award (Revised)
- COYA Scholarship (Revised)
- John Patrick McManaman CPA Memorial Award* (New)

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CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. General University Policies – Creating a respectful and productive learning environment

Alexandra D'Arcy, Chair of the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching, introduced the proposal.

Some members of Senate expressed concern with the instructor having primary responsibility for creating an inclusive environment. It was noted that this section could be interpreted by students to challenge instructors on issues when classes covered difficult sensitive subject matter. A. D'Arcy responded that there was no formal consequence for the section of the calendar but rather that this was to be a reflective statement on the university's goals and commitments. She noted that the university had formal mechanisms for students to follow in situations where there was an issue in the classroom.

Motion: (D. Curran/A. Mallidou)
That Senate approve revisions to the General University Policies section, Creating a respectful, inclusive and productive learning environment, in the academic calendars.

CARRIED

e. Ad hoc Senate Committee on Academic Health Programming

i. Summary of Results of the Campus-Wide Survey

Helga Hallgrímsdóttir, Deputy Provost, and Tony Eder, Associate Vice-President Academic Resource Planning, provided members of Senate with a summary of the results of the campus-wide survey. Highlights of the presentation included a breakdown of respondents and foundational programs, considerations for success, as well as the noted benefits and challenges of the initiative.

A Senator congratulated the ad hoc committee on the work and asked if the view was to include the Island Medical Program in the discussions. Bruce Wright, Head of the Division of Medical Sciences, responded by outlining the partnership between UVic and the University of British Columbia.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Social Sciences

i. Dean's Presentation

Lois Harder, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences provided members of Senate with an overview of the faculty and highlighted a number of academic initiatives.

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

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

Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost provided members of Senate with an update from her office. She noted the success of the October Stocktober food drive, the ratification of Michael Prince as Acting Dean of Human and Social Development for a 1-year term beginning January 1, 2024, continued work with Kaplan International, and the recently revised terms of reference for UVic's Accessibility Committee. She welcomed expressions of interest to serve on the committee.

b. Revisions to Procedures for the Appointment and Review of the Associate Dean Humanities

Annalee Lepp, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, introduced the proposal and outlined the rationale for the changes being recommended. She noted that a university wide policy for all Associate Deans would brought forward at a future meeting, however the proposed revisions were required in the interim. There were no questions.

> Motion: (A. Lepp/P. Loock)
> That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the revisions to the Procedures for the Appointment and Review of the Associate Dean of Humanities (GV0600).
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> **CARRIED**

c. Enrolment update

E. Croft and T. Eder provided members of Senate with an update on enrolment. T. Eder reported on future work to monitor spring term enrolments, revisit enrolment targets, diversify international markets, expand recruitment networks, and advocate for government-funded expansion.

T. Eder responded to questions relating to anticipated changes in enrolment, need for diversification, and the federal restrictions related to international students, especially as this related to housing.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Notification of expiry of Chancellor's first term

K. Hall announced that the current term of the Chancellor would be ending in 18 months. He reported that a search committee would be formed in due course.

b. Senate resignation

A. Saab announced that Jill Walshaw, Faculty of Humanities, had resigned from Senate, and that a call for nominations had been distributed for which Loren Gaudet was acclaimed to serve the remaining term.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Adjin-Tettey, 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
Anyaegbunam, 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		X	Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Fyfe, Benjamin		X	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			Faulty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Harris, Moronke		X	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	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Hoorfar, Mina			Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Ex officio
Hope Tucker, Nathaniel		X	Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Huang, Li-Shih	X		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			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	X		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Pavlik, Sophie	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Prendergast, Monica		X	Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
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	X		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
Warburton, Rebecca	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
White, Jennifer	X		A/Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
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 November 1, 2023

EX 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: Jennifer White
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 FACULTY MEMBERS *(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 STUDENT SOCIETIES – 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)
Rebecca Warburton	(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-Tettey
A/Registrar: Wendy Taylor
Associate University Secretary: Ada Saab