University of Victoria

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Meeting of Senate
October 6, 2023

MINUTES

An open meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on October 6, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (S. Minshall/E. Kelly)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

Kevin Hall welcomed Senators to the first meeting of the year, noting the new and exciting developments to occur over the year such as the newly launched Strategic and Indigenous Plans.

K. Hall welcomed new student representatives and introduced the new Deans of Education, Vanessa Andreotti; Business, Anita Bhappu; and Law, Freya Kodar. K. Hall thanked everyone for volunteering their time and stressed the importance of university governance.

K. Hall reported on recent significant events held on campus such as the events and workshops surrounding National Truth and Reconciliation Week and the gathering in the quad for Orange Shirt Day on September 29th in which Barney Williams presented a Survivors flag. The flag flew half mast on campus to honour former residential school students, their families, and communities. K. Hall also celebrated the launch of the university's Indigenous Plan and encouraged Senators to explore the plan and it's four teachings.

Reporting on a number of significant awards, K. Hall congratulated the following individuals:

- Dr. Kate Moran**,** lead on Ocean Networks Canada, was named in the latest batch of inductees to the Order of Canada by Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon.
- The Royal Society of Canada celebrated 10 University of Victoria researchers:
    - Fellows: Amy Verdun (Political Science), G. Cornelis van Kooten (Economics), Eric Higgs (Environmental Studies), Alison Chapman (English), and Jonathan Bengston (Library)
    - College of New Scholars: Onowa McIvor (Indigenous Education), Magdalena Bazalova-Carter (Medical Physics), Mohsen Akbari (Mechanical Engineering), Marie-Eve Tremblay (Medical Sciences), and Doris Kukaru (Child and Youth Care)
- Nathan Lechowsky (Public Health & Social Policy) and Marilou Gagnon (Nursing) were honoured by the Canadian Association for HIV Research and the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research with Excellence in Research Awards.

- Nancy Clark (Nursing) is a 2023 Michael Smith Health Research BC Scholar Award Recipient. Clark won for promoting integrated mental health care services and supports for refugees in B.C.

Regarding awards, K. Hall noted that almost $4M of SSHRC Awards funding will come to UVic scholars for projects such as climate research, Indigenous ways of knowing, artistic practice, and econometrics.

K. Hall reported on upcoming events on campus such as the current call for nominations for Campus Kudos. He also announced the first Rumour Mill session, a casual and open conversation with the President and Provost for the campus community. In answer to a question, K. Hall noted the event would be held in person, not online.

Finally, K. Hall noted in sadness the passing of Elder Tousilum (Ron George), a founding member of Elder Voices. K. Hall acknowledged the generous time he gave to guide our students and pass along his knowledge.

3. MINUTES

a. May 5, 2023

Motion: (B. Smith/A. Lepp)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on May 5, 2023 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

b. Special Meeting of Senate August 22, 2023

Motion: (R. Hancock/L. Wilson)
That the minutes of the open session of the special meeting of the Senate held on August 22, 2023 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Procedures for the Appointment of Acting Associate Deans Indigenous

Carrie Andersen, University Secretary, noted there were clarifications made to the grouping of candidates before the policy was approved by the Board of Governors.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. University of Victoria Financial Statements as at March 31, 2023

K. Hall introduced the financial statements and explained the fiduciary responsibility of the university.

Michael Kravec, Manager, Financial Accounting and Training, responded to a Senate member's question regarding tangible capital assets.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Change to Admission Requirements for Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

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

> Motion: (Y. Kandil/J. Salinas)
> That Senate approve the proposal to change the admission requirements for Bachelor of Science, Computer Science effective May 1, 2024.

CARRIED

ii. Revisions to the Undergraduate and Graduate Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines

Y. Kandil introduced the proposal, noting an amendment and thanked the member of Senate for noting this need for further clarification on alternate arrangements. There were no questions.

> Motion: (Y. Kandil/A. Newcombe)
> That Senate approve the revisions to the Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines in the Academic Calendars, as amended.

CARRIED

iii. 2022/2023 Annual Report

Y. Kandil presented the annual report. There were no questions.

b. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2023/2024 Senate standing committees

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, Chair of the Nominations sub-committee, introduced the listing of new committee appointments and stated additional appointments would be recommended for the next Senate meeting. There were no questions.

> Motion: (P. Mukhopadhyaya/M. Prendergast)
> 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. New and Revised Awards

Maureen Ryan, Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards, introduced the new and revised awards. In response to a question regarding any floor to the amount that can be donated, M. Ryan responded that any amount was appreciated. There were no other questions.

Motion: (A. Newcombe/H. Aikau)
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:

- Hawkes-Little Graduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- Maurie Jorre de St. Jorre Prize (Revised)
- Carfra Lawton LLP Scholarship (Revised)
- Law Foundation of B.C. Public Interest Award (Revised)
- Philip K. H. Wong Scholarship* (Revised)
- Georgia Klap Award (Revised)
- Jack Howard Jackson Memorial Bursary (Revised)
- Marilyn McCrimmon Scholarship in Education* (New)
- James H. Coward Award (Revised)
- Religion, Culture and Society Student Travel Enrichment Award (New)
- Loretta Warnsby Memorial Award in Law* (New)
- Inez St. Dennis Memorial Music Education Service Award (New)
- Kris and Pushpa Tangri Memorial Bursary in Theatre* (New)
- Sara Spencer Foundation Graduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship* (Revised)
- Birdwood Fund Award* (New)
- Kenneth L. Avio Honours Prize (Revised)
- Victoria Korean Presbyterian Church Award (New)
- Colin Jones Prize in Canadian Public Policy (Revised)
- Leonard Laudadio Prize in Environmental Economics (Revised)
- TELUS Friendly Future Foundation Social Impact Bursary (New)
- Mackenzie Rigg Men's Soccer Award* (Revised)
- Working for a Better World Award (Revised)
- Audain Travel Award (Revised)
- Andreas Antoniou Medal for Digital Signal Processing (Revised)
- Muriel Ford Memorial Bursary* (Revised)
- Y.P. Heung Foundation Post-Secondary Scholarship (New)
- Coastal Climate Solutions Leaders Graduate Scholarship* (New)
- J. Prospero Scholarship for Sustainable Mining (Revised)
- Peter Liddell Award in Humanities Computing* (Revised)
- Vancouver Island Trails Information Society Scholarship (Revised)
- Derrick and Gwen Mallard Scholarship in Environmental Protection* (Revised)

- Ferguson Graduate Research Award in Digital Health (Revised)
- WIN Self-Sufficiency Bursary (Revised)
- Vicky Husband Scholarship* (Revised)
- Marilynne Convey Scholarship* (Revised)
- UVic Retirees Association Award* (Revised)
- Elaine Gallagher Award* (Revised)
- Alice Lou-Poy Graduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- Neena Chappell Scholarship* (Revised)
- Dr. David Chuenyan Lai Scholarship* (Revised)
- Empresa Properties Vikes Cross Country & Track Award* (Revised)
- Stacey Reginald Ball Prize* (Revised)
- Lucas Main Elevator Award (New)
- Orca Book Publishers Student Mobility Award in Teacher Education (Revised)
- VicFounders Award (New)
- Dr. Jean Downie Dey Student Mobility Award* (Revised)
- Barry Chow Vikes Basketball Award* (New)
- Marion Cassels Memorial Indigenous Athletics Award* (New)
- Lynne Duncan Scholarship in Public Administration* (New)
- Hilda Shilliday Nursing Award (New)
- Victoria Canada-China Friendship Association Scholarship* (Revised)
- Myrna and Terry Daniels Award in Indigenous Education* (Revised)
- University of Victoria Youth in Care Award (Revised)

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d. Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

i. 2022/2023 Annual Report

Jo-Anne Clarke, Chair of the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies, presented the annual report. There were no questions.

e. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. 2022/2023 Annual Report

Adam Con, Chair of the Senate Committee on Curriculum, presented the annual report. There were no questions.

ii. 2023/2024 Cycle 3 Curriculum Submissions

A. Con introduced the curriculum submissions and explained the curriculum process. There were no questions.

Motion: (H. Brown/J. Salem)
That Senate approve the curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2023/2024 academic calendar, effective January 1, 2024.

CARRIED

Motion: (M. Hoorfar/S. Minshall)
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

f. 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 the work undertaken to-date. She reported that the recent campus-wide survey received over 2,000 responses. H. Hallgrímsdóttir outlined the timeline of events which included presenting a plan to Senate in January 2024 and the placement of a new Dean for the fall of 2025.

In response to questions regarding the consultation application to planning workflow, H. Hallgrímsdóttir noted this would be a committee conversation as the survey results are analyzed. Another member of Senate asked how the costs will be implemented and if leadership positions will increase. H. Hallgrímsdóttir explained this was not a net new initiative and both leaders and units would readjust to the new priority. K. Hall added that a variety of factors were still under consideration and structural changes were still in the conceptual stages. Finally, a Senator remarked that this approach to reorganize and revitalize should be considered for all faculties.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science – Approval of Faculty Convocation Lists

Mina Hoorfar, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, introduced the proposal.

In response to a question, M. Hoorfar explained the motion reflected current practice. Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, explained the process of approval for the convocation list.

Motion: (M. Hoorfar/P. Mukhopadhyaya)
That Senate approve that the Convocation lists of graduating students from the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science be approved by the Dean, or designate, after review and approval by departmental Chairs/Directors or designates.

CARRIED

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, began by welcoming the many new administrators to Senate and thanked Student Affairs and the Deans for the successful welcome to campus events. She congratulated Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey on her ratification as the Associate Vice-President Academic Programs. E. Croft provided an update on the West Shore development, the budget model project, and the guidelines regarding the use of artificial intelligence.

A Senator asked for clarification on the West Shore programming and if it was meant to be autonomous or connected to the main campus. E. Croft explained this was not meant to be a satellite campus but would be a stand alone program where the instruction would meet students' specific needs.

b. 2022/23 Annual Report on the Status of External Reviews of Academic Units

Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Associate Vice-President Academic Programs, introduced the report, noting the importance and usefulness of the reviews. She noted that there had been a return to in-person reviews, with the option for virtual when it was appropriate. E. Adjin-Tettey emphasized the benefits for virtual reviews in order to increase participant commitment as well as reduce our carbon footprint. In response to a question, E. Adjin-Tettey outlined the process of how information is shared and the follow up actions after a review is completed.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Academic Important Dates

A. Saab introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

> Motion: (M. Prendergast/R. Hancock)
> That Senate approve the Academic Important Dates for the period January 2025 through April 2025 for submission to the January 2024undergraduate and graduate academic calendar publications.
>
> **CARRIED**

b. Senate resignations

A. Saab advised Senate members of the resignation of Donna Jeffery, Senator faculty member-at-large, effective June 30, 2024. She noted that a byelection would be held later in the fall to fill the remaining term. A. Saab also reported on the resignation of Chloe Portal, Student Senator, and briefly outlined the procedures to replace this position.

c. Joint Senate Board Retreat

A. Saab reminded members of Senate of the date for the Joint Senate Board Retreat; November 27, 2023. She noted Dr. Chris MacLennan, Deputy Minister at Global Affairs Canada, would be the keynote at the event.

d. Election of Vice-Chair of Senate

K. Hall called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of Senate. A Senator nominated Robin Hicks, who accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations, R. Hicks was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 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			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
Fyfe, Benjamin			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
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	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Holdaway, Anais	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Hoorfar, Mina	X		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	X		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	X		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			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	X		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			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
Walshaw, Jill	X		Faulty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
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			Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the faculty members

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective September 19, 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:	Lynne Marks (30/6/24)
	Jill Walshaw (30/6/25)
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)	"
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)	"
Vacancy (MAL)	"

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