



**Special Meeting of Senate
February 9, 2024**

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 9, 2024 at 3:35 p.m. in Conference Room B, Sḡéqə ʔéʔləḡ (Sngequ House).

Kevin Hall, Chair, call the meeting to order.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

K. Hall advised members of Senate that the only agenda item was the proposal on the Faculty of Health for feedback and consultation which would inform the final proposal to be presented to Senate at its March 1, 2024 meeting. He thanked the members of the ad-hoc committee for their work.

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Ad-hoc Senate Committee on Academic Health Programing

i. Faculty of Health draft proposal

Helga Hallgrímsdóttir, Deputy Provost, and Tony Eder, Associate Vice-President Academic Resource Planning provided members of Senate with a presentation on the Faculty of Health proposal. Highlights included:

- purpose of the project and project phases
- consultations completed to date and additional consultations going forward
- rationale for the Faculty of Health
- proposed departments moving to the Faculty of Health and those moving from Human and Social Development (HSD) to other Faculties
- revised administrative organizational charts and faculty/student ratios
- timeline of activities
- summary of the proposed omnibus motion for Senate's approval at the March meeting
- proposed composition for the Search Committee for Dean, Faculty of Health
- list of documents for the proposal to Senate for the March meeting

Regarding the name of the Faculty, a member of Senate asked if there were other considerations. H. Hallgrímsdóttir said this was the current name chosen but that a Faculty could review and rename itself once it was established. A further question was asked about the Social Dimensions of Health program's position. H. Hallgrímsdóttir noted that this interdisciplinary program could be decided later with the Dean of the new Faculty of Health. Another question was posed on whether current students who graduate in May 2025 would be graduates of the Faculty of Health and whether it would be possible to be admitted into one program and graduate with a different credential. Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Vice-President Academic Programming explained that while the faculty itself was changing, the programs themselves were not.

A member of Senate noted her teaching a course on the history of medicine in the Faculty of Humanities which could also be included within the Faculty of Health. H. Hallgrímsdóttir said there was a need to think about all the ways these courses may be brought together as Health programming is an emerging market.

Another member of Senate commented on the Master of Public Administration, and other Master programs in the health-related field and asked how the faculty in these programs would be affected by the creation of the new Faculty of Health. H. Hallgrímsdóttir said she did not see a change, but commented on the benefit of collaborative joint appointments. Robin Hicks, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, noted there are many opportunities which currently exist for faculty to collaborate and agreed with H. Hallgrímsdóttir regarding joint appointments.

A member of Senate asked about the renaming of the Human and Social Development Building. Hallgrímsdóttir replied that this would be up to the Faculty to determine and obtain the necessary approvals. A Senator noted a discrepancy between the individual references to the movement of academic and staff appointments. H. Hallgrímsdóttir thanked the Senator for this correction.

In response to a comment made by a member of Senate regarding the current constraint of resources, H. Hallgrímsdóttir said the intention was not to grow at this point but would be looking towards future opportunities. T. Eder explained that the presentation on the sizing of the faculty was taken directly from enrolment numbers, noting that resources will be considered in subsequent phase.

In response to a question from a Senator, H. Hallgrímsdóttir confirmed that any physical relocation would be determined by the faculty itself. Another member of Senate's question was if there were any benchmarks for success. H. Hallgrímsdóttir said that would be a great idea to start thinking about different types of metrics but for now, only enrolments numbers are used.

A Senator asked if there was a summary of voices of disagreement which could be included. H. Hallgrímsdóttir explained that as engagement with units began early, the statements presented were a result of several rounds of conversation. She noted that change can be uncomfortable, and it was important to keep moving forward.

Another Senator commented on the considerations with the Department of Psychology, and asked about the scope of undergraduate student involvement. H. Hallgrímsdóttir said this was an ongoing discussion and noted there was a working group currently underway with the unit, students, and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

In response to a question about staff and the process for administrative research and support, H. Hallgrímsdóttir said that this would be a decision for the new Dean once a structure was in place.

A member of Senate suggested that an external member could be added to the composition of the Search Committee for the Dean. A concern was raised about not hearing of issues that Senate could help address. H. Hallgrímsdóttir confirmed there were no letters outlining disagreement. She added that letters were provided by units, not individuals. A suggestion was made to include a summary of the survey feedback in the final proposal to Senate in March.

In response to a question about the year in which the Dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development would remain in their positions. E. Adjin-Tettey advised Senate this was to ensure all administrative matters were taken care of before the Faculty of completed.

K. Hall thanked Senate for their engagement and reminded members that any additional questions could be sent to H. Hallgrímsdóttir directly. He explained that the motion being brought forward in March was an omnibus motion due to the important connections of each motion to each other.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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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
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			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	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	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	X		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Jeffery, Donna			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			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			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			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			Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Salinas, Justin	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Sirois Ennis, Daniela			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
Warburton, Rebecca	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
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

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MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES

- Section 35 (2) (g)

BUSI: Sudhir Nair (30/6/25)
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 Henning Struchtrup (30/6/26)
 FINE: Catherine Harding (30/6/25)
 Joseph Salem (30/6/24)
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 Danu Stinson (30/6/25)
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 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)
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 CindyAnn Rose-Redwood (30/6/26)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

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 Donna Jeffery (HSD) (30/6/24)
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 Erin Kelly (HUM) (30/6/24)

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 Lina Zhou (ENGR) (30/6/26)

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 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) “

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– 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)

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