A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 6, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

Prof. Cassels welcomed Chancellor Shelagh Rogers to her first Senate meeting.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

   Motion: (J. Aragon/G. Sutherland)
   That the agenda be approved as circulated.

   CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**

   a. **January 9, 2015**

      Motion: (G. Sutherland/K. Erickson)
      That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on January 9, 2015 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**

   Prof. Cassels provided members of Senate with an overview of the Provincial, Federal and local context.

   Prof. Cassels began the report from the Provincial perspective noting that UVic was working towards finalizing the university budget. He continued, reporting that he had recently met with the Vancouver Island university presidents to discuss a number of issues including community engagement.
On a National perspective Prof. Cassels reported that the university has been focussed on the Canada First Research Excellence Fund proposal. He said the Vice President Research has been working hard with his advisors on the proposal and have submitted a notice of intent.

On the local front Prof. Cassels reported that the search committee for the Vice President Academic and Provost has been making good progress. He encouraged members of Senate to attend the planned presentations and provide feedback.

Prof. Cassels reminded members of Senate that the campus plan renewal was well underway and thanked those that participated. He reported that the engagement stage of the Strategic Research Plan was underway and the enhanced planning tools initiative was in the information and engagement stage.

Prof. Cassels informed members that a recently held forum on divestment and climate change was a success, noting that over 250 people attended. He further reported on the success of Alumni Week and the distinguished alumni awards event, remarking on the importance of alumni.

Prof. Cassels described two upcoming important events—the unveiling of the UVic Difference Project and IdeaFest.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

   a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

      i. 2014 University of Victoria Grading Patterns report

Prof. Heather Raven, Chair of Senate Committee on Academic Standards, reported to members of Senate that Mr. Tony Eder, Director, Institutional Planning and Analysis, was unable to attend and present on how to use the UVic Grading Patterns Reporting Portal. She referred members of Senate to Mr. Eder’s memo and reported that the Senate Committee on Academic Standards is continuing to work on the issue.

In response to a question, Prof. Raven said that it was the intention of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards to present an update on progress before the end of the academic year with a detailed report early in the next academic year. She noted she could not provide a certain date.

      ii. Revisions to the Undergraduate Academic Calendar regarding Regulations Governing Administration of University Examinations

Prof. Raven referred member to the memo and noted that she would answer questions. There were none.
Motion: (B. Smith/G. Sutherland)
That Senate approve the proposed addition to the Undergraduate Regulations Governing Administration of University Examinations under the heading “Identification, entering and exiting the examination”.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer

i. Proposed revisions to the admission requirements for the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Dr. Francis Pelton informed members of Senate the proposal before them was to institute a process to approve, under special circumstances, entrance into a Masters program without a Bachelors degree.

Dr. Capson emphasized that the proposed changes to admissions requirements were meant to deal with truly exceptional cases. He informed members that the admissions change only covered entry to a Masters program and not into a Phd program. Dr. Capson provided members with the philosophy of the proposal which was to maintain the value of the undergraduate degree while providing exception for a limited number of special cases. He said the proposal was discussed at a meeting of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and there was no dissenting vote.

Dr. Baer took issue with the approval mechanism of the proposal and noted that he would prefer a committee to make the decisions on entrance to ensure that the circumstances of entry are truly exceptional. Dr. Capson responded that a committee was considered but in the end it was decided to align with the processes used at other universities.

Dr. Gillis drew members’ attention to the number of years of ‘experience’ required for entry in the proposal noting that it appeared arbitrary and asked for a rational. Dr. Capson responded that 15 years was selected as it ensured a high bar for entry. Members discussed the limitation on 15 years’ experience and the potential pitfalls of setting a firm requirement.

Dr. Smith suggested the addition of the word ‘normally’ to provide flexibility. He put forward a motion to amend and include the word ‘normally’ in the statement requiring 15 years’ experience.

Members discussed the amended motion as proposed. Ms. Sutherland remarked that based on her understanding, the word ‘normally’ would not make a difference to the admissions process. Dr. Capson agreed noting that waivers are granted on other aspects of entry and a potential student with less than 15 years’ experience could be granted such a waiver. Dr. Kuehne spoke in favour of the motion noting that the interpretation of flexibility from the student perspective was useful.
Motion to amend: (B. Smith/G. Gillis)
That Senate amend the proposed motion to introduce flexibility regarding the admission requirement for 15 years of experience and add “normally at least 15 years” to the admission requirement.

CARRIED

Motion: (G. Sutherland/B. Smith)
That Senate approve the proposal to create a provision, effective January 2015, that would allow the Dean of Graduate Studies, upon application of the academic unit, to waive the baccalaureate admission requirement to Master’s degree, diploma or certificate programs, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer.

And

That Senate authorizes the Registrar to change the Academic Calendar to reflect the changes in admission requirements to the Faculty of Graduate Studies by providing an option to admit students in exceptional cases to Masters’ degree, diploma or certificate program without a baccalaureate degree or equivalent. This includes the proposed calendar changes reflected in the proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies with the addition of the phrase “normally at least 15 years” to clarify significant experience in the Admission without a Baccalaureate (Masters Only) section of the Academic Calendar.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2014/15 Senate Committees

Motion: (A. Lepp/G. Sutherland)
That Senate approve the appointments to the 2014/2015 Senate committees for the terms indicated in the attached document, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

CARRIED
d. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Dr. Lepp introduced the item briefly.

Dr. Gillis asked for clarification regarding the process for adjudicating awards, specifically asking how the Senate Committee on Awards considers gender and gender specific awards and language.

Dr. Lepp clarified that the Senate Committee on Awards does not adjudicate awards but rather has the mandate to review awards. In response to the question, she said that the Senate Committee on Awards has been working to ensure that the language of the awards are as inclusive as possible so that students do not feel excluded from being eligible for awards for which gender is specified. She noted that the Committee has consulted with Dr. Aaron Devor, Professor, Department of Sociology, on strategies in this regard and Ms. Lori Nolt, Director, Student Awards and Financial Aid, had a meeting with university development officers in order to share these strategies as they often work directly with donors when determining the terms of reference of awards.

Dr. Lepp reported on the changes that had been implemented including:

- Avoiding the use of ‘he’ or ‘she’ and using ‘student’ as much as possible and ‘they’ if necessary.
- In instances when the terms of reference for awards indicate that, for example, an award should go to ‘one female’ and ‘one male,’ encouraging donors to consider using the phrase ‘students of two different genders.’
- Avoiding female and male as a biologically fixed terms and preferring ‘women’ or ‘man.’

Dr. Lepp noted that there remains debate about what gender inclusive language looks like, but said that these were some of the strategies employed by the Senate Committee on Awards.

Dr. Gillis thanked Dr. Lepp for the detailed response.

Ms. Sutherland said that she, along with many others, has fought hard to identify as a trans person and in some ways the efforts made by the committee could be viewed as too neutral an in effect silencing. She said that she does not have a problem with gender neutral language but thought that instead of ‘students of two different genders’ it would make more sense to use ‘students.’

Members of Senate discussed the general understanding of gender in the university community and in the donor community.

Motion: (A. Lepp/G. Sutherland)
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:

- Costco Canada Undergraduate Entrance Bursary (new)*
- Sybil Verch Woman in Business Award (new)
• University of Victoria German Club Jubilee Award (revised)*
• Sharon Higgins Scholarship in the School of Nursing (new)*
• Mrs. Matilda M. Schill Scholarship (revised)*
• Faculty of Humanities Undergraduate Research Travel Award (new)

* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. Annual Report: Cycle 2 (September 2014) & Cycle 3 (January 2015)

The report was received for information, there were no questions.

ii. Cycle 1 Curriculum Submissions (May 2015)

Dr. Haskett referred members of Senate to the provided documents.

Motion: (T. Haskett/K. Erickson)
That Senate approve the curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2015-2016 academic calendar, effective 1 May 2015.

And

Motion: 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

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Law and Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

i. National Consortium for Indigenous Economic Development

Prof. Webber introduced the presentation. Prof. Webber informed members of Senate that the Consortium was a relaunch of an effort that began in 2004 towards the establishment of a Chair in Aboriginal Development. He reported that the objectives of the Consortium are threefold (1) to provide a venue for independent and collaborative research with a repository of best practices; (2) to serve catalyze and broker partnerships to sustain a national network of research and action; and (3) to offer learning in a supportive environment.

Dr. Klein introduced the structure of the Consortium, and informed members of Senate that the Consortium is establishing a Governance Advisory Board with appointed and ex-officio members. He drew members’ attention to the slide outlining the structure of the consortium, noting the role of the Executive Director, the Leaders in Residence, and the six core initiatives.
Dr. Klein introduced Mr. Miles Richardson, Interim Executive Director of the Consortium. Mr. Richardson thanked the Deans for their welcome into the Consortium and said he was pleased to fill the interim position. He continued to report on his experience as President of the Council of Haida Nation and the work of the Haida to establish self-entitlement. Mr. Richardson said that after 20 years of work, the results have not been as envisaged and he strongly believes that economic self-sufficiency is of prime importance. He said the Consortium is an opportunity to pursue that objective in a constructive way. Mr. Richardson said the Consortium will bring together industry, governments, and indigenous communities and that UVic is well positioned to be a leader.

Dr. John Borrows, Professor, Faculty of Law, noted his enthusiasm for the initiative and highlighted three key elements: (1) it is interdisciplinary; (2) it is about community engagement and reciprocal learning; (3) it has remained focused on the importance of introducing indigenous people’s perspectives and learning from them.

There were no questions from members of Senate.

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

a. Enrolment Projections

Dr. Kuehne informed members of Senate that the provided report is an annual document presented to Senate. She said this version had no surprises or concerns.

Motion: (J. Aragon/R. Lipson)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, a projected annualized working enrolment target of 18,163 FTE for the 2015/16 academic year, subject to revisions in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, and application rates.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Ten-Year Sessional Calendar

Motion: (P. Kostek/J. Aragon)
That Senate approve the 2014-2024 Ten-Year Sessional Calendar.

CARRIED
b. **Academic Year Important Dates**

*Motion:* (G. Sutherland/M. Purkis)  
That Senate approve the Academic Year Important Dates for the period January 2016 through August 2016 for submission to the online academic calendar and for the academic calendar May 2015 publication.  

**CARRIED**

c. **2014/2015 Emeritus and Emerita**

The list was received for information, there were no questions.

d. **2015/2016 Senate Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates**

*Motion:* (G. Sutherland/A. Roudsari)  
That Senate approve the 2015/2016 Senate Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates.  

**CARRIED**

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:31p.m.
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MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective January 30, 2015

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)
Chancellor: Shelagh Rogers (31/12/17)
President and Vice-Chancellor: Jamie Cassels, Chair
Acting V.P. Academic & Provost: Valerie Kuehne
V.P. Research: David Castle
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Dean of Education: Ralf St. Clair
Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
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Dean of Graduate Studies: David Capson
Dean of Humanities: John Archibald
Dean of HSD: Mary Ellen Purkis, Vice-Chair
Dean of Law: Jeremy Webber
Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
Dean of Social Sciences: Catherine Krull
University Librarian: Jonathan Bengtson

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES - Section 35 (2) (g)
BUSI: Rebecca Grant (30/6/16)
Brock Smith (30/6/15)
EDUC: Carolyn Crippen (30/6/16)
John Walsh (30/6/17)
ENGR: Peter Driessen (30/6/16)
Nikolai Dechev (30/6/17)
FINE: Patricia Kostek (30/6/15)
TBA (30/6/16)
GRAD: Sara Beam (30/6/16)
Charlotte Schallie (30/6/17)
HUMA: Abdul Roudsari (30/6/15)
Esther Sangster-Gormley (30/6/16)
HUMS: Annalee Lepp (30/6/16)
Laura Parisi (30/6/15)
LAWF: Gillian Calder (30/6/17)
Mark Gillen (30/6/16)
SCIE: Florin Diaconu (30/6/17)
Diana Varela (30/6/17)
SOSC: Doug Baer (30/6/17)
Rosaline Canessa (30/6/15)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS - Sections 35 (2) (g)
Janni Aragon - SOSC (30/6/15)
Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/16)
Alexandra Branzan Albu - ENGR (30/6/17)
Catherine Caws - HUMS (30/6/15)
Alison Chapman - HUMS (30/6/15)
Aaron Devor - SOSC (30/6/17)
Kathryn Gillis - SCIE (30/6/17)
Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/17)
Susan Lewis - FINE (30/6/17)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY
MEMBERS (continued)
Leslee Francis Pelton – EDUC (30/6/17)
Ann Stahl – SOSC (30/6/16)
Victoria Wyatt – FINE (30/6/16)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)
Lee Brekstad (HSD) (30/6/15)
Jordan Crocker (HUMA)
Kayleigh Erickson (SOSC)
Karthik Gopalakrishnan (SCIE)
Ivelina Ivanova (LAW)
Susan Karim (GRAD)
Ben Lukenchuk (BUS)
Dakota Mellin (EDUC)
Roy Nam (SOSC)
Alex Neiman (ENGR)
Cory Shankman (GRAD)
Gabrielle Sutherland (GRAD)
Kaylee Szakacs (HUMA)
Nick Tang (SCIE)
Lindsey Willis (HUMA)
TBA (FINE)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION - Section 35 (2) (i)
Nav Bassi (30/6/15)
Linda Hannah (30/6/15)
Robbyn Lanning (30/6/15)
Cathy McIntyre (30/6/15)

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