



University
of Victoria

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on Friday, May 4, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Centre, Room A180. The Vice-Chair of Senate, Ms. Marnie Swanson was in the chair.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Swanson indicated that an additional list of committee appointments from the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance were circulated at the meeting to go with Item 6 f. iv. of the agenda.

Motion: (B. Clazie/G. Robinson)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Ms. Swanson noted that the attendance sheet from the March 2 meeting was not included in the docket, but copies were distributed at the meeting.

a. March 2, 2007

Motion: (P. Keller/C. Bargaen)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate, held on March 2, 2007, be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Professor Jamie Cassels, Vice-President Academic and Provost provided remarks from the chair in Dr. Turpin's absence.

a. President's Report

Prof. Cassels noted that the President was away on a visit to Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai with other university representatives to meet alumni, friends and donors of

UVic, and to sign a memorandum of understanding with the China Scholarship Council that will give UVic preferred status in receiving top graduate students from leading Chinese universities.

Prof. Cassels provided an update on the Campus 2020 report by Geoff Plant, which contained 52 recommendations to the provincial government and called for a renewed vision and commitment to access and excellence in post-secondary education. He indicated the report recommended a major investment in universities for the purpose of expanding participation in post-secondary education and research. In other provincial government news, Prof. Cassels noted that the university administration and faculty association were meeting to discuss the transition to abolishment of mandatory retirement that had been announced by the provincial government.

Prof. Cassels reported on a number of recent appointments including: Dr. Howard Brunt appointed as the new Vice-President Research effective September 1, 2007; Dr. Sarah Blackstone appointed as the dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts; Ms. Norah McRae appointed to the position of Executive Director, Co-operative Education for a six-year term; Mr. Neil Connolly appointed as Director of Campus Planning, and Ms. Cindy Paquette appointed as Executive Director of Government Relations.

Prof. Cassels reported on a number of honours received by members of the university community including the recent 2007 Craigdarroch Research Awards awarded to:

- Dr. Robert Olafson, the Gold Medal for Career Achievement;
- Dr. Cornelia Bohne, the Silver Medal for Excellence in Research;
- The Coasts Under Stress Project led by Dr. Rosemary Omner, Research Services, Societal Contribution Award;
- Dr. Tom Fyles, the 2007 Innovation and Development Corporation Entrepreneurship Award; and,
- Dr. Andrew Weaver, the Research Communications Award.

Prof. Cassels noted some other faculty achievements including:

- Dr. Ana Maria Peredo, awarded the 2007 Western Academy of Management Ascendant Scholar Award and named an Ascendant Scholar from the Western Academy of Management; and
- Dr. Laurence Coogan awarded a Young Scientist Award from the Minerological Association of Canada.

i. Integrated Planning and Development of Budget Framework

Prof. Cassels provided a powerpoint presentation on the university's integrated planning and budget process, which incorporates the priorities and goals from the university's strategic plan into the ongoing budget and staffing plans as part of the annual process led by the Provost. The presentation included an overview of the 2007/08 budget framework.

In response to a question from Mr. George Robinson regarding how many years the university has increased parking fees, Prof. Cassels responded that there has been some increase every year due to annual increased operating costs. Mr. Robinson also asked about a \$5.8 million figure in the presentation and whether this meant the university had a surplus in that amount. Prof. Cassels clarified that the budget was balanced and that the \$5.8 million had been earmarked for program growth and strategic allocations.

ii. Expansion of Graduate Studies

Prof. Cassels reported on the provincial government's announcement to expand graduate education by 25,000 seats, with a projected increase of 135 seats for UVic in the first year. He noted that the university would be working with the government to determine the allocation of the new seats over the next few years. The expansion will also include a new Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship program that provide approximately 45 new \$10,000 graduate scholarships for UVic graduate students.

iii. Results of the National Survey on Student Engagement

Prof. Cassels invited Mr. Tony Eder, Director of Institutional Planning and Analysis to provide a powerpoint presentation on the results of the National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE) that UVic participated in for 2006. Following the presentation, Mr. Eder responded to questions from members of Senate. In response to a concern expressed by Dr. Fayez Gebali that UVic needs to effectively utilize the survey feedback of first year students, Mr. Eder indicated that the Learning and Teaching Centre is focusing attention on large first year classes and Prof. Cassels reported that the university is providing specific reports from NSSE to the faculties to assist them in this regard. In response to a question from Dr. Micaela Serra about variations at other Canadian universities, Mr. Eder noted that UVic did not receive that data from NSSE, but he could assist faculties in obtaining such or individual Canadian universities may publish the results on websites as UVic does. Mr. George Robinson inquired about the status of the university's new Course Evaluation Survey, and Dr. Jim Anglin responded that the implementation of the survey would occur in the fall of 2007. Dr. Ron Skelton encouraged the university when interpreting the survey's results to give attention to the long-term goals and engagement of students, rather than just focusing on the outcomes or results of the survey.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Ombudsperson's Annual Report
 - i. 2006 Annual Report of the Ombudsperson

Ms. Martine Conway, Ombudsperson provided a brief overview of the 2006 annual report and highlighted the sections on access and accommodation and recommendations relating to graduate students. Dean Peter Keller congratulated Ms. Conway on behalf of the Senate for receiving the Pete Small Award for Ombudsperson of the year from the California Caucus of College and University Obuds.

Motion: (C. Bargaen, G. Robinson)
That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2006 Annual Report of the Ombudsperson.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards
 - i. New Grade Designation for Year-Long Courses

Ms. Swanson noted that this item was to inform Senate that the Registrar's office was adding the new course designation CTN, to indicate continuing status of a course in the new Banner student information system. In response to a question from Dr. Reg Mitchell about the course designation INP, Ms. Lynda Wallace-Hulecki responded that INP is not the same as CTN and the INP designation may not remain under the new Banner system.

- b. Senate Committee on Appeals
 - i. 2005-06 and 2006-07 Annual Report

Motion: (R. Burke, A. Rippin)
That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2005-06 and 2006-07 annual report of the Senate Committee on Appeals.

- c. Senate Committee on Awards
 - i) New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Motion: (R. Burke, R. Mitchell)
That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the new and revised awards as recommended by the Senate Committee on Awards as follows:

Harper Scholarship* (New)

CBA Financial Corp. Law School Achievement Award (New)
CBA BC Branch Entrance Award (New)
Heather Raven Leadership Award* (New)
Elsa Groundwater Scholarship (New)
Cook Roberts LLP Scholarship in Business Associations (New)
Hugh and Lilian Salmond Scholarship in Secondary Education* (Revised)
A. Hugh Salmond Memorial Scholarship in Secondary Education* (Revised)
Mr. & Mrs. Torquil H. Burns Scholarship* (Revised)
Carmanah Prize on Eco-Technology* (New)
Nash & Company Scholarship in Torts (New)
Nash & Company Scholarship in Evidence (New)
Loma Cornwell Davis Scholarship* (New)
Joseph B. Jackson Bursary* (Revised)
R.J. McMaster Bursary (Revised)
Mathematics and Statistics Scholarship* (New)
ergoCentric Seating System Scholarship (New)
Professor Maneesha Deckha Award in Animals, Culture and the Law (New)
Humanities Computing Award* (New)
Candis Graham Writing Scholarship, Lambda Foundation Fund* (Revised)
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. Entrance Bursary (New)
Rose Won Lau Business Scholarship* (New)

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Dr. Reg Mitchell commented that he did not think it ethical that students be asked to declare sexual preference and whether they are active in a gay or lesbian society to qualify for the Candis Graham Writing Scholarship, Lambda Foundation Fund award, but that he would approve the award if the committee had already considered the issue. Dr. Robert Burke, Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards thanked Dr. Mitchell for his comments.

In response to a question from Mr. George Robinson about the school districts previously named in the Mr. & Mrs. Torquil H. Burns Scholarship, Ms. Lori Nolt, Secretary to the Senate Committee on Awards and seated in the gallery

responded that it was an older award which required an amendment to include all schools in the greater Victoria and not just in those in the previously named school districts.

The motion was voted upon and **CARRIED**.

d. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. Late Curriculum Change Submission
Faculty of Graduate Studies

Motion: (G. Fulton, M. Purkis)

That Senate approve the major calendar submission as recommended by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2007-08 calendar supplement.

D. Robert Anthony commented that he noticed a number of courses with learning and teaching components from the department of nursing in the curriculum submissions and he wondered if the committee had considered existing university courses before approving the new courses. Dr. Gordon Fulton, Chair of the Senate Committee on Curriculum responded that the committee assumed these courses were sui generis, but the committee should consider existing courses in some situations. Dean Mary Ellen Purkis noted that the courses call upon the expertise of specialized nurse educators. Dr. Faye Gebali commented that departments should consult with other faculties regarding possible overlap with courses offered by another academic unit.

The motion was voted upon and **CARRIED**.

e. Senate Committee on Libraries

i. 2006-07 Annual Report

Motion: (K. Stewart, P. Keller)

That Senate, receive with thanks, the 2006-07 annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries.

Dr. Reg Mitchell expressed a concern to a reference in the annual report that the Q-Z print offerings are being moved to compact shelving as this would mean that science offerings would be included. Ms. Swanson responded that users would be consulted as to whether the entire range should be moved

and the usage of particular offerings in the suggested range would be taken into account.

The motion was voted upon and **CARRIED**.

- f. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance
 - i. Revisions to the Terms of Reference and Composition for the Senate Committee on Academic Standards

Ms. Swanson noted that this motion would give the Senate Committee on Academic Standards the authority to approve the convocation lists from the faculties on behalf of the Senate.

Motion: (K. Stewart, R. Mitchell)

That Senate approve the revised terms of reference and composition for the Senate Committee on Academic Standards set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

- ii. Revisions to the Terms of Reference and Composition for the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning

Motion: (A. Lepp, L. Gammon)

That Senate approve the revised terms of reference and composition for the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

- iii. Revisions to the Terms of Reference and Composition for the Senate Committee on Libraries

Motion: (K. Stewart, P. Keller)

That Senate approve the revised terms of reference and composition for the Senate Committee on Libraries set out in the attached document as

recommended by the Senate Committee on

Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

- iv. Appointments to the 2007-08 Senate Standing Committees

Motion: (A. Lepp, K. Stewart)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2007-08 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in brackets in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

- v. Appointments to the 2007-08 Joint Senate and Board Retreat Committee)

Motion: (A. Rippin, A. Lepp)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2007-08 Joint Senate and Board Retreat Committee set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

- vi. Appointments to the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Campus Planning Committee

Motion: (A. Rippin, A. Lepp)

That Senate approve the appointments to the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Campus Planning Committee for the terms set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

- vii. Appointments and Terms of Reference for an Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Consider the Title

of Emeritus

Motion: (J. Wood, L. Gammon)

That Senate approve the appointments and terms of reference to the Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Consider the Title of Emeritus set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

viii. 2006-07 Annual Report

Motion: (K. Stewart, J. Wood)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2006-07 annual report of the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

g. Senate Committee on Planning

i. 2006-07 Annual Report

Motion: (J. Cassels, K. Stewart)

That Senate, receive with thanks, the 2006-07 annual report of the Senate Committee on Planning.

CARRIED

ii. Change of Degree Designation for School of Child & Youth Care

Motion:

That Senate approve the Bachelor of Child & Youth Care (BCYC) as the degree designation for students graduating from the Undergraduate Program in the School of Child & Youth Care effective September 1, 2007.

Prof. Cassels indicated that since the Senate Committee on Planning's meeting it had been determined that a significant amount of computer programming was required to implement the name change by September 1, 2007 and it would not be possible to complete the work by then. Prof. Cassels proposed an amendment to the motion that the Registrar, the Dean of Human and Social

Development and the Chair of the School of Child and Youth Care were in agreement with.

Prof. Cassels moved that the amended motion be:

That Senate approve the Bachelor of Child & Youth Care (BCYC) as the degree designation for students graduating from the Undergraduate Program in the School of Child & Youth Care *at the first possible opportunity and no later than June 2009 convocation with interim arrangements to be made to recognize that the degree is in the field of child and youth care.*

Dean Mary Ellen Purkis seconded the amended motion.

Ms. Swanson invited discussion on the amended motion and Mr. George Robinson inquired whether it might not be better to set a specific date for the change. Dr. Sibylle Artz, Director of the School of Child and Youth Care responded that the school was comfortable with the amendment as long as an interim arrangement was worked out between the school and the Registrar's office.

The amended motion was voted upon and **CARRIED**.

iii. Revision to the Master of Arts Program in French

Motion: (E. Chapco, A. Rippin)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the revisions to and combining of the two existing Master of Arts programs in French into a single Master of Arts Program in French as described in the attached document entitled "Revision of Master of Arts Program in French" dated January 11, 2007.

In response to a question from Dr. Ron Skelton about when the new program would take effect, Dr. Reg Mitchell noted that the general rule when Senate approves a program change is that unless a different date is specified in the motion, the change is effective September 1 of the following academic term.

The motion was voted upon and **CARRIED**.

iv. Change of Name for the School of Physical Education

Motion: (R. Anthony, I. Kehoe)

That Senate approve the change of name of the School of Physical Education to the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education.

Dr. Anthony inquired if a change in a department name also means a change in the department's four-letter code. Prof. Cassels responded there is an information technology committee run out of the Registrar's office that assesses and approves these changes.

The motion was voted upon and **CARRIED**.

h. Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning

i. 2006-07 Annual Report

Motion: (K. Stewart, G. Hunter)

That Senate, receive with thanks, the 2006-07 annual report of the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning.

CARRIED

i. Senate Committee on Budget

i. 2006-07 Annual Report

Motion: (J. Cassels, M. Purkis)

That Senate, receive with thanks, the 2006-07 annual report of the Senate Committee on University Budget.

In response to a question from Mr. George Robinson about the report of the On-Campus Housing Review Committee, Dr. Saul Klein, Chair of the Senate Committee on University Budget indicated that the committee had received an update from Dr. Jim Anglin and the committee provided Dr. Anglin with feedback. Mr. Robinson inquired whether Senate would have an opportunity to see the report. Prof. Cassels noted that report was being incorporated into the long term capital planning and integrated planning process, and it would be an item that the Board of Governors not Senate would approve. Prof.

Cassels indicated Mr. Robinson could contact himself or the Vice-President Finance and Operations if he wished to see a copy of the report.

The motion was voted upon and **CARRIED**.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Graduate Studies

i. New and Revised Graduate Studies Awards

Motion: (M. Purkis, R. Anthony)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the new and revised awards recommended by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Lucie Daigle Memorial Scholarship
Philip Halkett Graduate Scholarship
Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club Graduate Bursary
(Revised)
Perry Shawana Graduate Bursary
Heritage Office Furnishings Victoria Ltd.
Scholarship
Quality Move Management Inc./Allied International
Vancouver Graduate Scholarship
Graphic Office Interiors Scholarships

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Elections to the Senate Committee on Nominations
and Committee Governance

Ms. Swanson invited nominations of senators for five vacant positions on the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance. Mr. Cory Bargaen nominated Mr. George Robinson for the student senator position. Dean Andrew Rippin nominated Ms. Marnie Swanson. Dr. Ken Stewart nominated Dr. Annalee Lepp. Dr. Reg Mitchell nominated Dr. Robert Burke and Dr. Geri Van Gyn.

As no further nominations were received, the Secretary of Senate, Dr. Julia Eastman declared all five nominees acclaimed to the positions.

b. Revisions to Senior Administrative
Appointment Procedures

Ms. Swanson noted that this item was to inform Senate of a number of housekeeping changes to the procedures.

- c. Results of the 2007 Student Elections to Senate and the Board of Governors

A list of the results of the student elections was included in the Senate docket for information.

- d. Results of the 2007 Elections of Faculty-at-Large positions to Senate, and Faculty Members from the Faculties of Business, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Graduate Studies, Humanities and Human and Social Development

Ms. Swanson noted that since the docket had been circulated, Dr. Robert Howell had been acclaimed to the position of faculty representative from the Faculty of Law. She also noted that the Office of the University Secretary would be conducting an election for the vacant faculty-at-large position soon.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.