MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on January 4, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (R. Burke/R. Lipson)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (M. MacDonald/R. Lipson)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on November 2, 2012 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

Dr. Turpin reported that Prof. Jamie Cassels had been selected the university’s next President. Dr. Eastman acknowledged and thanked the members of Senate who served on the presidential search committee. She said there would be an opportunity to meet with Prof. Cassels at an event on January 17, 2013.

With respect to provincial matters, Dr. Turpin reminded members of Senate of the Opportunity Agenda for BC, noting that an event on this topic would be held on campus at the end of the month. He also reported that the provincial government had announced $200,000 in one-time funding to continue the LE,NONET Project.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on matters at the university. He reported that:

- the university had reached agreements with all staff bargaining groups, and was currently engaged in mediation with the Faculty Association;
- on November 19, 2012, a report of UVic’s economic impact had been released;
honorary degrees were awarded at Fall 2012 convocation to Honorable Steven Point, Mrs. Gwendolyn Point, Mr. Dave Obee and Dr. Naomi Halas;

during an honouring ceremony at the First Peoples House on November 14, 2012, UVic was pleased to announce that Honourable Steven Point and Mrs. Gwendolyn Point had agreed to serve as patrons of First Peoples House;

the Marnie Swanson International Commons was officially opened on November 19, 2012;

recognition of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women took place on December 3, 2012;

an international team led by UVic, the California Institute of Technology and the University of Michigan broke another series of records for data-transfer speed;

in December, one of the world’s leading physics magazines, Physics World, named two projects with strong UVic connections to a top 10 list for 2012;

Ocean Networks Canada has developed a new application, Coastbusters, to document the debris from last year’s devastating earthquake in Japan now washing up on BC shores;

the Legacy Gallery is featuring a 50th anniversary exhibit Honoris Causa: Artist Honorary Degree Recipients; and

in 2012, UVic was recognized as one of Canada’s top diversity employers.

With regard to awards and honours at the university, Dr. Turpin announced that:

- UVic student Ms. Tara Paterson had been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship;
- the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal was awarded to Prof. Jamie Cassels;
- the American Association for the Advancement of Science awarded the Distinction of Fellow to Earth and Ocean Sciences professor Andrew Weaver;
- in early November, School of Health Information Science professor Andre Kushniruk received the 2012 Canadian Health Informatics Award for Leadership in the Field of Health Informatics;
- Prof. Nicholas Galanin, the 2012/13 Audain Professor in Contemporary Arts of the Pacific Northwest at UVic, received a $50,000 Rasmuson Fellowship from United States Artists;
- UVic law student Ms. Elizabeth Zarpa received national recognition for her contributions to the Canadian Inuit community;
- the UVic Vikes women’s rowing program captured its third consecutive Canadian universities title in early November; and
- Mr. Nick Clewley, UVic’s Interim Director of Marketing was named the winner of the Times-Colonist’s third annual “So You Think You Can Write” contest.

b. University rankings

Ms. Cheryl Sivertson from the Department of Institutional Planning and Analysis provided a presentation on university rankings.

In response to a question from Dr. Webb, Ms. Sivertson said she would have to ask Mr. Eder to comment on overall perceptions of the rankings. In response to a further question from Dr. Gordon, she said Mr. Eder could also comment on the discrepancies between rankings. It was agreed to follow up with him on these points.
c. 2013/14 Budget Update

Dr. Turpin introduced Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations. He said that, because there were still some uncertainties with the budget, including information regarding the provincial grant and negotiations with the Faculty Association, it was not yet possible to give a detailed presentation on next year’s budget.

Ms. Gorrill provided members of Senate with a presentation on university finances and budget. She reviewed the university’s sources of revenue and expenditures, and discussed how money is allocated. Ms. Gorrill reviewed the total budget by vice-presidential portfolio and discussed structural challenges with the budget. She provided information about budget cuts being made in the upcoming year, and provided members of Senate with information regarding how carry-forward funds are dealt with.

In response to a question from Mrs. Ulysses, Ms. Gorrill clarified how sessional instructors were represented in the budget charts in her presentation. There was a brief discussion regarding the deficit for the upcoming year.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter received November 10, 2012 and response dated December 6, 2012

Dr. Turpin reviewed the correspondence.

b. Campus Planning Committee

i. Semi-annual report

Motion: (T. Haskett/J. Walsh)
That Senate receive the 2011/2012 semi-annual report of the Campus Planning Committee for information.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Annual Report

Dr. Webb commented on the undergraduate grading patterns report. He requested that the Senate Committee on Academic Standards review the report when it comes forward with a view to providing Senate with an analysis and recommendations, as appropriate.
Motion: (M. Purkis/H. Brunt)
That Senate receive the 2011/12 annual report of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards for information.

CARRIED

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

i. Annual Report

Motion: (A. Monahan/T. Haskett)
That Senate receive the 2011/12 annual report of the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Annual Report

Motion: (R. Burke/P. Keller)
That Senate receive the 2011/12 annual report of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Dr. Monahan suggested that the wording of the Pemberton Holmes Entrance Scholarship in Honour of Davine Burton be clarified. Ms. Lori Nolt said she would follow up with the faculty.

In response to a question from Dr. Gordon, Dr. Tiedje provided a rationale for lowering the required GPA in the Faculty of Engineering: Dean’s Entrance Scholarship.

Motion: (M. Kennedy/M. Purkis)
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 as recommended by the Senate Committee on Awards:

- Nancy Lee Graduate Scholarship (new)*
- Dr. Douglas Earl Alcorn Scholarship (revised)*
- Island Savings Growing Island Families Together (Gift) Bursaries (new)
- UVic Transfer Scholarship (revised)
- JTS Scholarship (new)*
- Pemberton Holmes Entrance Scholarship in Honour of Davine Burton (new)*
- Dr. Gordon L. Diewert Community Service Entrance Award (new)
• Thomas M. Hess Scholarship in Indigenous Language Revitalization (revised)*
• Albert Aloucks Bursary (new)*
• James A. & Laurette Agnew Memorial Award (new)*
• Paul Parizeau Bursary (revised)*
• East China Normal University Entrance Scholarship (revised)
• Churchill Foundation Vancouver Island’s Aleck Trawick Scholarship in Political Science (revised)*
• Louis F. Lindholm, Q.C. Entrance Scholarship (new)*
• Maurice William Summerhayes Memorial Scholarship (revised)*
• Marion MacLeod Memorial Scholarship (new)
• Faculty of Engineering: Dean’s Entrance Scholarship (revised)
• John F. Baker Emergency Fund (new)*
• Malcolm Manson Memorial Award (new)*
• Vikes Entrance Scholarship (new)
• President’s Scholarship (revised)

*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for PhD in Health Informatics

Motion: (M. Purkis/D. Hamilton)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of PhD in Health Informatics to be offered by the Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as described in the document entitled “PhD Health Informatics”, dated October 15, 2012 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

CARRIED

ii. Proposal for PhD in Environmental Studies

Motion: (D. Capson/P. Keller)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of PhD in Environmental Studies to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as
described in the document entitled “PhD in Environmental Studies”, dated November, 2012 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

CARRIED

iii. Proposal for Course-Based, Non-thesis Master’s Degree Option for Master of Public Health

Motion: (M. Purkis/D. Capson)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of Public Health as described in the document entitled “MPH Proposal for Course-based Masters” dated October 26, 2012.

CARRIED

iv. Proposal for Course-Based, Non-thesis Master’s Degree Option for Master of English

Motion: (T. Haskett/D. Capson)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of English as described in the document entitled “Course-only Path Through English Master’s Program” dated September 6, 2012.

CARRIED

v. Proposal for Course-Based, Non-thesis Master’s Degree Option for Master of Social Work

Motion: (M. Purkis/J. Walsh)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of Social Work as described in the document entitled “Completion of MSW Degree Through a ‘Course Based’ Option” dated October 31, 2012.

CARRIED
vi. Proposal for Course-Based, Non-thesis Master’s Degree Option for Master of Global Business

Motion: (S. Klein/D. Hamilton)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal for a Course-based Master of Global Business as described in the document entitled “Proposal to Change the Master of Global Business Program from a Project-based to Course-only Format” dated October 2012.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Procedures for the Appointment of the University Secretary

Dr. Turpin reviewed the revisions to the policy.

Motion: (R. Tremblay/M. Purkis)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the attached revised Policy GV0325 Procedures for the Appointment of the University Secretary (Registrar).

CARRIED

b. Recommendation to add non-voting invitee to Senate

Motion: (P. Keller/H. Brunt)
That the Associate Vice-President International be added to Senate as a non-voting invitee with speaking rights.

CARRIED

Dr. Baer abstained from voting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.
MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Effective from July 1, 2012

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)
- Chancellor: Murray Farmer (31/12/14)
- President and Vice-Chancellor: David Turpin, Chair
- V.P. Academic & Provost: Reeta Tremblay
- V.P. Research: Howard Brunt
- Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Saul Klein
- Dean of Education: Ted Riecken
- Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
- Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
- Acting Dean of Fine Arts: Lynne Van Luyen
- Dean of Graduate Studies: David Capson
- Dean of Humanities: John Archibald
- Dean of HSD: Mary Ellen Purkis
- Dean of Law: Donna Greschner
- Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
- Dean of Social Sciences: Peter Keller, Vice-Chair
- University Librarian: Jonathan Bengston

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES - Section 35 (2) (g)
- BUSI: Brock Smith (30/6/15)
- BUSI: Richard Wolfe (30/6/13)
- EDUC: Mary Kennedy (30/6/14)
- EDUC: Geraldine Van Gyn (30/6/13)
- ENGR: Michala Serra (30/6/13)
- LAW: Yang Shi (30/6/14)
- FINE: Patricia Kostek (30/6/15)
- Jan Wood (30/6/13)
- GRAD: Annalee Lepp (30/6/13)
- John Walsh (30/6/14)
- HUMA: Abdul Roudsari (30/6/15)
- Debra Sheets (30/6/13)
- HUMS: Jamie Dopp (30/6/13)
- Laura Parisi (30/6/15)
- LAWF: Gillian Calder (30/6/14)
- Robert Howell (30/6/13)
- SCIE: Robert Burke (30/6/14)
- Florin Diacu (30/6/14)
- SOSC: Rosaline Canessa (30/6/15)
- Michael Webb (30/6/14)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY - Members (continued)
- Susan Lewis Hammond - FINE (30/6/14)
- Adam Monahan - SCIE (30/6/14)
- Leslee Francis Pelton - EDUC (30/6/14)
- Margot Wilson - SOSC (30/6/15)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)
- Rachel Barr (SOSC) (30/6/13)
- Peter Bell (GRAD)
- Andrew Fortune (SOSC)
- David Foster (HUMS)
- David Hamilton (ENGR)
- Emilie Henriksen (FINE ARTS)
- Nicole Iaci (SOSC)
- Kelsey Mech (SCIE)
- Ariel Mishkin (BUSI)
- Yianni Pappas-Acreman (LAW)
- Emily Rogers (HUMA)
- Peter Schalk (GRAD)
- Gabrielle Sutherland (SOSC)
- Ariel Tseng (HUMS)
- Kelly Watson (GRAD)
- TBA (EDUC)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION - Section 35 (2) (i)
- Nav Bassi (31/12/14)
- Linda Hannah (31/12/14)
- Robbyn Lanning (31/12/14)
- Cathy McIntyre (31/12/14)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)
- Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Oscar Casiro
- Member elected by the Professional Librarians: Tracie Smith (30/6/15)
- Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulysses (30/6/14)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)
- University Secretary: Julia Eastman

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights
- Assoc. V.P. Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
- Assoc. V.P. Academic Planning: Catherine Mateer
- Registrar: Lauren Charlton
- Associate University Secretary: Carrie Andersen