MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on April 5, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Turpin proposed two revisions to the agenda. He said a motion had been circulated to members of Senate that accompanied agenda item 8(a). Dr. Turpin added that an item would be included under Other Business regarding student elections to the Board of Governors.

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (J. Walsh/B. Smith)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on March 1, 2013 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. Public perceptions on university autonomy and accountability

Dr. Turpin provided a presentation on research he conducted regarding public perceptions on university autonomy and accountability.

b. Update on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan

Dr. Turpin reported that the Budget Framework had been approved by the Board of Governors in March. He said the first part of this document provided context and created links between the budget and the Strategic Plan. Dr. Turpin added that the framework was now available online.
c. President’s Report

With regard to a federal update, Dr. Turpin reported on the highlights of the March 21, 2013 Federal Budget. He commented on the funding made available to support research partnerships, scholarships and bursaries for First Nations and Inuit students, internships, research and development services, and international opportunities.

On the provincial front, Dr. Turpin reported that the university had received $100,000 in one-time funding for LE,NONET and $165,000 for graduate scholarships.

Regarding municipal matters, Dr. Turpin reported on a meeting with Mayors and Councils of Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney on March 20, 2013.

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

- the upcoming Masterminds 2013 lecture series will feature four lectures:
  - Dr. Ed Ishugiro, “Probiotics for Better Health”
  - Dr. Howie Wenger, “Gearing up for High Performance”
  - Dr. Reg Mitchell, “Using Chemistry to Enhance our Bodies”
  - Prof. Juliana Saxton, “An Unusual Job for a Lady”
- IdeaFest 2013 saw a number of outstanding events take place over two weeks in March;
- the Legacy Art Gallery is featuring Syn•Optic, an exhibition of new works by UVic Art Educators;
- Professor Jeremy Webber will commence his term as the new Dean of the Faculty of Law on July 1, 2013;
- on April 2, 2013, the University of Victoria officially launched its new Research Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization (RPKM) unit;
- Mr. Brandt Louie, chairman and CEO of H.Y. Louie Co. Ltd and board chairman of London Drugs, has been honoured with UVic’s Gustavson School of Business Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award;
- following recent completion of the Integrated Energy Master Plan, which recommended a biomass fuel plant to maximize energy savings and carbon reduction, a Biomass Feasibility Open House was held on March 27, 2013 as the first step in an eight-month feasibility study conducted by the university and Dalkia Canada;
- on March 6, 2013, there was an event at North Island College’s Comox campus to celebrate the success of the UVic/North Island College dual admission and guaranteed admission partnership;
- held on March 16, 2013 and coordinated by UVic Residence Life and Education and Volunteer Victoria, Project Serve offered more than 100 UVic students the opportunity to spend a day volunteering with a community organization and to reflect on their learning;
- UVic received front page coverage in the Globe and Mail on March 27, 2013 in an article about the repatriation of First Nations paintings;
- Dr. Chris Barnes, Professor Emeritus and former director of NEPTUNE Canada, was recently appointed chair of a new Joint Task Force established by three United Nations agencies to investigate the potential of using submarine telecommunications cables for ocean and climate monitoring and disaster warning;
- UVic was saddened by the loss of several past members of the UVic community:
  - Dr. Wes Koczka, former UVic Dean of Continuing Studies
  - Psychology Professor Emeritus Dr. Louis Costa
5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Planning and Priorities Committee

i. Annual Report

Motion: (P. Bell/P. Keller)
That Senate receive the 2012/2013 annual report of the Planning and Priorities Committee for information.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Motion: (A. Lepp/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:

- British Columbia Association of Social Workers Prize (revised)*
- Chapter AJ PEO Sisterhood Scholarship (new)
- W.R. (Bill) Gordon Scholarship (revised)*
- Ten Mile Fine Arts Student Assistance Fund (new)
- Eve Egoyan Exploratory Music Scholarship (new)
- Student Ambassador Scholarship (new)
- Jamie Chien-Ming Wu Award for Achievement in Biomedical Engineering (new)*
- Best Graduate Report in Dispute Resolution Award (new)

*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. Annual Report

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)
That Senate receive the 2012/2013 annual report of the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching.

CARRIED
c. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for Undergraduate Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish

Prof. Tremblay congratulated Humanities and Business for initiating this proposal, which she thought supported goals in the Strategic Plan regarding internationalization and global citizenship.

Motion: (J. Archibald/J. Walsh)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors, that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of an Undergraduate Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish to be offered by the Faculty of Humanities as described in the document “Proposal for Undergraduate Certificate in Language and Cultural Proficiency: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish”, dated February 18, 2013, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Report on Procedures for the Appointment of the President

Dr. Baer expressed concern with the revision to the appointment procedures. He understood the confidentiality required in the process, but thought the proposed revisions made the process even more closed. Dr. Baer noted that the opportunities to participate and provide input into the appointment process were already very limited, and thought the procedures should be reviewed in light of this concern.

Dr. Eastman reminded members of Senate of the process that was undertaken regarding appointment of the new president. She indicated that the search committee had met following the appointment to discuss whether any revisions to the procedures were necessary. Dr. Eastman said the committee’s recommendations were set out in the report.

Dr. Eastman reviewed the proposed revisions to section 13.05 of the procedures. Dr. Haskett noted that the term “administrative directors” was being replaced to reflect current university structure.

Dr. Baer explained that his concern was with the introduction of wording regarding confidentiality, which he thought pulled the process in the wrong direction. Dr. Eastman confirmed that the requirement for confidentiality was included in the existing procedures.
Prof. Greschner spoke in favour of the revisions. She recognized that inclusive appointment processes set UVic apart from other universities, but thought this should be implemented differently at different levels. In searching for a president, Prof. Greschner said a confidential process was required in order to attract the best candidates.

In response to a question from Ms. Hannah regarding practices at other universities, Dr. Turpin said that, although practices varied, most presidential searches involved a confidential process.

Dr. Smith commented on the lack of a ratification requirement. Dr. Eastman said ratification was not required in the existing procedures, and that there was a concern that such a requirement would reduce the field of candidates.

In response to a question from Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Turpin commented that two of the vice-presidential search procedures require an open process, while the other two do not.

**Motion:** (P. Keller/T. Haskett)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that is also approve, the revised section 13.05 of the *Procedures for the Search, Appointment, or Re-appointment of the President and Vice-Chancellor*, as follows:

13.05 The Committee shall then select a short list of not more than four candidates. It shall arrange for those candidates to meet with the Board of Governors, Vice Presidents, Deans and University Librarian, Associate Vice-Presidents and Chief Information Officer, and any others deemed appropriate by the Committee, in light of the candidates' schedules, the requirement for confidentiality, and any need for additional input to inform the Committee's deliberations.

CARRIED

b. **Fundraising and Gift Acceptance Policy**

Dr. Turpin said this item was being presented to Senate for information before it was submitted to the Board of Governors for approval. He reviewed the changes to the policy and asked members of Senate for feedback. There were no comments.

c. **Student Elections to the Board of Governors**

Dr. Turpin reported that a complaint had been filed during the course of the student elections to the Board of Governors. In accordance with the *Rules to Govern Elections to the Board of Governors and the Senate*, the complaint had been referred to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

Dr. Webb provided members of Senate with information about the complaint that was received. He reported that, after careful consideration of the complaint, the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance had decided the election should be re-conducted. Ms. Andersen said that, in accordance with the committee's decision, she met with the five students who had participated in
the original election. Each of them had confirmed their willingness to continue to stand for
election. Ms. Andersen reviewed the timelines for re-conducting the election.

In response to a comment from Ms. Watson regarding the benefits of electronic campaigning, Dr.
Webb acknowledged that the committee would be considering the election rules from this
perspective.

Prof. Greschner raised a concern that the timing of the new election had the potential to benefit the
candidates who had committed violations in the previous election. She said that students who had
chosen to vote for these candidates based on their inappropriate campaigning were likely to vote
for them again because of the close timing of elections. Dr. Webb responded that the committee
had attempted to find an appropriate balance in its decision. He said the committee had determined
the violations were minor and that, on balance, it was important to let all the candidates continue to
stand for election.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
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 Brutn
Dean of Business School: Saul Klein
Dean of Education: Fed Riecken
Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
Acting Dean of Fine Arts: Lynne Van Luen
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)
        Richard Wolfe (30/6/13)
EDUC: Mary Kennedy (30/6/14)
        Geraldine Van Gyn (30/6/13)
ENGR: Micaela Serr (30/6/13)
        Yang Shi (30/6/14)
FINE: Patricia Kostek (30/6/15)
        Jan Wood (30/6/13)
GRAD: Mariam 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 - Sections 35 (2) (g)
Janni Aragon - SOSC (30/6/15)
Doug Baer - SOSC (30/6/14)
Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/13)
Alison Chapman - HUMS (30/6/15)
Kathryn Gillis - SCIE (30/6/14)
Reuven Gordon - ENGR (30/6/14)
David Harrington - SCIE (30/6/13)
Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/13)

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 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
        TBA

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. International - Andrew Marton
        Assoc. V.P. Student Affairs: Tim Dunsdon
        Assoc. V.P. Academic Planning: Catherine Mateer
        Registrar: Lauren Charlton
        Associate University Secretary: Carrie Andersen