A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on May 2, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (J. Aragon/S. Blackstone)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (R. Burke/M. Kennedy)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on April 4, 2014 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

Prof. Cassels noted that this was the last Senate meeting of the academic year. He thanked members of Senate for their work over the course of the year and acknowledged members whose terms were coming to an end.

Prof. Cassels provided a report on the recent announcement from the provincial government regarding a jobs blueprint to re-engineer education and training. He reviewed the contents of the announcement and discussed aspects of it that could apply to the university. Prof. Cassels said the details of the initiative had yet to be released but he expected there would be opportunities for the university to demonstrate that it was responsive and offered relevant programs and opportunities for students. With respect to his personal view, Prof. Cassels said it was his opinion that the province is best served by a diversity of educational offerings.

Dr. Smith asked about government plans to restructure graduation requirements. In response, Prof. Cassels commented on changes being discussed to the K-12 education system. Dr. Riecken added that deans of Education had been meeting with the government regarding building transitions to university.
Dr. Wyatt asked about the component of the initiative focused on students with disabilities. Prof. Cassels said the announcement had focused on transitions and support to students to increase participation rates.

In response to a question from Dr. Hannah, Prof. Cassels said he had not yet heard a response from the student societies. Offering a student perspective, Mr. Bell said he hoped the initiative would be supported by evidence-based decision making.

With respect to matters at the university, Prof. Cassels reported that the Craigdarroch Awards event had taken place the previous evening. Awards were presented to Jim Tully, Peter Dukes, Leslie Saxton and Harald Krebs.

Prof. Cassels reported on the university’s results for NSERC and SSHRC funding. He congratulated those who had received funding from the granting councils.

With respect to recent rankings, Prof. Cassels reported on the university’s results in the 2014 CWTS Leiden Ranking.

Prof. Cassels also reported that the following awards and honours had been received by members of the university community:

- Prof. Mary Anne Waldron’s book “Free to Believe: Rethinking Freedom of Conscience and Religion in Canada” was the recipient of the Canadian Law and Society Association Book Prize for 2013;
- Dr. Andrew Weaver was being awarded an honorary degree from McMaster University;
- Dr. Francis Zwiers was being awarded an honorary degree from Western University;
- Dr. Nancy Turner was being awarded an honorary degree from the University of Northern British Columbia;
- Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater was the recipient of a BC Community Achievement Award;
- Dr. Michael Prince was awarded CUFA-BC’s Academic of the Year; and
- Dennis Washington was selected to receive UVic’s Gustavson School of Business Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2014.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

   a. **Office of the Ombudsperson**

      i. **2013 Annual Report**

Prof. Cassels thanked Ms. Martine Conway, Ombudsperson for her work over the course of the year. Ms. Conway provided a brief overview of the report.

    **Motion:** (S. Blackstone/M. Purkis)
    That Senate receive the 2013 annual report of the Office of the Ombudsperson for information.

    **CARRIED**
b. Campus Planning Committee

i. Semi-annual report

**Motion:** (S. Blackstone/J. Aragon)
That Senate receive the 2013-2014 semi-annual report of the Campus Planning Committee for information.

**CARRIED**

c. Advisory Committee on Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities

i. Annual Report

Dr. Lewis Hammond commented on the chart outlining the total number of registered students with disabilities and asked for comments. Mr. Dunsdon noted an increase in both the number of students presented with multiple disabilities and the increasing complexity associated with the issues faced by students.

**Motion:** (M. Purkis/H. Brunt)
That Senate receive the 2013-2014 annual report of the Advisory Committee on Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities for information.

**CARRIED**

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Timely Declaration of Majors

Dr. Mateer introduced the proposal. She reviewed the current situation regarding declaration of majors and provided a summary of the challenges with this system. Dr. Mateer outlined some of the benefits associated with the proposal, noting that students would be able to receive better advising and that units would be able to connect with students at a much earlier stage.

Dr. Gillis commented on the specific challenges experienced in the Faculty of Science with the current system, noting that programs tend to be prescriptive. She said this made early connections and advising necessary for success. Dr. Gillis said her colleagues in the faculty were excited by the initiative.

Dr. Webb advised that the Faculty of Social Sciences was overwhelmingly in favour of the proposal, which would provide increased assistance to students. He noted that this one piece of a larger set of initiatives to engage and support students.

Dr. Banerjee commented on discussions in the Faculty of Humanities regarding the proposal. She noted that a slightly different proposal was being presented for her faculty than for the Faculties of...
Science and Social Sciences. Dr. Banerjee reviewed the proposal, which was less prescriptive and allowed students a long period of time to declare a major.

Dr. Monahan said he was supportive of the proposal but expressed concern with use of the term “exploratory”, which was currently used to describe an admissions category at the university. He wondered if this would create confusion. Dr. Webb commented on discussions regarding use of the this term that took place as the proposal was developed and said he felt use of the term “exploratory” was essential to the proposal. He thought the risk of confusion was minimal, and that if confusion did arise that it made most sense to consider changing the term used to describe the admissions category. He said he would be happy to work with the Office of the Registrar in this regard. Dr. Monahan suggested it would also be useful to engage the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer. Prof. Cassels said the request to engage the Office of the Registrar and the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer would be noted.

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)
That Senate approve:
• the statement entitled Declaring a Program proposed by the Faculty of Social Sciences for inclusion in the undergraduate academic calendar, effective May 1, 2015;
• the statement entitled Declaring a Program proposed by the Faculty of Science for inclusion in the undergraduate academic calendar, effective May 1, 2015; and
• the statement entitled Declaring a Program proposed by the Faculty of Humanities for inclusion in the undergraduate academic calendar, effective May 1, 2015.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2014-2015 Senate standing Committees

Dr. Monahan pointed out an editorial error in the document.

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Purkis)
That Senate approve the appointments to the 2014-2015 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document.

CARRIED

ii. Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer

Motion: (A. Monahan/S. Blackstone)
That Senate approve the revisions to the terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer.

CARRIED
c. Senate Committee on Appeals

i. Annual Report

Motion: (M. Gillen/M. MacDonald)
That Senate receive the 2013-2014 annual report of the Senate Committee on Appeals for information.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Dr. Keller said he was excited to see the 50th anniversary scholarships; however, due to a real or perceived issue of fairness, he would like to see consideration of the scholarships tabled. Dr. Keller explained that it was unfair to have the same number of awards for all faculties regardless of number of students in the faculty. He noted that it was more difficult for students in large faculties to be eligible for this award. More generally, Dr. Keller commented that the structure of these scholarships added to the already existing difference in funding available to students in different faculties.

Prof. Cassels confirmed that Dr. Keller wished to present a motion to table consideration of the 50th anniversary scholarships. He clarified that there was generally no discussion allowed regarding motions to table. Prof. Cassels added, however, that the issues of fairness raised by Dr. Keller should be referred to the Vice-President Academic and Provost for consideration.

Motion: (P. Keller/J. Archibald)
That consideration of the 50th anniversary scholarships be tabled to a future meeting of Senate.

DEFEATED

Prof. Cassels noted that there was a tie vote on the motion to table. In accordance with the Senate Rules and Procedures, in the case of an equality of votes, the question is resolved in the negative.

Prof. Calder said she appreciated seeing the Youth in Care Award and asked if consideration had been given to waiving tuition for all youth in care. Dr. Tremblay responded that the university was putting forward an initiative to support youth in care. Mr. Dunsdon added that development of the scholarship on a pilot basis was a first step in the initiative. Although it was not possible to provide a tuition waiver to all youth in care at this time, Mr. Dunsdon was positive about the possibility of fundraising to support ongoing scholarships.

With respect to the 50th anniversary scholarships, Ms. Natalie Fallis from Student Awards and Financial Aid noted that the scholarships were the result of fundraising efforts by the faculties.

Dr. Smith said he supported the creation of additional 50th anniversary scholarships, but did not think these should take away from the scholarships offered in other faculties.
Motion: (A. Lepp/M. Kennedy)
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:

- University of Victoria Youth in Care Award (new)
- School of Public Health and Social Policy Student Award (revised)*
- Roberta Taylor Scholarship (new)
- Elias Mandel Prize for Study Abroad in Hispanic and Italian Studies (new)*
- Social Sciences Indigenous Student Scholarship (new)*
- Donald and Evelyn MacLean Scholarship (new)
- Dryden Scholarship for Students with a Disability (new)
- Vera Allen Travel Award for Medical Sciences (new)*
- Robin & Sylvia Skelton Scholarship (new)
- Economics Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Engineering Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Fine Arts Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Peter B. Gustavson School of Business Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Education Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Vikes Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Social Sciences Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Science Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Humanities Entrance Scholarship (new)
- 50th Anniversary Human and Social Development Entrance Scholarship (new)
- Underlings Scholarship (new)
- Tsi’Tsu’Wu’Tul Award (new)
- Annual Giving Student Scholarship (revised)
- Ann Gibson Biomedical Engineering Scholarship (new)

* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. Curriculum Changes

Motion: (L. Pelton/M. Kennedy)
That Senate approve the curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2014-2015 academic calendar, effective 1 September 2014.

CARRIED
Motion: (M. Purkis/S. Blackstone)
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

f. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. Annual Report

Motion: (J. Aragon/M. MacDonald)
That Senate receive the 2013-2014 annual report of the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching for information.

CARRIED

ii. Revising and updated UVic’s university-wide learning outcomes

Dr. Aragon thanked members of Senate for the comments received at the last meeting. She said the learning outcomes were now being presented to Senate for approval.

Prof. Gillen suggested an editorial change to the document, which was to change the word “goals” to “outcomes”. Dr. Aragon accepted the suggestion as a friendly amendment.

Motion: (R. Tremblay/A. Roudsari)
That Senate approve the University of Victoria Learning Outcomes, effective immediately;

AND

That Senate approve inclusion of the University of Victoria Learning Outcomes in the academic calendar, effective September 1, 2014;

AND

That Senate approve that the Generic Goals of a University Education be removed from the academic calendar, effective September 1, 2014.

CARRIED

g. Senate Committee on Libraries

i. Annual Report

Motion: (S. Blackstone/J. Aragon)
That Senate receive the 2013-2014 annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries for information.

CARRIED
h. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for Credit Diploma in First Nations Government and Administration

Motion: (M. Purkis/S. Blackstone)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Diploma in First Nations Government and Administration, as described in the document “Proposal for a Credit Diploma in First Nations Government and Administration”, dated April 7, 2014, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

CARRIED

i. Senate Committee on University Budget

i. Annual Report

Motion: (S. Lewis Hammond/J. Aragon)
That Senate receive the 2013-2014 annual report of the Senate Committee on University Budget for information.

CARRIED

j. Ad hoc Senate Committee to Consider the Curriculum Process

i. Review of Changes to the Curriculum Review Process

Motion: (M. Webb/K. Gillis)
That Senate approve the revised Procedures on Curriculum Submissions, effective immediately.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

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

a. Report on Omnibus Motion in Response to Influenza Risks

Dr. Tremblay reminded members of Senate of the motion that had been passed earlier in the year. She said no short term modifications to academic regulations had been required in response to influenza risks.
b. Core Review report

Dr. Tremblay provided an update on the status of submission of the final report. She said this report was a confidential document, but asked Dr. Mateer to report on some key messages.

Dr. Mateer provided an overview of key messages associated with the report, including the university’s success in meeting enrolment targets, evidence that university meets labour market demands and provides students with necessary skills to succeed, and that the university’s research and teaching plans align with goals in the government’s plan. She commented on the university’s research, how the university effectively manages resources, and on collaborations with other post-secondary institutions.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Art Collections Policy (BP3310)

Motion: (S. Blackstone/P. Keller)
That the Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve, the Art Collections Policy (BP3310).

CARRIED

b. University Orators

Motion: (H. Brunt/J. Aragon)
That the Senate re-appoint the following:
1. Dr. Bradley Anholt as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
2. Dr. John Archibald as Orator for the term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
3. Dr. Frederick Bell as Orator for the term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
4. Dr. Anthony Jenkins as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
5. Prof. Evert Lindquist as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
6. Prof. John McLaren as Orator for the term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
7. Dr. Carole Miller as Orator for the term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
8. Dr. Christina Kieka Mynhardt as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
9. Dr. Brock Smith as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
10. Dr. Michael Prince as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
11. Prof. Judith Terry as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
12. Dr. Nancy Turner as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017; and

CARRIED

Motion: (P. Keller/A. Lepp)
That the Senate appoint the following:
1. Dr. Andrew Rippin as University Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
2. Prof. Mary Sanseverino as Deputy Orator for the term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017;
3. Dr. Elizabeth Grove-White as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017; and
4. Dr. Monica Prendergast as Orator for a term from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2017.

CARRIED


There were no questions from members of Senate regarding the report.

d. Elections to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

Prof. Cassels called for nominations. Dr. Aragon nominated Dr. Lepp. Dr. Beam seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Dr. Lepp was acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

e. Report on creation of Convocation Committee sub-committee

Ms. Andersen reported that the Convocation Committee, an advisory committee to the President, had established an ad hoc sub-committee to consider the Convocation ceremonies.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.
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MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Effective December 12, 2013

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)
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      Nikolai Dechev (30/6/14)
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      Lianne McLarty (30/6/16)
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      Esther Sangster-Gormley (30/6/16)
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      Laura Parisi (30/6/15)
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      Mark Gillen (30/6/16)
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      Florin Diauc (30/6/14)
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      Michael Webb (30/6/14)

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- Sections 35 (2) (g)
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Reuven Gordon – ENGR (30/6/14)

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- Sections 35 (2) (h)
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Leslee Francis Peton – EDUC (30/6/14)
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Jared Burnett-McCreery (ENGR) “
Nadia Hamdon (SOSC) “
Matthew Hammer (HUMS) “
Susan Karim (EDUC) “
Bowen Macy (SOSC) “
Kelsey Mech (SC IE) “
Lucia Heffelfinger Orser (HUMS) “
Yianni Pappas-Acreman (LAW) “
Emily Rogers (HUMA) “
Gina Starblanket (GRAD) “
Nick Tang (SCIE) “
TBA (BUSI) “
TBA (FINE) “

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- Section 35 (2) (i)
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Linda Hannah (31/12/14)
Robbyn Lanning (31/12/14)
Cathy McIntyre (31/12/14)

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