



University
of Victoria

**Approved for Release
by the Senate
of the University of Victoria**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on December 4, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (B. Peterson/B. Smith)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. November 6, 2015

In response to the change to the way Senate minutes are drafted, a comment was made that too many details had been removed. Although there was support for not capturing the name of every speaker in the minutes, it was requested that some additional details of the discussion be included.

Motion: (B. Peterson/K. Gillis)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on November 6, 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 a report to Senate. He reported on the recent annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada hosted by the university. He noted that many UVic faculty had been honoured during the event.

Prof. Cassels reported that a \$2 million dollar donation from the Sisters of St. Ann had recently been received to create an endowment to support youth transitioning out of care. He also provided information on the scholarships already created by the university for these youth.

b. University Rankings

Mr. Tony Eder, Executive Director, Academic Resource Planning provided a presentation on university rankings. He reported on UVic's standing in the following rankings and publications – Maclean's, Globe and Mail, ReSearch Infosource, Times Higher Education, QS World University Rankings, AWRU, U-Multirank and CWTS Leiden. He commented on the rankings industry, how the university uses ranking information, risks and rankings trends.

In response to questions from members of Senate, Mr. Eder provided information on how reputational information is gathered, changes to the Globe and Mail publication, and the impact rankings have on student decision making. In response to a question about UVic's ranking with respect to student services, Dr. Kuehne provided information on the continuous evaluation and assessment of services provided to students to ensure needs are being met.

c. Final Draft of the Strategic Research Plan

Dr. Castle provided a report on the draft Strategic Research Plan. He reviewed the project planning process, communications and consultation. Dr. Castle discussed how the feedback received was incorporated into the plan and what the next steps were.

Members of Senate provided feedback on the draft plan. In response to a question regarding the impact of the plan on individual faculty members, Dr. Castle reviewed supports provided by the Office of Research Services and commented on plans to locate support services within the faculties. In response to a further question, Dr. Castle provided some information about how the development of large research projects is contemplated in the plan. A comment was made regarding the role of postdoctorals at the university. Dr. Castle commented on how postdoctorals are referenced in the plan and acknowledged their contributions. In response to a question, Dr. Castle provided information about graduate student input into development of the plan.

Dr. Castle provided information regarding implementation of the plan, noting that an annual planning cycle for research was being contemplated that would align with the academic planning process.

d. Update on the Canada First Research Excellence Fund

Dr. Castle provided an update on a letter of intent submitted by the university to the Canada First Research Excellence Fund secretariat. He provided information on the process for making funding submissions.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Campus Planning Committee

i. Semi-annual report

Dr. Kuehne introduced the report.

A comment was made with respect to how use of the Cedar Hill Corner was described in the draft Campus Plan. It was agreed this could be corrected.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. 2015 University of Victoria Grading Patterns Report

Dr. Beam introduced the report. She noted that the Senate Committee on Academic Standards had formed a sub-committee to further examine and provide guidance on grading issues.

A question was raised about practices at other institutions. Dr. Beam said the committee had been provided with some comparative data, although this was difficult to obtain. She said the trends at UVic were similar to those at other universities. It was suggested that the sub-committee examine the impact of the new grading scale on grading patterns.

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

i. 2014/2015 Annual Report

Dr. Kenneth Stewart, Chair, Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer introduced the report.

c. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2015/2016 Senate Standing Committees

A question was raised regarding the process for making nominations to the committees. It was suggested that other nominations be invited before Senate votes on the appointments. After conferring with the University Secretary, Prof. Cassels said further examination into the procedure would take place. He noted that the complex nature of Senate committee membership meant it would not be possible to simply accept and vote on nominations on the floor. It would be desirable to receive nominations in advance of the meeting at which Senate was asked to approve the committee appointments.

For the current set of nominations, Prof. Cassels asked members of Senate if there were any additional nominations. There were none.

Motion: (A. Lepp/C. Shankman)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2015/2016 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Dr. Walsh introduced the proposal.

Motion: (J. Walsh/K. Gillis)

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:

- Grad Class of 1964 Entrance Scholarship (new)*
- Grace and Harry Hickman Scholarship (revised) *
- Cuchulain Vikes Rugby Award (new) *
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Securities (revised)

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CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for a new stream in Masters of Music – Music Technology

Dr. Mateer introduced the proposal. Dr. Lewis provided details about the program. Support for the proposal was expressed.

Motion: (S. Lewis/P. Driessen)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a stream in Masters of Music – Music Technology, as described in the document “Music Technology Program”, 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. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

There was none.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Letter from UVSS

Prof. Cassels introduced Ms. Brontë Renwick-Shields, UVSS Chairperson, and invited her to speak to the letter.

Ms. Renwick-Shields provided an overview of the request to Senate to grant academic amnesty to students participating in the event on February 3, 2016.

Dr. Kuehne reviewed the memo that had been circulated to all departments regarding the February 3 event. She provided information on past practice with respect to the event and explained that she had received confirmation from the Deans that this approach had proved effective.

Concern was raised about passing the motion because it removed all flexibility, which would create a difficult situation for some labs or seminars where attendance was necessary and the ability to cancel or reschedule the learning opportunity was not available. Operational challenges resulting from the motion were raised, including the ability to enforce the motion.

Some members of Senate expressed concern that the language in the motion was confusing, and that it was unclear what obligations were being imposed on instructors in what circumstances. A question was raised regarding whether practicum students would be absolved from the requirement to attend their practicum that day. Not all members of Senate agreed that the motion was confusing. Support for voting on the motion in its current form was expressed.

With respect to distribution of the memo, it was noted that not all teaching assistants had received a copy. One member of Senate indicated that the memo had been circulated within her department. Another thought it was still too early for the memo to have been circulated.

Ms. Renwick-Shields responded to concerns raised by members of Senate, noting that she hoped students would work with instructors to mitigate challenges arising from their decision to participate in the event. She said the intent of the motion was to provide students with some assurance that flexibility would be granted with respect to classes on that day.

It was suggested that instead of considering the proposed motion, Senate be asked to endorse the Provost's memo. It was also suggested that the wording of the motion be amended to clarify its intent.

With respect to the intent of the motion, there was some discussion regarding whether approving the motion with the current wording could result in appeals to the Senate Committee on Appeals.

Members of Senate expressed support for the request made in the Provost's memo and for the spirit of the request from the UVSS. The need for flexibility was reiterated.

A motion to amend the wording of the original motion was proposed. This motion was seconded and opened for discussion.

A motion to table the discussion was made. This motion was not seconded.

A concern was expressed that defeating the motion would indicate diminished support for the UVSS.

Motion: (B. Peterson/J. Walsh):

That the section of the motion stating “BIFRT this academic amnesty would absolve students of the obligation to hand in coursework, write exams or participate in classroom discussion on the day of February 3rd, 2016” be amended to read

BIFRT this academic amnesty would prevent students from being penalized for absences in lectures, tutorials and labs, and will be accommodated by rescheduling labs, exams, tests quizzes or deadlines missed on February 3, 2016.

DEFEATED

Motion: (B. Peterson/J. Walsh)

Whereas participating in student advocacy efforts around post-secondary education is a longstanding part of campus culture; and

Whereas on February 3rd, 2016 the University of Victoria Student Society (UVSS) will be holding the Education is Right rally at the Provincial Legislature in Victoria in support of fully funded post-secondary education; and

Whereas the UVSS is not asking the University of Victoria Senate to endorse this rally, however, they are asking that the Senate open up the space for students to engage in their democratic right to organize on issues that directly affect them; therefore

BIRT the Senate grant academic amnesty for all undergraduate students for February 3rd, 2016; and

BIFRT this academic amnesty would absolve students of the obligation to hand in coursework, write exams or participate in classroom discussion on the day of February 3rd, 2016.

DEFEATED

Prof. Cassels noted that he had heard support for the spirit of the request from the UVSS. Members of Senate agreed.

Motion: (C. Shankman/S. Rogers)

That Senate affirm support for the memorandum issued by the Vice-President Academic and Provost regarding Academic Amnesty for National Day of Action on February 3, 2016.

CARRIED

b. Senate vacancy

Ms. Andersen reported that the student member from Business had resigned. An alternate had been appointed.

Prof. Cassels reported that this was Ms. Charlton's last meeting of Senate as the Registrar. He thanked her for years of service to the university and said he looked forward to seeing her on the Senate floor in her capacity as a Convocation senator.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Senate Meeting December 4, 2015

Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Andersen, Carrie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate University Secretary	By Invitation
Aragon, Janni	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Baer, Doug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Banerjee, Sikata	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Bashir, Rizwan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Beam, Sara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Beaveridge, Chandra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Begoray, Deborah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Education	Elected by the faculty members
Bengston, Jonathan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	University Librarian	Ex officio
Bloyd, Wesley-Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Branzan Abu, Alexandra	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the faculty members
Brekstad, Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Bryden, Penny	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Butler-Palmer, Carolyn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Calder, Gillian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Capson, David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Cassels, Jamie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	President and Vice-Chancellor	Chair of Senate
Castle, David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice-President Research	Ex officio
Charlton, Lauren	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registrar	By Invitation
Colby, Jason	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Crippen, Carolyn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Crocker, Jordan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Dechev, Nikolai	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the Faculty
Denley, Julia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Devor, Aaron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Diacu, Florin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Driessen, Peter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the Faculty
Dulku, Bhupinder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Dunsdon, Jim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Durno, John	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Eastman, Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	University Secretary	Secretary of Senate
Erickson, Kayleigh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Francis Pelton, Leslee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Education	Elected by the faculty members
Gillen, Mark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Gillis, Kathryn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acting Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Grant, Rebecca	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Hallgrimsdottir, Helga	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Haskett, Tim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Hicks, Robin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Hvanova, Ivelina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Kein, Saul	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
Kostek, Patricia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Krull, Catherine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Ex officio
Kuehne, Valerie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice-President Academic and Provost	Ex officio
Kushniruk, Andre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Lemieux, Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Lep, Annalee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Lewis, Susan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acting Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	Ex officio
Liddell, Peter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Littlewood, Cedric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Acting Dean, Faculty of Humanities	Ex officio
MacDonald, Maureen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Division of Continuing Studies	Ex officio
Marck, Patricia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Mateer, Catherine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate Vice-President Academic Planning	By Invitation
Mellin, Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Meiman, Alex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Peterson, Bernadette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Popova, Diana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Rogers, Shelagh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chancellor	Ex officio
Ryan, Tristan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Sangster-Gormley, Esther	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Schallié, Charlotte	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Schrod, Phillip	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Shankman, Cory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Smith, Brock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
St. Clair, Ralf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Stahl, Ann	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Tiedje, Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Faculty of Engineering	Ex officio
Tlysses, Alicia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Varela, Diana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Von Aderkas, Patrick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Walsh, John	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Webber, Jeremy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Wright, Bruce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Head, Division of Medical Sciences	Ex officio
Wyatt, Victoria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Effective November 23, 2015

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)

Chancellor: Shelagh Rogers (31/12/17)
President and Vice-Chancellor: Jamie Cassels, Chair
V.P. Academic & Provost: Valerie Kuehne
V.P. Research: David Castle
Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Saul Klein
Dean of Education: Ralf St. Clair
Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
Acting Dean of Fine Arts: Susan Lewis
Dean of Graduate Studies: David Capson
Acting Dean of Humanities: Cedric Littlewood
Dean of HSD: Patricia Marck
Dean of Law: Jeremy Webber
Acting Dean of Science: Kathryn Gillis
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 (30/6/18)
EDUC: Carolyn Crippen (30/6/16)
John Walsh (30/6/17)
ENGR : Peter Driessen (30/6/16)
Nikolai Dechev (30/6/17)
FINE: Carolyn Butler-Palmer (30/6/16)
Patricia Kostek (30/6/18)
GRAD: Sara Beam (30/6/16)
Charlotte Schallié (30/6/17)
HSD: Andre Kushniruk (30/6/18)
Esther Sangster-Gormley (30/6/16)
HUMS: Jason Colby (30/6/18)
Annalee Lepp (30/6/16)
LAWF: Gillian Calder (30/6/17)
Mark Gillen (30/6/16)
SCIE: Florin Diacu (30/6/17)
Diana Varela (30/6/17)
SOSC: Janni Aragon (30/6/18)
Doug Baer (30/6/17)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

- Sections 35 (2) (g)

Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/16)
Deborah Begoray – EDUC (30/6/18)
Alexandra Branzan Albu – ENGR (30/6/17)
Penny Bryden – HUMS (30/6/16)
Aaron Devor – SOSC (30/6/17)
Tim Haskett – HUMS (30/6/17)
Robin Hicks – SCIE (30/6/18)
Helga Hallgrimsdottir – SOSC (30/6/18)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY
MEMBERS (continued)

Leslee Francis Pelton – EDUC (30/6/17)
Ann Stahl - SOSC (30/6/16)
Patrick von Aderkas - SCIE (30/6/16)
Victoria Wyatt – FINE (30/6/16)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

SOCIETIES – Section 35 (2) (h)

Wesley-Ryan Boyd (SOSC) (30/6/16)
Lee Brekstad (HUMS) “
Jordan Crocker (HUMA) “
Julia Denley (SCIE) “
Bhupinder Dulku (BUS) “
Kayleigh Erickson (SOSC) “
Ivelina Ivanova (LAW) “
Andrew Lemieux (GRAD) “
Dakota Mellin (EDUC) “
Alex Neiman (ENGR) “
Bernadette Peterson (SCIE) “
Diana Popova (GRAD) “
Tristan Ryan (SOSC) “
Phillip Schrod (SOSC) “
Cory Shankman (GRAD) “
vacancy (FINE) “

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

– Section 35 (2) (i)

Rizwan Bashir (30/06/18)
Chandra Beaveridge (30/06/18)
Peter Liddell (30/06/18)
Incumbent on leave to Dec. 31/15 (30/06/18)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Bruce Wright
Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
John Durno (30/06/18)
Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulysses (30/06/17)

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 (to Dec. 31/15)
Associate University Secretary: Carrie Andersen