



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 5, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

The vice-chair of Senate, Ms. Swanson chaired the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Swanson reported that the item under Other Business regarding the ten-year sessional calendar was being deferred to a future meeting.

Motion: (S. Blackstone/M. Purkis)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (M. Sall/M. Shannon)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on January 8, 2010 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

Ms. Swanson delivered the President's report on behalf of Dr. Turpin. With regard to events at the university, she reported that:

- the opening of the First Peoples House was held on January 25, 2010;
- Andrew Petter, former Dean of Law, was appointed President of Simon Fraser University;
- the UVic United Way campaign team won the Naden Band Spirit of Excellence Award in recognition of long-term achievement in running a model workplace campaign; and
- Alumni Week was underway, with events honouring the contributions UVic graduates make to their communities being held from February 1-7.

Ms. Swanson noted that a copy of the university's Annual Review had been circulated with the docket. She added that two items had also been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. One was a replacement page for the submission from the Senate Committee on Curriculum. The other was a publication from the Provost's office. Dr. Mateer said this publication focused on experiential learning and was the third of three student learning brochures put out by the Provost's office.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Prof. Gillen asked about use of the term "academically outstanding" and what the intent of including the term was. He expressed concern that if a specific meaning was attached to the term, this could result in a breach of discretion when recipients for awards were chosen. Ms. Nolt reported that the Senate Committee on Awards had made the decision a few years ago to include the term "academically outstanding" in the terms of reference for scholarships, in order to distinguish them from bursaries. Prof. Gillen suggested that the committee review the use of this term in the terms of reference for awards.

Motion: (A. Lepp/J. Cullen)

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:

- 1975 Vikes Men's Soccer Championship Award (new)
- Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology Bursary (new)
- Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology Scholarship (new)
- Castaway Wanderers Men's Rugby Award (new)
- Longton Scholarship*(new)
- Eve Hannah Parlee Scholarship*(new)
- Gavin Quiney Residence Life Leadership Scholarship (new)
- Ethel Dorothy McConnell Scholarship*(new)
- Beier Memorial Bursary*(new)
- Faculty of Education Bursaries*(new)
- UVic Foundation Scholarship*(new)
- Jack Shadbolt Scholarship*(new)
- Dr. Douglas Earl Alcorn Scholarship*(new)

- Dr. Ed Ishiguro – Oak Bay Kiwanis Bursary*(new)
- Project Hero Award (new)
- South Vancouver Island International Entrance Scholarships (revised)

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CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. Annual Report

Motion: (G. Fulton/M. Shannon)

That Senate receive the 2009/2010 annual report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum for information.

CARRIED

ii. 2010/2011 Major Curriculum Changes

Dr. Anthony noted that a calendar change in the School of Music was not reflected in the changes in the Faculty of Education.

Motion: (G. Fulton/M. Purkis)

That Senate approve the major curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2010/2011 academic calendar.

CARRIED

Motion: (G. Fulton/M. Sall)

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

c. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. Policy on the Use of Matching Software

Dr. Webb reminded members of Senate that the university currently had a licence with Turnitin, a program used to assist in plagiarism detection. He said the committee had considered a policy for the use of Turnitin as one of a number of steps being taken to prevent plagiarism. Dr. Webb said the current policy in the academic calendar required instructors to inform students if they intended to use plagiarism detection software. He noted that other systems in addition to Turnitin were being used on campus.

Dr. Webb reported that the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching had consulted with faculties and other members of the university community as the policy was being developed. He noted that a variety of opinions were put forward, including both support for and serious objection to the use of Turnitin. Dr. Webb said the committee saw the draft policy as a compromise between these diverse opinions.

Dr. Burke said he planned to vote against this motion. He shared the serious problem his department had experienced with plagiarism in the span of one year. Dr. Burke said many of the lab assignments in his department were expensive and complicated to develop. As a result, these assignments were used over multiple years. Dr. Burke said Turnitin provided an effective mechanism for identifying plagiarism in these assignments. He added that his department had put a number of systems in place for interpreting the reports produced by Turnitin in order to make a determination of plagiarism. Dr. Burke did not think there was a viable alternative available.

Dr. Turner also planned to vote against the motion. She did not think the policy would be practical for instructors with large classes to manage.

Dr. Webb said the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching had surveyed other universities and determined that providing an alternative seemed to be the norm. He thought that in order for an alternative to be viable, it had to provide instructors with a meaningful way to assess students' work. Dr. Webb said that, when provided with the alternatives, he expected most students would prefer to have their work submitted to Turnitin.

Mr. Coccola expressed concern with submitting assignments to Turnitin because of storage of these assignments in the Turnitin database. He thought it was reasonable to offer an alternative to students who expressed concern with submission of their work to the program. Dr. Webb replied that there seemed to be little risk that work submitted to Turnitin would be used inappropriately. He added, however, that there were ethical concerns with the use of students' work by a private company for profit. He said this was the source of concern for many faculty members.

Dr. Webb said he could not speak to all the legal issues surrounding Turnitin; however, he reported that these issues had been addressed by the previous chair of the committee, Kim Hart-Wensley. He said it was his understanding that there were no legal concerns at this time.

Dr. Anthony noted that many instructors used a variety of means to detect plagiarism, including using simple Google searches. Dr. Turner asked if Senate was considering requiring consent from students to use any means to detect plagiarism. Dr. Webb clarified that the policy was intended to address the use of software programs specifically designed for the purposes of detecting plagiarism.

Motion: (M. Webb/M. Shannon)

That Senate approve the Policy on the Use of Matching Software for inclusion in the undergraduate and graduate academic calendars, effective May 1, 2010.

DEFEATED

Mr. Foster requested a vote count. There were 16 votes in favour of the motion and 21 against.

Motion:

That Senate approve the statement for course outlines and course websites regarding the use of Turnitin and require all instructors using Turnitin to include the statement in their course outlines and course websites, effective May 1, 2010.

WITHDRAWN

Dr. Webb asked for some indication from members of Senate regarding how to proceed. Ms. Swanson suggested that the matter be referred back to the committee for a decision regarding how to proceed.

Dr. Turner said the discussion had indicated that academic dishonesty was a serious problem. She encouraged instructors to take steps to address this problem systematically.

Prof. Howell suggested that the legal issues regarding consent from students should be further considered.

With regard to consent, Dr. Banerjee wondered why there needed to be a special consideration of consent for this issue. She noted that the university does not allow students to opt out of course requirements or examinations. Prof. Greschner added that instructors have always been checking students' work for plagiarism and that the only difference now was the ease with which this could be done.

Dr. Rippin said the objection expressed by many faculty members was the use of students' work by a commercial enterprise for the purpose of making a profit.

Dr. Webb agreed to take the issue back to the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching for further consideration.

d. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal for School of Public Health and Social Policy

Motion: (M. Purkis/M. Shannon)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the establishment of the School of Public Health and Social Policy to be located in the Faculty of Human and Social Development, as described in the document entitled

“Proposal for the Establishment of a School of Public Health and Social Policy” dated January 5, 2010. The approval for establishing of the new School becomes effective upon approval of the proposed Graduate Diploma in Public Health, Masters of Public Health (MPH) and Bachelor of Arts in Health and Community Services, and will be withdrawn if the programs are not offered within three years of the granting of approval.

CARRIED

ii. Masters Degree in Public Health

Motion: (M. Purkis/D. Greschner)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Masters Degree in Public Health. The program will be offered by the Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Faculty of Graduate Studies as described in the document entitled “Masters of Public Health Program Proposal”, dated December 11, 2009. The approval would 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 the Registrar. 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. Graduate Diploma in Public Health

Motion: (M. Purkis/M. Sall)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Graduate Diploma in Public Health. The program will be offered by the Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Faculty of Graduate Studies as described in the document entitled “Graduate Diploma in Public Health”, dated December 11, 2009. The approval would 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 the Registrar.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Graduate Studies: Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee

i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/R. Anthony)

That the 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 Faculty of Graduate Studies.

- School of Public Administration Scholarship for Dispute Resolution (new)
- Workplace-Family Wellness Graduate Scholarship (new)
- Joan E. Newton Scholarship in Nursing (new)
- Dr. David and Dorothy Lam Scholarship in Geography (new)
- Marie E. Vertine Scholarship (new)

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CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Status update on the implementation of the strategic plan

Prof. Cassels reported that the university was halfway through the life of the current strategic plan. He said the status update was a snap shot of initiatives and advances to date.

Motion: (S. Blackstone/D. Greschner)

That the Senate receive, for information, the 2010 status update on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

b. 2009 Policy Review Annual Report

Dr. Eastman reminded members of Senate that a new policy framework was approved by Senate and the Board of Governors in 2007. The framework included the requirement for an annual report on policy review. Dr. Eastman briefly reviewed the contents of the report with members of Senate.

Motion: (A. Rippin/M. Shannon)

That the Senate receive, for information, the 2009 Policy Review Annual Report.

CARRIED

c. 2010/2011 Academic Year Important Dates

Prof. Greschner noted an error in the dates for the Faculty of Law regarding the last day of exams in May 2011. She said this date was not May 8, as listed in the important dates calendar. Dr. Eastman said this error would be corrected. Dr. Preece noted that the dates for one program in the Faculty of Education were not included and asked if consideration could be given to whether these dates should be included.

Motion: (M. Sall/P. Keller)

That Senate approve the 2010/2011 Academic Year Important Dates for submission to the 2010/2011 academic calendar, as amended.

CARRIED

d. 2009/2010 Emeritus and Emerita

Motion: (S. Turner/D. Clover)

That Senate receive for information the 2009/2010 Emeritus and Emerita list for submission to the 2010/2011 academic calendar.

CARRIED

e. 2010/2011 Senate Meeting Dates

Motion: (M. MacDonald/M. Purkis)

That Senate approve the 2010/2011 Senate Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates schedule.

CARRIED

f. Enrolment Projections for 2010-11

Prof. Cassels reported that the enrolment projections were submitted to Senate annually for approval. He reviewed the projections with members of Senate.

Motion: (S. Blackstone/P. Keller)

That the Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve, a projected annualized working enrolment target of 17,000 FTE for the 2010-11 academic year, subject to revision in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, and application rates.

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Attendance

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from July 1, 2009

February 2010

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35

(2) (a-f)

- Chancellor: Murray Farmer (31/12/11)
- President and Vice-Chancellor: David Turpin, Chair
- V.P. Academic & Provost: Jamie Cassels
- V.P. Research: Howard Brunt
- Dean of Business: Ali Dastmalchian
- Dean of Education: Ted Riecken
- Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
- Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
- Dean of Fine Arts: Sarah Blackstone
- Dean of Graduate Studies: Aaron Devor
- Dean of Humanities: Andrew Rippin
- Dean of HSD: Mary Ellen Purkis
- Dean of Law: Donna Greschner
- Acting Dean of Science: Claire Cupples
- Dean of Social Sciences: Peter Keller
- University Librarian: Marnie Swanson, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES -

Section 35 (2) (g)

- BUSI: Jen Baggs (30/6/10)
- Kenneth Thornicroft (30/6/12)
- EDUC: Alison Preece (30/6/11)
- Mary Kennedy (30/6/10)
- ENGR : Peter Wild (30/6/11)
- Micaela Serra (30/06/10)
- FINE: Patricia Kostek (30/6/12)
- Jan Wood (30/6/10)
- GRAD: John Dower (30/6/11)
- Pan Agathoklis (30/6/10)
- HUMA: Gerhard Brauer (30/6/12)
- Jeannine Moreau (30/6/10)
- HUMS: Annalee Lepp (30/06/10)
- Cedric Littlewood (30/6/12)
- LAW: Mark Gillen (30/6/11)
- Robert Howell (30/6/10)
- SCIE: Adam Monahan (30/6/11)
- Jay Cullen (30/6/11)
- SOSC: Ian Walker (30/6/11)
- Margot Wilson (30/6/12)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS - Sections 35 (2) (g)

- Robert Anthony - EDUC (30/6/11)
- Doug Baer - SOSC (30/6/11)
- Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/10)
- Robert Burke - SCIE (30/6/11)
- Sara Beam - HUMS (30/6/12)
- Darlene Clover - EDUC (30/6/11)
- Gordon Fulton - HUMS (30/6/12)
- Lynda Gammon - FINE (30/6/12)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS (continued)

- Kathy Gillis - SCIE (30/6/11)
- Kathy Sanford - EDUC (30/6/10)
- Geraldine Van Gyn - EDUC (30/6/10)
- Michael Webb - SOSC (30/6/11)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)

- Nadim Adatia (SOSC) (30/6/10)
- Andrew Allen (EDUC) "
- Sarah Amyot (HUMA) "
- Abudi Alwaysheh (LAW) "
- James Coccola (SOSC) "
- Jennifer Comer (SOSC) "
- David Foster (SOSC) "
- Veronica Harrison (SOSC) "
- Heather McKenzie (SCIE) "
- Manpreet Sall (ENGR) "
- Rajpreet Sall (HUMS) "
- Meghan Shannon (SOSC) "
- Teresa Sims (BUSI) "
- Curtis Smith (SOSC) "
- Andrew Wade (FINE) "
- Leanne Wiltsie (GRAD) "

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

- Kathleen Barnes (31/12/11)
- Betty Clazie (31/12/11)
- Larry Cross (31/12/11)
- Gail Flitton (31/12/11)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

- Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Oscar Casiro
- Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
Rebecca Raworth (30/06/12)
- Continuing Sessional: Susan M. Turner (30/06/11)

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