



MINUTES

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Turpin said a budget update would be added to the agenda under Other Business.

Motion: (M. MacDonald/A. Wade)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (M. Purkis/A. Wade)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on November 5, 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. Presentation on the Division of Continuing Studies

Dr. MacDonald gave a presentation on the Division of Continuing Studies. She started by providing members of Senate with an overview of the division, which includes six program areas and four service areas.

Dr. MacDonald explained that the division serves both domestic and international students, and reviewed the student demographic. She reviewed the roles played by the division and the support it provides in developing and delivering programs.

Dr. MacDonald provided members of Senate with some detailed information regarding some of the programs offered by the division. With respect to the Cultural Resource Management Program, she noted that approximately 200 of the university's aboriginal learners engage in this program. The program offers diplomas and certificates, as well as innovative linkages with other units on campus. Dr. MacDonald provided an overview of the English language programs offered by the division. Some of these include a 12 week intensive program, monthly language and cultural courses, monthly English courses, and English for special purpose courses. With respect

to the Arts and Science programs, Dr. MacDonald said the division had a number of credit and non-credit partnerships across campus and offered a number of other learning opportunities.

Dr. MacDonald concluded by reviewing the pillars of the division, which are access, partnership and quality.

b. University Ranking

Mr. Tony Eder, director of institutional planning and analysis, provided a PowerPoint presentation on UVic's placement in university rankings recently published in publications such as Times Higher Education, Research InfoSource, the Globe and Mail and Macleans.

In response to a question from Dr. Baer, Mr. Eder clarified that the student to faculty ratio listed in the rankings was only for full time faculty.

Mr. Ruby raised a concern about a recent controversial article in Macleans magazine and wondered if UVic's support of the Macleans rankings would have a negative impact on the university. He also wondered if the Senate might take a position against the article. Dr. Turpin responded by stating that the university does not endorse any of the ratings. Instead, when the ratings come out, the university learns what it can from them. With regard to the controversial article, Dr. Turpin explained that Mr. Ruby could provide notice that he would like the issue to be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

c. President's Report

Dr. Turpin reported that, on the provincial front, there was currently some political uncertainty. He said the university was monitoring the changes to ministry portfolios and government structure as the changes could affect the dialogue with government.

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

- the Planning and Priorities Committee had met earlier in the day to discuss renewal of the Strategic Plan, including the schedule for consultation beginning in January;
- he had just returned from a trip to India with a number of UVic delegates and would provide a full report on the trip at the next Senate meeting;
- the search for a new Associate Vice-President Research would begin in January;
- earlier in the day, the UVic community and the public gathered to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This year's ceremony had included the unveiling of a commemorative plaque outside the Engineering complex;
- on November 10, the report of LE, NONET project was officially released at an event held at the First Peoples House;
- recently, the semi-annual University of Victoria community report ran as a front section centre spread in the Times Colonist and in the Nanaimo Daily News;
- on November 22, the Globe and Mail BC section featured Professor Richard King and his exhibition highlighting Maoist propaganda posters, which opened at the Art Gallery of Victoria on Friday, November 26 and also features posters belonging to Barry Till, the University's curator of Asian Art; and

- on November 24, North Island College and the University of Victoria signed a dual admission agreement.

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

- Dr. Frances Oldham Kelsey, Dr. Terry Pearson, the Honourable Robert Hutchison and Prof. Mary Sanseverino received Legacy Awards in a special gathering on November 23;
- John Evans, who just finished his term on the UVic Board of Governors and also serves on the UVic Properties Investments Inc., was recognized in New York on December 1 by UNICEF at their Annual Leadership Ball and Luncheon;
- on November 7, both the UVic Vikes Men's and Women's rowing teams won the Canadian University Rowing Championship national championship;
- on November 17, Prof. Chris Barnes, Neptune Director, was awarded the Brady Medal, the highest award given by the Micropalaeontological Society;
- on November 18, Dr. Francis Lau, e-Health Research chair from the School of Health Information Science, received the 2010 Canadian Health Informatics Award for outstanding leadership by the Canadian Health Informatics Association and the Information Technology Association of Canada;
- the First Peoples House won a number of awards:
 - on November 22, Alfred Waugh received the Western Red Cedar Architectural Design Award for his design of the First Peoples House; and
 - on November 29, the First Peoples House won both the Commercial Division of the Victoria Real Estate Board and the Judges Choice Award for overall excellence;
- on November 24, George Tzanetakis, Assistant Professor of Computer Science was named UVic's latest Canada Research Chair;
- on November 29, Canada's Top 100 "Most Powerful Women" were announced by the Women's Executive Network and included three UVic alumnae: Tracy Redies, President and CEO of Coast Capital Savings; Tamara Vrooman, President and CEO of Vancity; and Bev Van Ruyven, CEO and Executive Vice-President of BC Hydro and a member of our Board of Governors; and
- on December 14, Jim Tully will be receiving his 2010 Killam Prize in the Humanities from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Campus Planning Committee

i. Semi-annual report

Motion: (J. Cassels/P. Keller)

That Senate receive the 2010/2011 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. Posthumous Degree Guidelines

Dr. Wilson explained that these guidelines had been previously been presented to Senate for approval. She said minor changes had been made after the committee had an opportunity to implement the guidelines.

Motion: (M. Wilson/D. Baer)

That Senate approve the revised posthumous degree guidelines, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

CARRIED

ii. Annual Report

Dr. Wilson thanked committee members for their hard work over the course of the year.

Dr. Anthony commended the committee for its continuing to work on creating guidelines for the Policy on Academic Integrity, which he thought would help create consistency across units.

In response to a question from Dr. Serra about the implementation of percentage grading, Ms. Charlton explained that the committee was in the process of completing consultations and would be bringing a proposal to Senate shortly.

Motion: (M. Wilson/T. Haskett)

That Senate receive the 2009/2010 annual report of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

CARRIED

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

i. Annual Report

Dr. Michael Miller acknowledged the support received from staff in the Registrar's office.

Motion: (T. Haskett/H. Brunt)

That Senate receive the 2009/2010 annual report of the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer for information.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Dr. Anthony thought the committee did a good job of being more specific in the terms of reference for the undergraduate research scholarships. He asked why the word “normally” had been included. Dr. Baer said the committee had identified some situations where it would be appropriate to have some flexibility in decision making and wanted to allow for these.

Motion: (D. Baer/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:

- University of Victoria Undergraduate Research Scholarships (revised)
- Bate Family Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame Award (new)
- Uplands Golf Club Athletic Awards (new)*

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CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Professional Specialization Certificate in Population Health Data Analysis

Motion: (P. Keller/M. MacDonald)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of a non-credit Professional Specialization Certificate in Population Health Data Analysis to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences in partnership with the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the document entitled “Proposal for a Professional Specialization Certificate in Population Health Data Analysis”, dated November 8, 2010 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

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

i. New and Revised Graduate Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/M. Purkis)

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.

- Master's in Community Development Scholarship (new)
- Master's in Dispute Resolution Scholarship (new)
- Robert Hagedorn Graduate Scholarship (revised)*

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CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Chancellor's Term of Appointment

Dr. Eastman said that, in accordance with the *Procedures for Appointment of the Chancellor*, she was providing notification that Mr. Farmer's first term as Chancellor would expire on December 31, 2011. The procedures called for establishment of a committee, which would be struck in the new year.

b. Centre for Social & Sustainable Innovation

Dr. Brunt said this item was being brought to Senate for information in accordance with the *Procedures for the Establishment and Review of Research Centres*.

c. Budget Update

Prof. Cassels briefed Senate on the budget planning currently underway. He said the university was planning from a position of strength but that it was facing some challenges, including increasing competition, demographic changes and economic challenges.

Prof. Cassels reviewed the budget assumptions, which included no increase in the government grant, a 2% tuition increase and no wage costs beyond progression through the ranks. He reviewed the increased costs and revenues for the coming year and said that, overall, the university would be facing a \$5.8 million shortfall. Prof. Cassels said this shortfall would be addressed, in part, by releasing some funds that had previously been held back. He added that a reallocation of \$2.9 million was also required. Units across campus were being asked to engage in a 1.5% budget cut exercise for that purpose. Prof. Cassels noted that a few areas across campus were protected from cuts, including student and financial aid, faculty research and travel grants, and library

acquisitions. Prof. Cassels reported that the shortfall was not a one year issue. He said units were being asked to think strategically about the next few years. With respect to next steps, Prof. Cassels reported that faculty and unit planning would continue, consultations would take place with the Senate Committee on University Budget, and Board of Governors approval would be sought.

Dr. Turpin reported that this was Prof. Cassels last Senate meeting as Vice-President Academic and Provost. Dr. Webb acknowledged Prof. Cassels and thanked him for 10 years of outstanding service. From the perspective of a member of Senate, Dr. Webb said Prof. Cassels had shown tremendous leadership during his term as Provost. He was struck by Prof. Cassels' continuing emphasis on quality, which was evidenced in his support for the Learning and Teaching Centre, the integration of teaching and research, undergraduate research and support for indigenous students.

Prof. Cassels thanked Dr. Webb for his comments and said it had been a privilege to serve as Vice-President Academic and Provost. Prof. Cassels thanked members of Senate for their engagement in university governance. He said that, in an environment in which concern is often expressed about corporatization of higher education, it is effective and engaged governance structures that enable universities to fulfill their missions. Prof. Cassels said he took pride in what the university had accomplished during his term as Provost and thanked everyone again.

Dr. Turpin thanked Prof. Cassels for his contribution and said it had been an honour to work with him.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attendance

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from July 1, 2010

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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: John Archibald
- Dean of HSD: Mary Ellen Purkis
- Dean of Law: Donna Greschner
- Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
- Dean of Social Sciences: Peter Keller
- University Librarian: Marnie Swanson, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES -

Section 35 (2) (g)

- BUSI: Richard Wolfe (30/6/13)
- Kenneth Thornicroft (30/6/12)
- EDUC: Alison Preece (30/6/11)
- Geraldine Van Gyn (30/6/13)
- ENGR: Peter Wild (30/6/11)
- Micaela Serra (30/06/13)
- FINE: Patricia Kostek (30/6/12)
- Jan Wood (30/6/13)
- GRAD: John Dower (30/6/11)
- Annalee Lepp (30/6/13)
- HUMA: Gerhard Brauer (30/6/12)
- Debra Sheets (30/6/13)
- HUMS: Jamie Dopp (30/6/13)
- Cedric Littlewood (30/6/12)
- LAW: Mark Gillen (30/6/11)
- Robert Howell (30/6/13)
- 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 (30/6/13)
- Robert Burke - SCIE (30/6/11)
- Sara Beam - HUMS (30/6/12)
- 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)
- David Harrington - SCIE (30/6/13)
- Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/13)
- Michael Webb - SOSC (30/6/11)
- Lorna Williams - EDUC (30/6/11)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)

- Andrew Allen (EDUC) (30/6/11)
- José Barrios (SOSC) "
- Jenn Bowie (HUMA) "
- Carley Coccola (SOSC) "
- Tanille Johnston (HUMA) "
- Laura MacLeod (SOSC) "
- Kalin McCluskey (GRAD) "
- Heather McKenzie (SCIE) "
- Mehak Mehra (BUSI) "
- Gordon Ruby (GRAD) "
- Manpreet Sall (ENGR) "
- Rajpreet Sall (HUMS) "
- Geoff Sharpe (SOSC) "
- Andrew Wade (FINE) "
- Mark Walsh (LAW) "
- 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: Alicia Ulysses (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