



University  
of Victoria

## APPROVED MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on May 2, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Centre, Room A180.

The Chair of Senate, Dr. David Turpin was in the chair.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (B. Clazie/R. Mitchell)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

a. April 4, 2008

Motion: (L. Gagne/A. Monahan)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on April 4, 2008 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

Dr. Turpin informed Senate that a funding announcement had been made by Western Economic Diversification Canada, which would be investing \$600,000 in the University of Victoria Genome BC Proteomics Centre.

Dr. Turpin reported that the provincial government had recently announced five new regional universities. Dr. Turpin said that the *University Act* had been amended to reflect the announcement. He added that changes to the Act had also been made regarding the appointment of the Chancellor. Dr. Turpin explained that the changes would not affect the Chancellor election currently underway at the university.

Dr. Gagne asked if the new universities were also facing budget cuts. Dr. Turpin said it was his understanding that they were.

With respect to developments and events at the university, Dr. Turpin reported that:

- for the first time, the university succeeded in exceeding \$100 million in research funding
- the official opening of the Mearns Centre was scheduled for the following week
- the new [uvic.ca](http://uvic.ca) website had been launched

With respect to awards and honours, Dr. Turpin reported that:

- Dr. Andrew Weaver, Department of Earth & Ocean Sciences, was the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship
- Dr. Alan Pence, School of Child & Youth Care, had been awarded a UNESCO Chair in Early Childhood Care and Development
- Dr. Cornelia Bohne, Department of Chemistry, had received the Clara Benson Award of the Chemical Society of Canada for outstanding contributions to supramolecular chemistry
- Dr. Pat Gregory, Department of Biology, was the recipient of the 2008 Herpetologist League Distinguished Herpetologist Award
- CanAssist, a University of Victoria program that develops customized devices, technologies and services for people with disabilities, will be able to expand its work thanks to a \$1 million donation from the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation
- UVic's "Case for Support" won the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education's Prix d'excellence silver award.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### a. Campus Planning Committee

#### i. Semi-annual report

Ms. Gorrill reported that consultations were underway for a campus sustainability policy. Ms. Gorrill spoke about the completion of the Mearns Centre for Learning and the Social Sciences and Mathematics Building.

Dr. Mitchell said that, although he liked the addition to the library, he was not impressed with the archway at the front of the building. Dr. Mitchell also expressed concern about the difference in font size between the "Mearns Centre" title and the "McPherson Library" title because he felt it was reducing emphasis on the history of the building. Ms. Swanson said the concept was that the entire

building is the Mearns Centre and that the McPherson Library is situated within that. She stated that there was no intent to reduce emphasis on the history of the building.

Ms. Page congratulated the university on creating the Bibliocafé. She said that she appreciated the café's extended hours.

Motion: (A. Monahan/ P. Keller)

That the Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08 semi-annual Report of the Campus Planning Committee.

**CARRIED**

## **6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES**

### a. Senate Committee on Awards

#### i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Motion: (M. Purkis/G. Fulton)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the new and revised awards recommended by the Senate Committee on Awards, as set out in the attached document:

*Pat Koster Essay Scholarship in Women's Writing, 1660-1990 (Revised)\**

*Black Press Business Scholarships (new)*

*Pro Bono Law of British Columbia Bursary (new)*

*Rosamund Dashwood Mermorial Bursary in Dramatic Writing (new)\**

*Distinguished Education Alumni Scholarship (Revised)*

*University of Victoria Faculty of Business Junior Achievement Scholarship (new)*

*"Stand Out From The Crowd" Prize in Physics and Astronomy (new)*

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**CARRIED**

### b. Senate Committee on Curriculum

#### i. 2008/09 Major Curriculum Changes

Motion: (G. Fulton/T. Haskett)

That Senate approve the Calendar entry for the Minor in

Economic Policy recommended by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Senate Committee on Curriculum.

**CARRIED**

c. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Dr. Mateer reported that, due to concerns with the security of the anti-plagiarism software being used by the university, a decision had been made to terminate the service. Mr. Robinson asked how many instructors were using the service. Dr. Turpin replied that approximately 55 instructors were using the service.

Prof. Cassels stated that a full report would be coming to Senate regarding course experience surveys within the next 16 months.

Motion: (T. Haskett/ P. Kostek)

That Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08 annual report of the Senate Committee on Learning & Teaching.

**CARRIED**

d. Senate Committee on the Libraries

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Dr. Mitchell commented that the inter-library loan system had dramatically improved. Dr. Turpin agreed.

Motion: (M. Swanson/ L. Gagne)

That Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08 annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries.

**CARRIED**

e. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

i. Appointments to the 2008/09 Senate Standing Committees

Motion: (A. Lepp/ M. Kennedy)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2008/09 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in brackets in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

- ii. Appointments to the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Campus Planning Committee

Motion: (A. Lepp/ J. Wood)

That Senate approve the appointments to the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Campus Planning Committee for the terms set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

- f. Senate Committee on Planning

- i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Dr. Mitchell suggested that, because of the amount of paper distributed with planning proposals, documents be posted as PDFs on a website, instead of being distributed in hard copy.

Motion: (C. Mateer/ A. Monahan)

That Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08 annual report of the Senate Committee on Planning.

**CARRIED**

- ii. CanAssist

In response to a question from Dr. Skelton about what kind of entity CanAssist was going to be, Dr. Mateer said it was different than other entities on campus. She explained that CanAssist combined education, research, student experience and community service. Dr. Mateer said that CanAssist would be organized through and report to the Vice President Academic and Provost.

In response to a question from Ms. Sheffield, Dr. Livingstone explained that one of CanAssist's goals was to embrace all disciplines and faculties.

Motion: (C. Mateer/ P. Keller)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the designation of **CanAssist**, an organization operating within and as an unincorporated unit of the University of Victoria subject to periodic review as described in the attached document dated April 14, 2008.

**CARRIED**

iii. Centre for Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR)

Dr. Mitchell asked a question about the Centre's budget. Dr. Brunt explained that it was intended that costs would be paid from revenue. He said there was an expectation that the Centre would become self-supporting.

Motion: (C. Mateer/H. Brunt)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of the **Centre for Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR)** for the period June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2013, as described in the attached document dated March 25, 2008. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

**CARRIED**

iv. Master of Arts in English with a Concentration in the Literatures of the West Coast

Motion: (C. Mateer/G. Fulton)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to the degree **Master of Arts in English with a Concentration in the Literatures of the West Coast** to be offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as described in the document "Master of Arts Programme in English, Proposal for a new Concentration in the Literatures of the West Coast", dated 18 October 2007, and that this approval 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 Graduate Admissions and Records.

**CARRIED**

g. Senate Committee on Budget

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Mr. Cross said the Committee supported the approach being taken by the university to address recent budget cuts. Mr. Robinson asked how the university intended to deal with the cuts. Prof. Cassels responded that each of the budget areas was being asked to submit new budget plans. He added that because the majority of the budget is allocated to salaries, the number of positions would have to be reduced. Prof. Cassels explained that vacant positions were being examined first. In response to a question from Dr. Skelton, Prof. Cassels explained that

position reductions might not be distributed optimally in the first instance because vacancies might exist in areas of high priority and demand. Dr. Mitchell said he hoped an effort would be made to reallocate positions to such areas over time. Prof. Cassels said that such reallocation would take place through the annual process whereby deans prepare annual staffing plans for approval. Mr. Robinson asked if the university planned to implement additional fees, as had been done in Ontario. Professors Cassels replied that it was not the plan and that fees were regulated.

Motion: (S. Banjeree/L. Cross)

That the Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08  
Annual Report of the Senate Committee of the University  
Budget.

**CARRIED**

## **7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

### a. Faculty of Graduate Studies

#### i. New and Revised Graduate Studies Awards

Ms. Gammon asked for clarification regarding eligibility for the Sheila and John Hackett Research Travel Awards. Dr. Keller asked if students in the Faculty of Social Sciences were eligible. Dr. MacKenzie responded that it was intended that the award be available to students in Fine Arts or Humanities. Dr. Turpin asked Dr. MacKenzie to have the wording clarified and suggested that Senate approve the award on this condition. He asked Dr. MacKenzie to report on the wording at the next meeting of Senate.

Motion: (P. MacKenzie/ R. Mitchell)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of  
Governors for its approval, the new and revised awards  
recommended by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

*Sheila and John Hackett Research Travel Awards\**  
*Sochan Essay Award in Nursing*  
*Pat Koster Scholarship in Women's Writing, 1660-*  
*1900\**

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**CARRIED**

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Elections to the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

Dr. Turpin announced that there were five vacancies on the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

Ms. Swanson nominated Darlene Clover. Mr. Robinson seconded the nomination.

Dr. Mitchell said that Senate should ensure the committee included representation from across the faculties. Dr. Lepp commented that an effort had been made to ensure representation across the faculties.

Mr. Robinson nominated Teresa Sims. Dr. Lepp nominated Jan Wood. Dr. Kennedy seconded the nomination. Dr. Lepp nominated Lynda Gagne. Dr. Kennedy seconded the nomination.

Dr. Mitchell said he thought it was a mistake not to have a representative from the Faculty of Social Sciences on the committee. Dr. Turpin suggested leaving one seat on the committee vacant. He asked Dr. Keller to consider a nominee.

There were no further nominations. Dr. Turpin declared Dr. Clover, Dr. Wood and Dr. Gagne acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance for three year terms beginning on July 1, 2008. He declared Ms. Sims acclaimed to the committee for a one year term beginning July 1, 2008.

b. Protection of Privacy Policy

Dr. Eastman explained that, to date, the university's policy with respect to privacy and freedom of information had been simply to comply with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. She said that the University Records Management Committee had suggested it would be helpful to have a high-level policy that articulates what the Act means within the context of the university. She added that the policy would be supported by a handbook or other detailed forms of guidance. Dr. Eastman said that, although approval of the policy was not within the jurisdiction of Senate and would be approved by the Board of Governors, feedback was being requested from Senators.

Mr. Robinson asked how the policy would affect freedom of information requests for university information. Dr. Eastman stated that, because the policy was aimed at personal information, it would not affect the process for requesting access to non-personal information.

c. Appointment Procedures for Deans and Associate Deans

Prof. Cassels informed Senators that he was planning to begin a review of the appointment procedures for deans and associate deans. He explained that there were a number of issues that would be addressed during the review, one of which was the number of procedures. Prof. Cassels said that any revisions to the procedures would be brought back to Senate.

d. Appointment of Non-Academic Associate, Vice-Presidents and Non-Academic Assistant Vice-Presidents

Professor Cassels said that a new procedure for the appointment of non-academic associate vice-presidents and non-academic assistant vice-presidents had been approved by the Board of Governors. He said that over the next six months a search for a new associate vice-president student affairs would get underway using the new policy.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned.