



University  
of Victoria

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on January 9, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board chambers, Room A180, University Centre.

Dr. Turpin wished senators a happy new year and welcomed them to the first meeting of 2009. He also welcomed the new chancellor, Mr. Murray Farmer, to his first Senate meeting. Mr. Farmer thanked senators for the warm welcome and said he looked forward to being a part of the UVic Senate.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (S. Blackstone/A. Rippin)  
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

Motion: (S. Blackstone/P. Keller)  
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on December 5, 2008 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

**CARRIED**

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### a. Composition of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Appointment of the Chancellor

Dr. Eastman reminded senators that an *ad hoc* committee had been struck to make recommendations regarding procedures for appointment of the chancellor, consistent with amendments to the *University Act* passed last spring. She reported that Prof. Lynda Gammon was the senator elected to serve on the committee.

### 4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

#### a. President's report

Dr. Turpin welcomed the new senators to their first meeting of Senate. In addition to the chancellor, Dr. Turpin welcomed two new convocation senators, Ms. Kathleen Barnes

and Ms. Gail Flitton. He also welcomed two new faculty members-at-large, Dr. Kathy Sanford and Dr. Claire Carlin. Dr. Turpin announced that Dr. Claire Cupples had been appointed Acting Dean of Science and welcomed her to Senate.

Dr. Turpin said that, in anticipation of the upcoming federal budget, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada was advocating to have universities included in the federal infrastructure program. Dr. Turpin said that universities were also lobbying for continued institutional support for research.

With regards to the upcoming provincial budget, Dr. Turpin said he expected that infrastructure spending would also be a focus. He reported that the university had identified capital spending projects that could provide possible opportunities for investment. Dr. Turpin added that universities were also seeking to ensure that operating funding is maintained and enhanced.

Dr. Turpin invited senators to attend the President's Distinguished Lecture being given by Ronald Wright on January 22, 2009. He also encouraged senators to visit the Legacy Gallery and Café to view the J. Fenwick Lansdowne exhibit.

Dr. Turpin announced a number of appointments, including:

- the re-appointment of Dr. Keller as Dean of Social Sciences;
- the appointment of Prof. Hart-Wensley as Associate Vice President Faculty Relations and Academic Administration;
- the hiring of Mr. Grant Hughes as Director of Community Relations; and
- the hiring of Mr. Tom Smith as Executive Director of Facilities Management.

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

- Dr. Raymond Siemens, Department of English, has been awarded a seven year grant under the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Major Collaborative Research Initiatives program;
- the Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History Project was the winner of the Canadian National History Society's Pierre Berton Award;
- Dr. Joseph Kess, Professor Emeritus (Linguistics), was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun from Japan; and
- Dr. Alan Pence has been named Chair in Early Childhood Care, Education and Development by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Dr. Turpin invited Dr. Brunt and Dr. Anglin to speak about their recent trip to India and China. Dr. Brunt provided senators with a report on the trip to China. Dr. Anglin reported on the trip to India.

Dr. Serra said she had heard there was international interest in applied master's degrees. She asked if this was correct and if programs would be modified as a result. Dr. Anglin said that the university had received a report from Higher Edge, its recruiting agent in

India, that non-thesis master's programs were the most popular. He said that disciplines might consider how to offer this option, but only if it makes sense to the program.

Dr. Turpin announced that UVic was selected to host the 2013 Congress of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. He reported that the Congress will be a capstone event of UVic's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Dr. Mateer explained that the Congress is a one week event, during which she anticipated 8,000-10,000 people would visit the campus. Dr. Mateer expressed her appreciation to all those who supported and contributed to the university's proposal to host the Congress.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

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

### **a. Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer**

#### **i. Annual Report**

Dr. Webb asked what effect the new policy with respect to provincial examinations will have on admissions standards. Dr. Milwright said that the committee had not received any specific data on this point. Ms. Wallace-Hulecki reported that the analysis conducted showed that it was difficult to identify a disparity because, except for English 12, the courses under consideration are not mandatory. Ms. Wendy Joyce added that both UBC and SFU have adopted the same policy as UVic.

Dr. Webb said he thought the admission cut-off was previously based on the average of students' provincial exam grades and course grades. He asked whether removing the provincial exam requirement would result in grade inflation and admission of students who would have previously been below the cut-off. Prof. Cassels said he didn't think this would happen. He explained that high school students are conditionally admitted in December based on course grades only and that admission offers are very rarely revoked after this point.

Ms. Wallace-Hulecki noted that many other provinces do not have mandatory provincial exam requirements. As a result, students from these provinces are being admitted on the basis of course grades only.

Motion: (T. Haskett/S. Blackstone)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2007-2008 annual report of the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer.

**CARRIED**

**b. Senate Committee on Awards**

**i. New and revised undergraduate awards**

Dr. Lewis-Hammond pointed out a typo in the terms of reference for the BC Transmission Corporation Scholarship.

Motion: (S. Lewis-Hammond/M. Kennedy)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the following new and revised awards submitted by the Senate Committee on Awards:

- *Quinton & Bertha Mar Women's Basketball Award\* (new)*
- *Ronald Kitchener Bursary (new)*
- *BC Transmission Corporation Scholarships (revised)*

\*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

**CARRIED**

**c. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance**

**i. Appointments to the 2008/09 Senate standing committees**

Motion: (A. Lepp/L. Gammon)

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

**CARRIED**

**d. Senate Committee on Planning**

**i. PhD Anthropology**

Motion: (C. Mateer/P. Keller)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Graduate Studies with an anticipated start date of Fall, 2010, in consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records, as described in the document entitled "A Proposal for a Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology", dated December 15, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the Board of Governors granting approval. 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**

**ii. Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching French Immersion**

Motion: (C. Mateer/T. Riecken)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching French Immersion, to be offered by the Division of Continuing Studies in collaboration with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty of Education as described in the document entitled “Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching French Immersion”, dated December 2, 2008, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Graduate Professional Certificate in Middle Years Language and Literacy**

Motion: (C. Mateer/T. Riecken)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Graduate Professional Certificate in Middle Years Language and Literacy, to be offered by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Graduate Studies as described in the document entitled “Graduate Professional Certificate in Middle Years Language and Literacy”, dated December 12, 2008, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records.

**CARRIED**

**iv. Changes to Post-Degree Professional Program  
(Secondary)**

Motion: (T. Riecken/S. Blackstone)

That the Post-Degree Professional Program (Secondary) currently offered by the Faculty of Education be expanded by 4.5 units to meet the new minimum program requirements as agreed to in the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement.

**CARRIED**

Motion: (C. Mateer/L. Gagne)

That the Bachelor of Education (Elementary Curriculum) reduce the number of units required for a degree in education from 75 to 60 units, allowing students to complete the program in four rather than five years.

**CARRIED**

**v. Professional Specialization Certificate in Information  
and Communication Technology in Education**

Dr. Serra asked if this proposal indicated that technology would become “teachable”. Dr. Valerie Irvine responded that teaching technology is supported by the BC College of Teachers. She added that the education program at UVic did not previously have computer science as a teachable area option. Dr. Serra said she knew many graduate students in computer science who would be interested in teaching technology in high school.

Motion: (C. Mateer/T. Riecken)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Professional Specialization Certificate in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education, to be offered by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Faculty of Education as described in the document entitled “Professional Specialization Certificate in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education”, dated December 1, 2008, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar.

**CARRIED**

Motion: (A. Rippin/T. Riecken)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the discontinuation of the suspended Diploma in Educational Technology.

**CARRIED**

## 7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Policy Review Annual Report

Dr. Turpin reminded senators that the *Policy on University Policies and Procedures* had been approved in November 2007 and a new policy standard had been implemented. He said that this report outlined progress made in 2008.

Motion: (K. Hart-Wensley/H. Brunt)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2008 policy review annual report.

**CARRIED**

### b. Election of faculty members-at-large to Senate

Dr. Eastman reported that Dr. Sanford and Dr. Carlin had recently been elected to Senate as faculty members-at-large.

### c. Change in signature on degrees

Dr. Eastman said that Senate approved a motion in 2006 to transfer responsibility for the production of degrees to the registrar. Consistent with this motion, Dr. Eastman said that henceforth the registrar's signature would appear on degrees in place of the university secretary's.

### d. Election of senators to presidential appointment committee

Dr. Turpin left the meeting. Vice-chair, Dr. Keller, assumed the chair.

Dr. Eastman said that Dr. Turpin's term as president of the university was expiring in August 2010. She reported that the chair of the Board of Governors had recently announced that an appointment committee was being struck. The first task of the committee would be to consider Dr. Turpin for re-appointment and make a recommendation to the Board of Governors. Dr. Eastman said that the committee composition called for two members of Senate elected by the Senate.

Dr. Blackstone nominated Dr. Devor. Dr. Devor confirmed his willingness to stand.

Ms. Harrison nominated Ms. Ho. Ms. Ho confirmed her willingness to stand.

Prof. Gammon nominated Dr. Clover. Dr. Clover confirmed her willingness to stand.

Dr. Haskett nominated Dr. Rippin. Dr. Rippin declined the nomination because he was not available during the meeting times.

Dr. Eastman asked for additional nominations. None were made. Dr. Eastman explained that ballots would be distributed. She asked senators to clearly print the names of the two candidates they were voting for on the ballot.

The ballots were distributed, completed and collected. Dr. Eastman thanked senators for participating in the election and indicated that Mr. Karas and Dr. Lepp had agreed to act as scrutineers. Rather than asking senators to wait until the votes were validated and counted, she said the results would be announced subsequently.

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.