



University
of Victoria

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on March 6, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Room A180, University Centre.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Turpin noted that one section of the agenda was numbered incorrectly.

Motion: (R. Burke/M. Kennedy)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (L. Gammon/S. Lewis Hammond)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on February 6, 2009 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 congratulated Prof. Hart-Wensley on her appointment as Associate Vice President Faculty Relations and Academic Administration. Dr. Turpin announced that Mr. Jim Dunsdon from the University of Calgary had been appointed Associate Vice President Students and would be starting at UVic in May.

Dr. Turpin provided members of Senate with an update on the federal and provincial budgets. He said the university was still waiting to hear how the federal infrastructure funding would be allocated. With regard to the provincial budget, which had been announced since the last meeting, Dr. Turpin said the news for universities was generally positive. He expected the university would receive its budget letter within the next few days. Dr. Turpin said any funds above and beyond those the university had been led last year to expect would be dealt with conservatively because of the uncertain economic and political environments. Dr. Turpin said the university was also waiting to see how

provincial infrastructure spending would be implemented. Prof. Cassels reported that the Senate Committee on University Budget had been consulted during the budget process.

Dr. Turpin thanked the members of Senate who attended the Joint Senate Board Retreat on February 28, 2009.

With regard to events at the university, Dr. Turpin reported that:

- Dr. Margaret Cameron, Department of Philosophy, was the newest UVic Canada Research Chair.
- Dr. Wolff-Michael Roth, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, had been awarded the 2009 National Association for Research in Science Teaching Distinguished Contribution Through Research Award.
- Dr. Chad Gaffield, head of SSHRC, and Mr. Gary Goodyear, Minister of State for Science and Technology, were scheduled to visit the campus on March 16, 2009.
- a number of community breakfasts had been held with local municipalities and more were scheduled for the upcoming months.
- the Maltwood Gallery was currently exhibiting “Icons of a Border: A Photographic Search for Traces in Today’s Berlin”.
- the Legacy Gallery was continuing its exhibition “Taking Flight” featuring the work of J. Fenwick Lansdowne.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and revised undergraduate awards

Dr. Lewis Hammond noted that revised terms of reference for the Henning Faust Memorial Entrance Scholarship and the Emily Goodbrand Entrance Scholarship had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion: (S. Lewis Hammond/J. Cullen)

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:

- *UVic Transfer Scholarship (revised)*
- *Trudy Usher Bursary* (revised)*
- *Winnifred M. Clark Bursary* (revised)*
- *Pacific Blue Cross Scholarships (new)*
- *Henning Faust Memorial Entrance Scholarship (revised)*

- *Emily Goodbrand Entrance Scholarship (new)*
- *LaFarge Canada Scholarships (new)*
- *Harold G. Craven Scholarships* (new)*

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b. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. Policy 2100: Policy on Calendar Submissions

Motion: (G. Fulton/T. Haskett)

That Appendix B of Policy 2100: Policy on Calendar Submissions be amended from:

“Units may be assigned only in multiples of 0.5”

to:

“Units may be assigned only in multiples of 0.5 except in the case of a 0.75 unit course.”

CARRIED

c. *Ad Hoc* Committee to Consider the Title Emeritus

Prof. Gammon reminded members of Senate that the *ad hoc* committee was struck after Senate received a letter from a retiring female faculty member expressing concern that only the title emeritus, and not the title emerita, was available to her.

Prof. Gammon reviewed the process undertaken by the committee, which included reviewing definitions of the term, use of the term at other universities, historical use of the word at UVic, and consultation with a number of groups. She reported that, after deliberation, the *ad hoc* committee had decided to recommend to Senate that retiring faculty members be provided with a choice of terms.

Dr. Anthony thought it seemed illogical to re-Latinize the term when current English usage was available and provided for in the university style guide.

Ms. Barnes agreed with the motion being presented and thought it made sense to offer both masculine and feminine forms of the word to retirees.

Dr. Haskett commented on the grammatical correctness of the terms being proposed and suggested there were some inconsistencies. Dr. Cedric Littlewood, a member of the *ad hoc* committee, responded that there were a variety of options available to incorporate the Latin terms into English usage. He noted that the main objective of the *ad hoc* committee was to provide a reasonable option to retirees.

In response to a question from Prof. Greschner, Dr. Turpin said the term emerita would be included in the title of Policy 2600.

Motion: (L. Gammon/S. Turner)

That the University of Victoria offer the title emeritus or emerita to tenured retired faculty members and to librarians retired from a confirmed regular librarian appointment with the rank held upon retirement, and to retired senior instructors with the designation senior instructor emeritus or senior instructor emerita.

CARRIED

Motion: (L. Gammon/S. Turner)

That the University of Victoria refer collectively to retirees who are offered the title emeritus or emerita as “emeritus or emerita”.

CARRIED

Motion: (L. Gammon/S. Turner)

That Senate approve the revised Policy 2600: Title of Emeritus.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Procedures for the Appointment of the Associate Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts

Dr. Anthony noted that the punctuation used in the policy was inconsistent with the university style guide. Dr. Turpin said this would be addressed.

Motion: (J. Cassels/P. Wild)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, Policy 1047: Procedures for the Appointment of the Associate Dean of Fine Arts, as amended.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.