



University  
of Victoria

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on May 1, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Room A180, University Centre.

The Vice-Chair of Senate, Dr. Keller, was in the chair in Dr. Turpin's absence.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (D. Clover/J. Cassels)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

Motion: (T. Haskett/M. Purkis)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on April 3, 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. Keller informed members of Senate that Dr. Turpin was in Asia on university business. Dr. Turpin sent his regrets.

Dr. Keller reported that an announcement had been made on April 8, 2009 by the federal and provincial governments that resulted in \$42.5 million in funding for the university under the knowledge infrastructure program. On April 7, 2009 the Honourable Lynne Valich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification was at UVic to announce federal funding for CanAssist.

Dr. Keller noted that on April 7, 2009 UVic celebrated the Craigdarroch Research Awards, at which:

- Dr. Sadik Dost, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Dr. Patrick Grant, Professor Emeritus, Department of English won the Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research;
- Dr. Amy Verdun, Department of Political Science received the Silver Medal for Excellence in Research;
- Dr. Jessica Ball won the Award for Research Communication; and
- Mr. Anthony Sukow and Mr. Andrew Sukow received the Innovation and Development Corporation's 2009 entrepreneurship award.

Dr. Keller reported that on April 17, 2009 the university celebrated the announcement of a \$2 million gift from Mr. Michael Audain and the Audain Foundation to establish the Audain Professorship in Contemporary Art Practice of the Pacific Northwest.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Campus Planning Committee**

#### **i. Semi-Annual Report**

Motion: (J. Cassels/L. Gammon)

That the Senate receive, with thanks, the 2008/09 semi-annual report to Senate on campus development.

**CARRIED**

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

### **a. Senate Committee on Appeals**

#### **i. 2008/09 Annual Report**

Motion: (M. Serra/D. Greschner)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2008/09 annual report of the Senate Committee on Appeals.

**CARRIED**

**b. Senate Committee on Awards**

**ii. New and revised undergraduate awards**

Motion: (J. Cullen/C. Cupples)

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:

- *Oliver C. Wolsey Bursary\** (revised)
- *John Stashuk Scholarship\** (new)
- *Alfred and Adriana Potvin Scholarship in Ocean Science\** (new)

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**CARRIED**

**c. Senate Committee on Curriculum**

**i. Additional 2009/10 Major Curriculum Changes**

Dr. Webb asked why these curriculum changes were being submitted outside the normal curriculum cycle. Dr. Fulton said the committee had agreed to review the proposals, which were directed to new programs and courses only, so that immediate implementation could take place. He said the committee was not intending to set a precedent whereby curriculum changes would regularly be considered outside the normal curriculum cycle.

Motion: (G. Fulton/D. Clover)

That Senate approve the major curriculum changes recommended by the faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2009/10 undergraduate and graduate academic calendars.

**CARRIED**

Motion: (M. Purkis/T. Haskett)

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 undergraduate and graduate academic calendars.

**CARRIED**

**d. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching**

**i. 2008/09 Annual Report**

Dr. van Gyn asked about the concerns that were brought to the committee regarding peer review. Dr. Webb responded that an inquiry had been made about a specific program for peer review. He added that the committee had not been required to make any decisions, but that further consideration of the issue might take place in the coming year.

Dr. Serra noted that her department did not use Turnitin because it was not relevant to computer science. She hoped that other programs would be incorporated into the committee's consideration of plagiarism detection software.

Motion: (D. Greschner/M. MacDonald)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2008/09 annual report of the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching.

**CARRIED**

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

**i. Appointments to the 2009/10 Senate Standing Committees**

Motion: (A. Lepp/J. Wood)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2009/10 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Appointment to the Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee**

Motion: (A. Lepp/G. van Gyn)

That Senate approve the appointment of Darlene Clover to the Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee for a one-year term from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Appointments to the Planning and Priorities Committee**

Motion: (A. Lepp/J. Wood)

That Senate approve the appointments of James Coccola and Heather McKenzie to the Planning and Priorities Committee for a one-year term from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

**f. Senate Committee on Planning**

**i. 2008/09 Annual Report**

Motion: (A. Devor/M. Purkis)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2008/09 annual report of the Senate Committee on Planning.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Institute for Integrated Energy Systems Victoria**

Motion: (H. Brunt/D. Clover)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems Victoria (IESVic) for the period 1 April 2009 – 31 March, 2014 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Centre on Aging**

Motion: (H. Brunt/J. Wood)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre on Aging for the period 1 April 2009 – 31 March, 2014 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

**CARRIED**

**iv. Centre for Forest Biology**

Motion: (A. Rippin/C. Cupples)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Forest Biology (FORB) for the period 1 April 2009 – 31 March, 2014 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

**CARRIED**

**v. Centre for Community Health Promotion**

Dr. Turner asked why the centre was not being renewed. Dr. Brunt said the report circulated in the docket set out the reasons for the recommendation. He added that he was happy to answer any further questions regarding these reasons.

Motion: (D. Greschner/K. Sanford)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the recommendation of the Vice-President Research to not renew Centre Status for the Centre for Community Health Promotion as described in the attached documents.

**CARRIED**

#### **vi. Non-BSW Entry into the Master of Social Work Program**

Motion: (M. Purkis/A. Devor)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a MSW Program for Students who do not have a BSW. 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 “Proposal for a non-BSW Entry into the MSW Program”, dated March 25, 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**

#### **vii. Master of Arts in Community Development**

Motion: (M. Purkis/A. Devor)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Master of Arts in Community Development. 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 “Proposal for a MA in Community Development: Strengthening the Social Economy and Civil Society”, dated March 26, 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**

#### **viii. Interdisciplinary Graduate Program – Social Dimensions of Health**

Motion: (A. Rippin/H. Brunt)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program – Social Dimensions of Health (SDH). The program will be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Graduate Studies and other relevant faculties as described in the document entitled “Interdisciplinary Graduate Program – Social Dimensions of Health (SDH)”, dated April 14, 2009. Participation in the program will lead to an MA, MSc or PhD. 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**

**ix. BA Major in Religious Studies**

Motion: (A. Rippin/T. Haskett)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts Major in Religious Studies. The program will be offered by the Faculty of Humanities as described in the document entitled “Proposal BA Major in Religious Studies”, dated March 26, 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**

**x. Diploma in Special Education**

Motion: (T. Riecken/K. Sanford)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the establishment of a Diploma in Special Education, to be offered by the Faculty of Education, as described in the document entitled “Proposed Diploma in Special Education”, dated March 30, 2009. The approval would be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval.

**CARRIED**

**7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

**a. Faculty of Engineering**

**i. Faculty of Engineering Membership**

Motion: (M. Serra/P. Wild)

That Senate approve the revised membership of the Faculty of Engineering.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Appointment of Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs**

Mr. Wade asked why the procedures excluded senior instructors. Prof. Cassels responded that many of the university's appointment procedures were developed before the senior instructor designation existed. He added that some recently revised appointment procedures no longer excluded senior instructors from being considered. Dr. Serra confirmed that the procedures had been developed prior to the existence of the senior instructor designation in the faculty. She said the faculty was asking for a waiver while it considered other amendments to the appointment procedures. Ms. Turner asked if senior instructors had been excluded because they did not have a research requirement. Dr. Serra said the Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs did not have any responsibilities related to research matters. Prof. Greschner noted that the Faculty of Law had just appointed a senior instructor as one of its associate deans.

Motion: (M. Serra/V. Harrison)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, a one-time waiver to the requirement under section 2.2 of the Procedures for the Appointment of the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs) of Engineering (policy #1042) so that reappointed Senior Instructors may be included as eligible applicants for the current search.

**CARRIED**

**b. Faculty of Humanities**

**i. Faculty of Humanities Membership**

Motion: (A. Rippin/C. Cupples)

That Senate approve the revised membership of the Faculty of Humanities.

**CARRIED**

**c. Faculty of Graduate Studies: Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee**



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

Motion: (A. Devor/D. Clover)

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.

- *Yvonne Allen Cancer Research Scholarship*
- *C.T.W. Memorial Fellowship for Indigenous Students*
- *Geoffrey & Alix O'Grady Scholarship in Linguistics*

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**CARRIED**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Dr. Keller announced that there were four vacancies on the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance, three for faculty members and one for a student. He asked for nominations to the committee.

Dr. Clover nominated Rebecca Raworth. The nomination was seconded by Dr. van Gyn. Ms. Swanson nominated Heather McKenzie. Mr. Pullman seconded the nomination. Dr. van Gyn nominated Kenneth Thornicroft. Dr. Dastmalchian seconded the nomination. Dr. Clover nominated Dr. Walker. Dr. Gagné seconded the nomination.

Dr. Keller asked for any additional nominations. There were none. Dr. Keller congratulated the nominees on being acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**b. Graduate Student Representation on the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Senate**

Motion: (M. Webb/A. Devor)

That the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that the membership of the Planning and Priorities Committee be changed to include three student senators selected by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance, at least one of whom is a graduate student, and at least one of whom is an undergraduate.

**CARRIED**

Motion: (A. Devor/M. Webb)

That the Senate approve that the Rules to Govern Elections to the Board of Governors and the Senate be amended to include the statement that:

Students will be elected to the Senate in accordance with the University Act in a manner that ensures that at least one student from each faculty and three from the Faculty of Graduate Studies are elected.

**TABLED**

With regard to student representation on Senate, Mr. Pullman raised concerns about the small number of students present at the meeting. He thought it was important that there was sufficient student representation at the meeting at which this issue was discussed. Mr. Pullman asked that the item be tabled until the next meeting of Senate.

Motion: (E. Pullman/V. Harrison)

That the motion to approve an amendment to the Rules to Govern Elections to the Board of Governors and the Senate regarding the manner in which student representatives are elected to Senate be tabled until the next meeting of Senate.

**CARRIED**

**c. University of Victoria Distinguished Professor Award Revisions**

Motion: (J. Cassels/D. Greschner)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, revisions to the University of Victoria Distinguished Professor Awards, as set out in the attached document.

**CARRIED**

**d. Outstanding Senate Policies Awaiting Implementation and Related Academic Policy Matters**

Dr. Mateer said this item was being brought to Senate for information in order to provide a status update on a number of outstanding Senate motions and an update on other items under ongoing consideration.

Dr. Webb noted that a number of items in the memorandum addressed major academic policy matters. He thought it was important for these matters to be considered by Senate committees and asked whether this was being planned. Dr. Mateer said that consultation with a number of Senate committees was being planned.

Dr. Serra asked when the percentage grading system would be implemented. Dr. Mateer said the matter was currently under consideration by the administration and the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

**e. Appointment of Director of International Affairs and Advisor to the Provost pro tem**

Prof. Cassels acknowledged Dr. Anglin's service as Associate Vice President Academic and Student Affairs. He said Dr. Anglin had shown extraordinary leadership and thanked him for his hard work.

**f. Other Matters**

In response to a question from Dr. Turner regarding pandemic planning, Dr. Brunt informed members of Senate that the university had a robust plan in place that had been activated to deal with the current situation.

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.