The terms of reference of the Senate Committee on Planning are as follows:

The Committee shall:

1. study and submit recommendations to Senate concerning proposals for the creation or dis-establishment of programs, faculties, schools, departments, centres and institutes, and major modifications of existing programs;

2. assist and advise Senate, after due consultation with the faculties, in the formation of appropriate academic policy; and

3. advise Senate and the President on academic issues, as required.

The voting members of the Senate Committee on Planning for 2015-16 were:

Dr. S. Nam                                  Peter B. Gustavson School of Business
Dr. C. McGregor                             Department of Education, Psychology & Leadership
Dr. J. Colby                                Department of History (September – December 2015)
Dr. L. Surridge                             Department of English (January – May 2016)
Dr. M. Engineer                             Department of Economics
Dr. V. Wyatt                                Department of History in Art
Dr. A. Bruce                                School of Nursing
Dr. R. St. Clair                            Deans’ Representative
Dr. S. Dosso                                School of Earth and Ocean Sciences
Dr. R. Gordon                               Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
Ms. G. Calder                               Faculty of Law
Dr. S. Evans                                Department of Biochemistry & Microbiology
Dr. A. Stahl                                Department of Anthropology
Dr. P. Nahirney                              Medical Sciences
Mr. P. Schrod                               Undergraduate Representative and Student Senator
Mr. A. Kovalchuk                            Graduate Student Representative

Ex officio members include me, as Chair, and the following additional members:

Dr. V. Kuehne                               Vice-President Academic and Provost
Dr. D. Castle                               Vice-President Research
Ms. L. Charlton                             Registrar (September – Retirement in January 2016)
Ms. N. Greengoe                             Register (February – May 2016)
Dr. M. MacDonald                            Dean, Continuing Studies
Ms. C. Anderson                             Associate University Secretary
Ms. A. Giles                                Director, Operations, Co-op. Education & Career Services
The 2015-16 Report covers the activities of the Committee in the period from its meeting September 10, 2015, through its meeting on May 11, 2016. During this period, the Committee held 9 meetings.

**ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY SENATE:**

1. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of Masters in Germanic and Slavic Studies with Two Streams: Germanic Studies and Slavic Studies, as described in the document “Masters in Germanic and Slavic Studies with Two Streams: Germanic Studies and Slavic Studies”, dated March 25, 2015, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 1, 2015, page 6]

2. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the request for Discontinuation of the Studies in Policy and Practice Program. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 1, 2015, page 6]

3. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the request for Discontinuation of the Certificate in the Administration of Indigenous Governments. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 1, 2015, page 6]

4. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve the request for ‘Humanities, Fine Arts and Professional Writing Co-op Program’ to change the program name to ‘Humanities and Fine Arts Co-op Program’. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 1, 2015, page 6]

5. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of new Concentration in Applied Theatre to the MA Program in Theatre, as described in the document “Proposal To Add a New Concentration in Applied Theatre to the MA Program in Theatre”, dated September 15, 2015, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 2, 2015, page 7]

6. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the name change of the MA in Theatre History as described in the document “Proposal to Change the name of the MA in Theatre History to the MA in Theatre”, dated June 26, 2015. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 2, 2015, page 7]

7. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of an Honours program in Slavic Studies, as described in the document “Proposal for Honours Program in Slavic Studies”, dated July 15, 2015, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 2, 2015, page 7]

8. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of MA in Public History, as described in the document “Public History MA Proposal”, dated May 27, 2015, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of 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. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on October 2, 2015, page 7]
9. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve changing the name of the Department and Degree Programs from Women’s Studies to Gender Studies, as described in the document “Proposal to Change the Name of the Department and Degree Programs from Women’s Studies to Gender Studies”, dated August 20, 2015. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 6, 2015, page 3]

10. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Department of Civil Engineering at UVic, as described in the document “Proposal for the Establishment of a Department of Civil Engineering”, dated October 14, 2015. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 6, 2015, page 4]

11. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of Certificate in General Studies, as described in the document “Proposal for a Certificate in General Studies”, dated September 22, 2015, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 6, 2015, page 7]

12. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a stream in Masters of Music – Music Technology, as described in the document “Music Technology Proposal”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 4, 2015, page 4]

13. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, changing the title from the Diploma in First Nations Government and Administration to the Diploma in Indigenous Community Development and Governance, as well as other changes to the program as described in the document “Proposal for a Credit Diploma in Indigenous Community Development and Governance” dated December 7, 2015. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on February 5, 2016, page 6-7].

14. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Civil Engineering, as described in the document “Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Graduate Degree Program in Civil Engineering,”, dated February 11, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of 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. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 4, 2016, page 3]

15. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Master of Applied Science (MASc) in Civil Engineering, as described in the document “Master of Applied Science (MASc) Graduate Program in Civil Engineering”, dated February 11, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of 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. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 4, 2016, page 3]

16. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve the renaming of the Centre on Aging as the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (IALH), with the approval of IALH as a multi-faculty research centre in effect until May 31, 2019. [Approved by Senate at its meeting on April 1, 2016]
ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING REVIEW BY SENATE in 2015-2016:

1. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Minor in Digital and Interactive Media in the Arts (DIMA), as described in the document “Proposal for Minor in Digital and Interactive Media in the Arts (DIMA)”, dated February 10, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. [Pending review at Senate]

2. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommend that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Certificate Program in the Human Dimensions of Climate Change, as described in the document “Proposal to create an Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Certificate Program in the Human Dimensions of Climate Change”, dated March 10, 2016, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. [Pending review at Senate]

3. That Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) for the five year period 1 July 2016 through 30 June 2021. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the external review report relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-President Research. [Pending review at Senate]

ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING REVIEW BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING 2015-2016:

Proposal: M.A. Stream in Holocaust Studies
Proposal: Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nationhood
Proposal: Renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Advanced Materials and Technology (CAMTEC)

PROGRAM PROPOSALS FORWARDED TO MINISTRY’S POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION PROPOSAL SYSTEM (PSIPS) FOR 30-DAY PEER REVIEW:

1. The proposal for an MA in Public History was submitted to PSIPS in October 2015. In December, 2015 the University was notified of a new Stage 1 review process implemented by the Ministry of Advanced Education. This requires “assessment of the proposed program’s consistency with the mandate and strategic plan of the institution, consultation and coordinator with other post-secondary institutions, and student and labour market demand.” In lieu of this requirement, and in consultation with the Chair and Dean, it was decided to withdraw the proposal from further ministerial review. A proposal will be developed to offer the program as a stream within the MA in History.

2. MASc in Civil Engineering was submitted for ministerial review in April, 2016

3. PhD in Civil Engineering was submitted for ministerial review in April 2016

FULL PROGRAM PROPOSALS STATUS REPORT:
None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Announced signing of MOU with Camosun College to establish the Joint Degree Program in Nursing (JDPN) (January 7, 2016).

2. Reviewed and discussed a proposal for the establishment of a Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (February 4, 2016).


4. Reviewed and discussed a memo from the Faculty of Humanities based on a request from a student to allow double minors. The committee asked for more information to be developed out of the Office of the Registrar on this issue. (March 3, 2016).

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their careful deliberations and hard work over the last year.

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Chair, Senate Committee on Planning