



## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on May 4, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

Dr. Keller welcomed members of Senate to the last meeting of the academic year. He said he would be chairing the meeting in Dr. Turpin's absence.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Keller added an item on amendments to the ten-year sessional calendar under Other Business.

Motion: (R. Lipson/K. Gillis)  
That the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

Motion: (M. MacDonald/J. Archibald)  
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on April 13, 2012 be approved and circulated in the usual way.

**CARRIED**

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

### 4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

#### a. University of Canterbury and Earthquake Emergency Response Presentation

Dr. Keller said a delegation from the university had recently returned from a trip to the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He presented a PowerPoint on the lessons learned by that university after the earthquakes there. Ms. Daphne Donaldson, Mr. Bruce Kilpatrick and Mr. Tom Smith each provided their insights on the trip.

#### b. President's Report

Dr. Tremblay provided the President's report on Dr. Turpin's behalf.

Dr. Tremblay reported on the President's recent trip to Brazil with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) from April 26 – May 2, 2012. She reported that:

- this was Canada's largest international mission of university presidents to travel abroad to Brazil;
- UVic was partnering with three universities and a major research foundation in Brazil to facilitate the exchange of students and faculty, and to increase research collaboration;
- earlier in the week, the AUCC released its announcement about Canadian universities and their Brazilian counterparts forming 75 new partnerships and scholarship programs worth \$6,736,800;
- Dr. Turpin had moderated the President's Roundtable "Funding our Cooperation" discussion and served as a panelist at the Canada-Brazil Innovation Forum in São Paulo;
- UVic signed an agreement with the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) to secure matching money for projects between UVic researchers and those at universities and research centres in São Paulo State; and
- UVic plans to host up to 50 Brazilian students per year, starting with a smaller number this September.

Dr. Tremblay provided an update on matters at the university. She report that:

- a revised design for the Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) was on display;
- the "Faces of UVic Research" video series was launched in April, featuring researchers describing their work and its impact on society;
- with respect to percentage grading, the 2012-2013 undergraduate and graduate calendars feature details of standardized percentage ranges, which will be used by all instructors in determining letter grades effective May 2012;
- Ms. Mary Jo Hughes will join UVic as Director of the UVic Art Collections in June 2012;
- Prof. Teresa Dawson was re-appointed as the Director of the Learning and Teaching Centre for a five-year term; and
- the annual UVic Plant Sale is on May 6, 2012.

Dr. Tremblay asked Mr. Bengtson to provide Senate members with an update on Access Copyright. Mr. Bengtson said the university had until mid-May to decide in principal if it wanted to sign an agreement with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). He noted there were incentives to sign but it was a complex agreement.

With regard to awards and prizes at the university, Dr. Tremblay reported that:

- in April, UVic linguist Dr. Ewa Czaczkowska-Higgins received a 2012 BC Community Achievement Award;
- UVic alumnus Dr. Roger Barnsley also received a 2012 BC Community Achievement Award;
- UVic doctoral candidate Mark Jarvis, co-author of *Democratizing the Constitution*, now shares the prestigious annual Donner Prize with fellow authors Lori Turnbull and the late Peter Aucoin;

- the 2012 Craigdarroch Research Awards were presented on May 1, 2012:
  - Craigdarroch Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research – Professor Lorna Crozier, Department of Writing, and Dr. Don Vandenberg, Department of Physics and Astronomy
  - Craigdarroch Silver Medal for Excellence in Research – Dr. Andre Kushniruk, School of Health Information Science
  - Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Knowledge Mobilization – Dr. Paul Zehr, School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education and the Centre for Biomedical Research
  - Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Artistic Expression – Dr. George Tzanetakis, Departments of Computer Science and Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Dr. John Lutz, Department of History; and
- UVic basketball star Ryan MacKinnon was honoured as university male athlete of the year at the 2012 BC Basketball Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner in April.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### a. Office of the Ombudsperson

#### i. 2011 Annual Report

The Ombudsperson, Ms. Martine Conway, provided an overview of the annual report.

Motion: (G. Van Gyn/D. Baer)

That Senate receive the 2011 annual report of the Office of the Ombudsperson for information.

**CARRIED**

### b. Campus Planning Committee

#### i. Semi-annual report

Motion: (A. Monahan/R. Tremblay)

That Senate receive the 2012 semi-annual report of the Campus Planning Committee.

**CARRIED**

## 6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

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

#### i. Proposed changes to University policies regarding second (and subsequent) requirements to withdraw

Dr. Webb thought the amendment was appropriate; however, he raised a concern that a student could apply for re-registration after a second requirement to withdraw. He suggested the motion be amended to reflect this concern. Dr. Thornicroft agreed. Dr. Monahan responded that the current wording of the undergraduate academic calendar is silent on the question of re-registration after two requirements to withdraw. He was concerned the amendment would result in new policy being determined on the floor of Senate. He suggested the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer consider the matter in the fall. Dr. Haskett agreed with Dr. Monahan and noted that the proposed wording reflected existing practice.

Dr. Webb suggested removing “or subsequent” from the proposed wording and referring the general policy issue back to the committee. Dr. Monahan agreed to a friendly amendment of the original motion.

Motion: (A. Monahan/R. Lipson)

That Senate approve the changes to the section under the “Requirement to Withdraw from the University” of the Undergraduate Calendar, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer, as amended by deleting “or subsequent” from the proposed text; and that Senate refer back to the Committee for further consideration the matter of whether a student required to withdraw for a third or subsequent time should be permitted to re-register.

**CARRIED**

### b. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

#### i. Appointments to the 2012/2013 Senate Committees

Motion: (K. Gillis/A. Monahan)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2012/2013 Senate committees for the terms indicated in the attached document, as amended by the replacement pages, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

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

Motion: (K. Gillis/T. Haskett)

That Senate approve the re-appointments of Andrea McKenzie, Annalee Lepp and Frank van Veggel to the Planning and Priorities Committee for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2015, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Membership to the Ad hoc Committee to Consider the Curriculum Process**

Motion: (T. Haskett/N. Bassi)

That Senate approve the membership of the *Ad hoc Committee to Consider the Curriculum Process* as indicated in the attached document, as amended, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

**iv. Revised Terms of References for the Senate Committee on Academic Standards and the Senate Committee on Curriculum**

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)

That Senate approve the revised terms of references for the Senate Committee on Academic Standards and the Senate Committee on Curriculum, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

**v. Revised Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Planning**

Motion: (A. Monahan/K. Gillis)

That Senate approve the revised terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Planning, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

**CARRIED**

**c. Senate Committee on Appeals**

**i. Annual Report**

Motion: (S. Banerjee/R. Wolfe)

That Senate receive the 2011/2012 annual report of the Senate Committee on Appeals for information.

**CARRIED**

**d. Senate Committee on Awards**

**i. New and Revised Awards**

Motion: (A. Lepp/M. Kennedy)

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

- Emma K.K. Fanning Book Prize \* (new)
- School of Earth and Ocean Sciences Field School Award (new)
- W.R. (Bill) Gordon Scholarship \* (new)
- John Michael Brownutt Graduate Scholarships \* (new)
- Law Dean's Graduate Scholarships (new)
- Alfred and Adriana Potvin Graduate Scholarship in Ocean Science \* (new)
- Leo Chan Memorial Scholarship in Political Science \* (new)
- Gavin Quiney Residence Life Leadership Scholarship (revised)
- Schulich Leader Scholarship (new)

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

**e. Senate Committee on Libraries**

**i. Annual Report**

Dr. Devor noted his appreciation of the additional space in the library for graduate students.

Motion: (J. Bengtson/R. Wolfe)

That Senate receive the 2011/2012 annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries for information.

**CARRIED**

**f. Senate Committee on Planning**

**i. Annual Report**

Motion: (M. Webb/K. Gillis)

That Senate receive the 2011/2012 annual report of the Senate Committee on Planning for information.

**CARRIED**

**7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

There were none.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

### a. 2011 Policy Review Annual Report

Motion: (R. Tremblay/N. Bassi)

That the Senate receive, for information, the 2011 Policy Review Annual Report.

**CARRIED**

### b. Proposed Amendments to Clarify the Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of Deans

Dr. Baer commented that the proposed amendments did not represent a clarification; but rather a policy change. He said he was opposed to the change as proposed. He suggested that, under the current practice, it was up to the search committee to decide whether exceptional circumstances exist that would justify a third term for a dean. The proposed change would give the Provost authority to decide if exceptional circumstances existed.

Dr. Eastman said the proposed amendment would clarify the mechanism for deciding whether a current dean would be eligible to be considered for a third term which was ambiguous in the current policy, but it would not determine whether the dean would be renewed – the latter being decided upon the recommendation of the appointment committee.

Dr. Devor said the proposed amendments raised the question of who decides whether a current dean is eligible to stand for a third time. He said the question of eligibility to stand and the recommendation for renewal are separate decisions for the committee, and he thought the proposed amendments were a change in direction for the university.

Dr. Eastman pointed out there were two aspects to the proposed amendments. She said the changes to section 19 addressed current wording that might be seen as entitling a dean to stand for a third term. The changes to section 4 of the Procedures would clarify who decides whether a dean wishing to seek a third term is eligible to be considered. She said it was not clear in the existing Procedures that the search committee has the authority to decide on eligibility.

Dr. Tremblay pointed out that the need to clarify the Procedures arose during decanal searches this year utilizing the recently adopted Procedures. The wording of sections 4 and 19 appeared ambiguous. She suggested it was important to give proper guidance to deans and to be clear about who decides eligibility to stand.

Dr. Monahan and Dr. Baer suggested revisions to sections 4 and 19. After further discussion, Dr. Eastman said there appeared to be two procedural options at this stage: 1) to table the motion or 2) to clarify section 19 and to leave section 4 as it was in the original text.

Dr. Baer and Dr. Devor suggested revisions to section 19. After comment from others, Dr. Webb recommended that Senate refer the matter back for further consideration.

Motion: (F. Diacu/T. Haskett)

That Senate approve that the amendment to the Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of Deans (GV0450) be referred back to the Vice-President Academic and Provost for further consideration.

**CARRIED**

**c. Ten-Year Sessional Calendar Amendments**

Dr. Eastman said the amendments corrected an error in the dates of spring convocation.

Motion: (S. Lewis Hammond/R. Lipson)

That Senate approve the amendments to the 2011-2021 Ten-Year Sessional Calendar.

**CARRIED**

**d. Elections to the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance**

Three nominations were received for the two vacancies on the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance. Dr. Burke and Dr. Gillis were elected to the committee for a three-year term starting July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2015.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

# Attendance

May  
2012

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA Effective from January 1, 2012

### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35

(2) (a-f)

- ✓ Chancellor: Murray Farmer (31/12/14)
- President and Vice-Chancellor: David Turpin, Chair
- ✓ V.P. Academic & Provost: Reeta Tremblay
- V.P. Research: Howard Brunt
- Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Ali Dastmalchian
- Dean of Education: Ted Riecken
- Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
- ✓ Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
- Dean of Fine Arts: Sarah Blackstone
- ✓ Dean of Graduate Studies: Aaron Devor
- ✓ Dean of Humanities: John Archibald
- Dean of HSD: Mary Ellen Purkis
- Dean of Law: Donna Greschner
- ✓ Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
- ✓ Dean of Social Sciences: Peter Keller, Vice-Chair
- ✓ University Librarian: Jonathan Bengtson

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES -

Section 35 (2) (g)

- BUSI: ✓ Richard Wolfe (30/6/13)
- ✓ Kenneth Thornicroft (30/6/12)
- EDUC: ✓ Mary Kennedy (30/6/14)
- Geraldine Van Gyn (30/6/13)
- ENGR: ✓ Micaela Serra (30/06/13)
- Yang Shi (30/6/14)
- FINE: ✓ Patricia Kostek (30/6/12)
- Jan Wood (30/6/13)
- GRAD: ✓ Annalee Lepp (30/6/13)
- ✓ John Walsh (30/6/14)
- HUMA: ✓ Abdul Roudsari (30/6/12)
- Debra Sheets (30/6/13)
- HUMS: ✓ Jamie Dopp (30/6/13)
- ✓ Cedric Littlewood (30/6/12)
- LAWF: ✓ Gillian Calder (30/6/14)
- ✓ Robert Howell (30/6/13)
- SCIE: Robert Burke (30/6/14)
- ✓ Florin Diacu (30/6/14)
- SOSC: ✓ Michael Webb (30/6/14)
- ✓ Margot Wilson (30/6/12)

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS - Sections 35 (2) (g)

- ✓ Doug Baer - SOSC (30/6/14)
- Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/13)
- ✓ Sara Beam - HUMS (30/6/12)
- ✓ Gordon Fulton - HUMS (30/6/12)
- Lynda Gammon - FINE (30/6/12)
- Kathryn Gillis - SCIE (30/6/14)
- Reuven Gordon - ENGR (30/6/14)
- ✓ David Harrington - SCIE (30/6/13)

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS (continued)

- ✓ Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/13)
- ✓ Susan Lewis Hammond - FINE (30/6/14)
- ✓ Adam Monahan - SCIE (30/6/14)
- ✓ Leslee Francis Pelton - EDUC (30/6/14)

### MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)

- Hafeez Ali Dhalla (SOSC) (30/6/12)
- Chandra Beaveridge (ENGR) "
- Param Bhatti (SCIE) "
- ✓ Carley Coccola (SOSC) "
- David Foster (HUMS) "
- Chris Hackett (BUSI) "
- Marc Labelle (GRAD) ✓ "
- Melissa Manuel (FINE) ✓ "
- Jaraad Marani (SOSC) "
- Yianni Pappas-Acreman (LAW) "
- Emily Rogers (HUMA) "
- Dylan Sherlock (HUMS) "
- Ali Tehranchi (GRAD) "
- Ariel Tseng (HUMS) "
- TBA (EDUC) "
- TBA (GRAD) "

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

- ✓ Nav Bassi (31/12/14)
- ✓ Linda Hannah (31/12/14)
- ✓ Robbyn Lanning (31/12/14)
- ✓ Cathy McIntyre (31/12/14)

### ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

- Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Oscar Casiro
- Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
  - ✓ Rebecca Raworth (30/06/12)
  - Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulyssès (30/06/14)

### SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

- ✓ University Secretary: Julia Eastman

### BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

- Assoc. V.P. Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
- ✓ Assoc. V.P. Academic Planning: Catherine Mateer
- ✓ Registrar: Lauren Charlton
- ✓ Associate University Secretary: Carrie Andersen
- Bill Trott

