



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on November 2, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Bob Wright Centre, Room A104.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (R. Burke/H. Brunt)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (M. Purkis/N. Bassi)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on October 5, 2012 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Implementation of Percentage Grading

Dr. Turpin reported that concerns had been raised at the last Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance meeting regarding the update on percentage grading at the October Senate meeting.

Dr. Mateer said she had been advised that there was lack of clarity in the last update on percentage grading, particularly with respect to implementation timelines. She provided an overview of the discussions at Senate regarding percentage grading since the proposal was first approved in 1994. Dr. Mateer explained that, due to the complex nature of implementation and other high priority projects, systems work required to implement percentage grading would not begin until 2014. Dr. Turpin added that part of the delay was caused by the number of systems projects already underway that were necessary to implement other academic priorities.

Mr. Foster asked if the change to standard percentage to letter conversion would impact the way in which grades are determined.

Dr. Serra expressed frustration at the implementation delay. She asked for clarification regarding how priorities are set, and thought there was a problem with this process if Senate decisions and requests are not responded to.

Dr. Burke recalled a number of occasions when it was reported to Senate the percentage grading could not be implemented because the system was incapable. He also recalled that updates

provided to Senate regarding Banner always included questions or comments about percentage grading. Dr. Burke thought it was unacceptable to argue that the complexity of implementation had just been discovered, and that it was unfathomable to think that another two years were required for implementation. He expressed a concern that Senate decisions were being made by systems administrators.

Dr. Mateer spoke briefly to the decision to delay implementation, which she said had been made by the executive. Dr. Turpin acknowledged that there were problems with the current process, in that it was not clear how academic priorities were translated into systems priorities. He said he had tasked the Vice-President Academic and the Vice-President Finance and Operations with reviewing the governance process for making systems decisions. Dr. Tremblay reported that a consultant had been hired to assist with this review. She agreed to share the consultant's recommendations with members of Senate.

Dr. Purkis said the switch to percentage grading was still somewhat contentious. She thought the time spent implementing the first phase of the change had not been wasted.

Dr. Webb said he had been frustrated to learn about the delay. Although he did not disagree with the decision to proceed with other priorities, he thought there was a problem with the decision making process. Dr. Webb said he was glad that a serious review of the process was underway, and thought it would be an embarrassment if the university was not able to proceed with academic priorities.

Dr. Harrington said he was concerned with the delay because of the difference between percentage and letter grading scales. Dr. Gillis agreed and said that, in order to get support from the Faculty of Science regarding the implementation plan, a short implementation timeline was important. She said the link between a percentage grade and a letter grade could lead to grade inflation or deflation and that it was important to address this issue in a timely manner.

Dr. Burke requested Senate be informed of the date that percentage grading would be implemented at the University of Victoria. Dr. Turpin said a report would be made to Senate setting out an implementation plan and updated timelines.

In response to a question from Mr. Foster, Dr. Mateer said no retroactive changes would be made to transcripts after implementation was complete.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

i. Update on enrolment

Dr. Tremblay provided an update on enrolment. She reported that, although the university had exceeded ministry enrolment targets, undergraduate enrolments were down. Dr. Tremblay commented on the success in international and graduate enrolments. She addressed the reduction in undergraduate enrolments and provided members of Senate with information on strategies to increase domestic undergraduate enrolment. Dr. Tremblay said the university was reviewing its scholarship program, focusing on admissions processing time, and improving coordination

between recruitment and faculties. She said the university was also carrying out a national decline survey, the results of which would be made available to Senate.

In response to a question, Mr. Tony Eder explained that the 18-24 age group in British Columbia was declining everywhere except in the lower mainland. Dr. Tremblay said the university was considering how best to attract students from this region.

Ms. Watson commented that the university should recognize external factors affecting enrolment.

In response to a question, Mr. Eder described the steps in the admissions process and explained that most students who choose not to come to UVic do so before confirming their admission. He also noted that an increasing number of students are requesting deferrals.

ii. Other matters

With respect to federal matters, Dr. Turpin reported on his trip to Ottawa with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). He said he had appeared before the Senate Committee on Aboriginal Affairs regarding the LE,NONET program, and that AUCC would be invited back to Ottawa for further presentations on initiatives to support Aboriginal education.

Dr. Turpin reported that the university would be proceeding with 4% budget reductions for the coming year. He reminded members of Senate that one of his key priorities this year would be to work with the provincial government to maintain and increase resources.

Dr. Turpin reported on the Opportunity Agenda for BC submitted to the provincial government by the Research Universities' Council of BC. He reviewed the proposal, which focused on three areas: a space for every qualified student, a guarantee for students in need and a commitment to innovation and jobs. Dr. Baer thought RUCBC was taking the right steps at the right time. He added that he thought it was time for the issue of graduate scholarships to be addressed. In response to a question regarding the request for 3600 new post-secondary seats, Dr. Turpin explained that this was a sector-wide request. He said it was recognized that the way the seats were divided would be asymmetrical. Ms. Rogers said this kind of proposal from university administrations supported the work being undertaken by students across the province.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on bargaining at the university, noting that tentative agreements had been reached with CUPE 951 and CUPE 917.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on matters at the university. He reported that:

- the Maclean's rankings had been published and would be discussed at a future Senate meeting;
- Research Services was being restructured to amalgamate the research support currently provided by UVic Industry Partnerships, the Office of Community-Based Research and the Knowledge Mobilization unit in the Office of Research;
- the UVic community was saddened by the death of alumnus and long-time employee Mr. Nels Granewall, a member of UVic's first graduating class and a volunteer convocation marshal at 200 convocations;

- five members of the university community were recently selected by the Business Council of BC to participate in the Next Leaders Council - Ms. Carrie Andersen, Mr. Jim Dundson, Mr. Andrew Coward, Dr. Sean Hier, and Dr. Cedric Littlewood.
- the UVic United Way campaign is underway and is helping the United Way celebrate its 75th year;
- five UVic alumni were recognized at the Celebration of 50 Years of Excellence event held on October 16 – Stephanie Dixon, Grand Chief Edward John, Paul Nicklen, Alisa Smith and Tamara Vrooman;
- three distinguished authors and thinkers will deliver President’s Distinguished Lectures and receive honorary doctorates during the 50th Anniversary - Mr. George Dyson on December 4, 2012, Ms. Anne Michaels on February 18, 2013 and Dr. Vandana Shiva on March 27, 2013; and
- the Victoria Leadership Awards deadline for nominations is November 30, 2012.

With regard to awards and honours at the university, Dr. Turpin announced that:

- the Canada Research Chairs Secretariat recognized the university as having exemplary practices in recruiting, nominating and appointing Canada Research Chairs and meeting the equity targets for the representation of the four designated groups among chair holders for 2012;
- Fine Arts professor, Dr. Bill Gaston won the Gold Award in the fiction category of the National Magazine awards for his story “Four Corners”;
- Chair of History, Dr. Lynne Marks was awarded the Marion Dewar Prize in Canadian Women’s History for her outstanding research, teaching and leadership;
- the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business was selected to receive the Canadian Bureau for International Excellence Outstanding Program Award for its Masters of Global Business program;
- Dr. Catherine Mateer, Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, was the recipient of the Mitchell Rosenthal Award from the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Rehabilitation Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association;
- UVic alumnus Mr. Derek Porter was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame;
- recent recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal included:
 - Dr. Lorna Williams, Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge and Learning
 - Dr. Martin Segger, Adjunct Professor Canadian Art and Architecture and long-time Director of the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery
 - two students Mr. Ryan Flagg and Mr. Nicholas Hargrove, who are members of the HMCS Malahat, as well as undergraduate students at UVic;
- Dr. Lynne Young, School of Nursing was the recipient of the 2012 Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing award for excellence in teaching; and
- Department of Writing sessional instructor Dr. Madeline Sonik was the winner of the City of Victoria Butler Book Prize for her acclaimed memoir, *Afflictions and Departures*.

Dr. Tremblay reported on the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Office, which was created to profile and celebrate interdisciplinary programs, and to provide a coordinated structure for them. She announced that Dr. Webb had agreed to act as Interim Director of the office.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2012/2013 Senate Committees

Motion: (B. Smith /D. Greschner)

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

CARRIED

ii. Appointments to the Non-Academic Misconduct Appeal Board

Motion: (K. Gillis/M. Webb)

That Senate approve the appointments of Peter Bell, Faculty of Graduate Studies, and Emilie Henriksen, Faculty of Fine Arts, to the Non-Academic Misconduct Appeal Board in accordance with the Procedures for Appealing a Decision Made Under a Non-Academic Misconduct Proceeding, Resolution of Non-Academic Misconduct Allegations Policy (AC1300) to begin immediately and end on June 30, 2013, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

In response to a question from Dr. Lewis Hammond regarding the Robert and Ellen Pearce Scholarship, Ms. Lori Nolt explained the academic requirements for renewable scholarships.

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:

- Nutritionlink Services Society Bursary (new)
- Ramona Williams Memorial Scholarship in Child and Youth Care (new)
- Ramona Williams Memorial Scholarship in Social Work (new)
- Art and Music Education Bursary (new)

- Robert and Ellen Pearce Scholarship (revised)
- Phil Petersen Scholarship in Social Work (new)
- Physics Student Scholarship (new)

CARRIED

ii. Annual Report

Motion: (A. Lepp/M. Kennedy)

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

CARRIED

c. Ad-Hoc Committee to Consider the Curriculum Process

i. Update on Review of the Curriculum Process

Dr. Webb reminded members of Senate of the proposal approved last spring to undertake a review of the curriculum process. He provided an update on progress to date and said he expected Senate would be consulted in the new year regarding draft recommendations. Dr. Webb provided a brief overview of some of the draft recommendations and noted that none of them would be dependent on systems changes.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Revision to the Procedures for the Appointment and Re-appointment of the Vice-President Research

Dr. Turpin reported that the appointment procedures for all vice-presidents and the university secretary were under review.

Motion: (K. Gillis/P. Keller)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the attached revised policy GV0310 *Procedures for the Appointment and Re-appointment of the Vice-President Research*.

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Attendance

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from July 1, 2012

November
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:
✓ Saul Klein
✓ Dean of Education: Ted Riecken
✓ Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
✓ Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
✓ Acting Dean of Fine Arts: Lynne Van Luven
✓ Dean of Graduate Studies: David Capson
✓ 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: ✓ Brock Smith (30/6/15)
Richard Wolfe (30/6/13)
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 (30/6/15)
Jan Wood (30/6/13)
GRAD: ✓ Annalee Lepp (30/6/13)
John Walsh (30/6/14)
HUMA: ✓ Abdul Roudsari (30/6/15)
Debra Sheets (30/6/13)
HUMS: ✓ Jamie Dopp (30/6/13)
Laura Parisi (30/6/15)
LAWF: ✓ Gillian Calder (30/6/14)
Robert Howell (30/6/13)
SCIE: ✓ Robert Burke (30/6/14)
Florin Diacu (30/6/14)
SOSC: Rosaline Canessa (30/6/15)
✓ Michael Webb (30/6/14)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS - Sections 35 (2) (g)

- ✓ Janni Aragon - SOSC (30/6/15)
✓ Doug Baer - SOSC (30/6/14)
✓ Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/13)
✓ Alison Chapman - HUMS (30/6/15)
✓ Kathryn Gillis - SCIE (30/6/14)
✓ Reuven Gordon - ENGR (30/6/14)
✓ David Harrington - SCIE (30/6/13)
✓ Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/13)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS (continued)

- ✓ Susan Lewis Hammond - FINE (30/6/14)
✓ Adam Monahan - SCIE (30/6/14)
✓ Leslee Francis Pelton - EDUC (30/6/14)
✓ Margot Wilson - SOSC (30/6/15)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)

- Rachel Barr (SOSC) (30/6/13)
✓ Peter Bell (GRAD) "
Andrew Fortune (SOSC) "
✓ David Foster (HUMS) "
David Hamilton (ENGR) "
✓ Emilie Henriksen (FINE ARTS) "
✓ Nicole Iaci (SOSC) "
Kelsey Mech (SCIE) "
Ariel Mishkin (BUSI) "
✓ Yianni Pappas-Acreman (LAW) "
✓ Emily Rogers (HUMA) "
✓ Peter Schalk (GRAD) "
Gabrielle Sutherland (SOSC) "
Ariel Tseng (HUMS) "
✓ Kelly Watson (GRAD) "
TBA (EDUC) "

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

- ✓ Nay 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:
Tracie Smith (30/06/15)
✓ Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulysses (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