MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on January 5, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (C. Krull/S. Lewis)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. December 1, 2017

Motion: (L. Charlton/S. Klein)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on December 1, 2017 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

Prof. Cassels provided a report to members of Senate. He made start of term remarks, noting that enrolment was strong. He reported that the university had received its budget letter, which was consistent with expectations. Prof. Cassels commented on recent successes in the research realm.

At the federal level, Prof. Cassels said the university continued to advocate for increased support for student success, which included wellness, mental health, sexualized violence prevention and programs, experiential learning, and programs for Indigenous students. He said the university also continued to advocate for increased support for programs with the highest demand.
Prof. Cassels commented on a recent meeting he had co-chaired between the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, and presidents of 25 BC institutions. He also provided information about a recent meeting with the Minister of Education.

With respect to matters at the university, Prof. Cassels reported on recent appointments to the Board of Governors and recent senior leadership appointments.

b. Update on strategic planning process

Prof. Cassels provided an update on the strategic planning process. He reported on recent consultation meetings, commented that a draft plan was in progress, and said he hoped to have a detailed update for members of Senate at the February meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Campus Planning Committee

i. Semi-annual report

Dr. Kuehne introduced the report. Mr. Mike Wilson, Director, Campus Planning was in the gallery to answer questions.

Questions were raised regarding the proposed funding model for the new student residence. Mr. Wilson commented on the funding model for ongoing maintenance of residences and provided some information on options for capital funding. Prof. Cassels reminded members of Senate of the borrowing restrictions on universities. He said the university was continuing to work with the provincial government to obtain permission to incur debt, but that alternative options continued to be explored. In response to further questions, Prof. Cassels provided information about these options, including exploring partnerships with public or private entities, self-financing or scaling down plans. In response to a question regarding site options for building a new residence, Mr. Wilson explained the different plans proposed for each site.

A question was raised regarding the consultation plan for the university Cycling Plan. Mr. Wilson said members of the university community would have a number of opportunities to provide input before the plan was finalized.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. 2016/2017 Annual Report

Prof. Cassels introduced the report.
ii. Upcoming Senate committee vacancies

Ms. Andersen reviewed the report with Senate members, noting that it included vacancies for which committee members were eligible for reappointment. She briefly outlined the process for submitting nominations.

iii. Appointment to the Senate Committee on Libraries

Dr. Lepp introduced the proposal.

Motion: (A. Lepp/P. Marck)
That Senate approve the appointment to the Senate Committee on Libraries for the term indicated in the attached document.

CARRIED

iv. Proposed Revisions to the Senate Committee on Appeals Terms of Reference and Procedural Guidelines

Prof. Cassels introduced the proposal on behalf of Prof. Gillen, Chair of the Senate Committee on Appeals. Mr. Don Barnhardt, General Counsel and Mr. Kyle McNeill, Policy Officer were in the gallery to answer questions.

In response to a question regarding why the terms of reference referred to permanent suspensions instead of expulsions, Mr. Barnhardt explained that this reflected language in the University Act. In response to a question regarding the lack of reference to appeals of a decision by the President to rescind a degree, Mr. Barnhardt clarified that the President did not have authority to rescind degrees.

A question was raised regarding the rationale for the proposed revisions. Mr. McNeill explained that a number of housekeeping changes and procedural updates were required. Prof. Cassels commented on the broader rationale, which was to update the committee’s procedures to more adequately address non-academic appeals.

In response to a question regarding a student’s right to have an in-person hearing, Ms. Andersen explained that, while the default position was for a hearing based on the written materials, a hearing panel could order an in-person hearing, and that parties had an opportunity to request such during the process.

A question was raised about a section in the document that allowed a hearing panel to depart from the procedural guidelines in the interests of procedural fairness. Prof. Cassels explained that the need to depart from the procedural guidelines for this purpose was a legal question, and that the committee could seek legal advice as necessary before making a determination to do so.

Motion: (D. Baer/M. Garcia Barrera)
That Senate approve the revised terms of reference, including the procedural guidelines, for the Senate Committee on Appeals.

CARRIED
b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Dr. John Walsh, Chair, Senate Committee on Awards introduced the proposal.

In response to a question regarding the assessment of outstanding academic achievement in one of the proposed Music awards, particularly as it relates to assessment of talent, Dr. Walsh agreed to seek further information about the rationale for the proposed change. Dr. Lewis acknowledged that ongoing discussions were underway regarding appropriate and clear wording for these types of awards, but said this wording was consistent with other awards in the School of Music.

Motion: (T. Haskett/C. Krull)
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:

- Ailsa and Roger Bishop Bursary Fund (revised)*
- Olive, Mary & Claude McGregor Scholarship in Music (revised)*
- Faculty of Social Sciences Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship (new)*
- Peter B. Gustavson Golf Award (new)
- Dr. E. and Mrs. M. Von Rudloff Award (revised)*
- Lorene Kennedy Environmental Studies PhD Award (new)*
- She Shoots She Scores Award (new)*
- Sisters of St Ann Living Expenses Award (new)*

*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Joint Degree Program in Nursing Name Change

Dr. Wright introduced the proposal. She explained that the proposal to change the program name was in response to direction from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

In response to a question regarding inclusion of parentheses in the program title, Dr. Wright confirmed that the name had been developed in consultation with the Registrar. In response to a further question, it was clarified that the name change would not impact degrees awarded to students or call into question the validity of the program.
Motion: (P. Marck/J. Salem)
That Senate approve the name of the Nursing program offered in partnership with Camosun College be changed from “Joint Degree Program in Nursing” to the “(UVic) BSN in partnership with Camosun College”.

CARRIED

ii. Proposal to Establish an Indigenous Studies Major: Bachelor of Arts

Dr. Wright introduced the proposal.

An editorial error was noted in the composition of the advisory committee. It was agreed this would be corrected.

Motion: (C. Goto Jones/S. Lewis)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a major in Indigenous Studies, as described in the document “Indigenous Studies Major: Bachelor of Arts”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval.

CARRIED

iii. Major modification to the Student-designed Interdisciplinary Minor

Dr. Wright introduced the proposal. She outlined the work being undertaken by the Senate Committee on Planning and the Senate Committee on Curriculum to more consistently address major modifications to programs.

In response to question, Dr. Wright explained that a small number of students chose this option, but that it remained an important opportunity.

Motion: (L. Charlton/M. Garcia-Barrera)
That Senate approve the major modification to the Student-designed Interdisciplinary Minor as proposed in the memorandum “Major curriculum changes to Student-designed Interdisciplinary Minor” dated December 7, 2017.

CARRIED

iv. Major Modification to the Concentration in Cultural, Social and Political Thought (CSPT) Program

Dr. Wright introduced the proposal and explained that the proposed revision made the program available to a group of students who previously did not have access.
Motion: (C. Goto-Jones/C. Krull)
That Senate approve the major modification to the Concentration in Cultural, Social and Political Thought (CSPT) program, as proposed in the memorandum originally submitted as “Minor curriculum change to the Concentration in Cultural, Social and Political Thought (CSPT) program” dated December 7, 2017.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Humanities

i. Report on Faculty Taskforces

Dr. Goto-Jones provided a report on three taskforces in the Faculty of Humanities – the Taskforce on Culture and Media Analysis, the Taskforce on Language and Languages, and the Taskforce on Knowledge and Place in the Humanities. He commented on the work being undertaken by the taskforces and said he would report back to Senate on the results of this work.

b. Faculty of Social Sciences

i. Faculty Membership Statement Changes for Senate Approval

Dr. Krull introduced the proposal for minor changes to the Faculty membership statement.

A comment was made regarding the inability of grant-funded employees to join the Retirees’ Association. It was noted that, although a change in wording was proposed, this was not an addition to the membership statement. It was noted that some separate follow up regarding the issue related to membership in the Retirees’ Association may be desirable.

Motion: (C. Krull/C. Goto-Jones)
That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Social Sciences’ Faculty Membership Statement.

CARRIED

8. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND PROVOST

There were none.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.
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Name                      In Attendance Regrets Position

Alamchandani, Dheeraj      ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Anderson, Carrie           ☐  ☐ Associate University Secretary  By invitation
Angelblazer, Pierre-Paul   ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Aragon, Janni              ☐  ☐ Faculty of Social Sciences Elected by the Faculty
Baer, Doug                 ☐  ☐ Faculty of Social Sciences Elected by the faculty members
Bashir, Rizwan             ☐  ☐ Convocation Senator Elected by the convocation
Beam, Sara                 ☐  ☐ Faculty of Graduate Studies Elected by the Faculty
Beaveridge, Chandra        ☐  ☐ Convocation Senator Elected by the convocation
Begoray, Deborah           ☐  ☐ Faculty of Education Elected by the faculty members
Bengtson, Jonathan         ☐  ☐ University Librarian Ex officio
Bennett, Neil              ☐  ☐ Faculty of Science Elected by the Faculty
Berner-Palmer, Carolyn     ☐  ☐ Faculty of Fine Arts Elected by the Faculty
Calder, Gillian            ☐  ☐ Faculty of Law Elected by the Faculty
Cantaratii, Brent          ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Cassels, Jamie             ☐  ☐ President and Vice-Chancellor Chair of Senate
Castle, David              ☐  ☐ Vice-President Research Ex officio
Charlton, Lauren           ☐  ☐ Convocation Senator Elected by the convocation
Chasib, Noor               ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Clarke, Jo-Anne            ☐  ☐ Dean, Division of Continuing Studies Ex officio
Colby, Jason               ☐  ☐ Faculty of Humanities Elected by the Faculty
Cumberland, Mackenzie      ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Devol, Aaron               ☐  ☐ Faculty of Social Sciences Elected by the faculty members
Driessen, Peter            ☐  ☐ Faculty of Engineering Elected by the Faculty
Dunson, Jim                ☐  ☐ Associate Vice-President Student Affairs By invitation
Durno, John                 ☐  ☐ Librarian Elected by the Professional Librarians
Eastman, Julia             ☐  ☐ University Secretary Secretary of Senate
Evans, Stephen             ☐  ☐ Acting Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies Ex officio
Fairley, Kate              ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Foster, David              ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Fry, Kate                  ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Gagné, Lynda               ☐  ☐ Faculty of Human and Social Development Elected by the Faculty
Ganley, Dave               ☐  ☐ Peter B. Gustavson School of Business Elected by the Faculty
Garcia-Barrera, Mauricio   ☐  ☐ Faculty of Graduate Studies Elected by the Faculty
Gilien, Mark               ☐  ☐ Faculty of Law Elected by the Faculty
Goto-Jones, Christopher    ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Humanities Ex officio
Gray, Garry                ☐  ☐ Faculty of Social Sciences Elected by the faculty members
Greenhoe, Nicole           ☐  ☐ Registrar By invitation
Hallerbrandt, Helga        ☐  ☐ Faculty of Social Sciences Elected by the faculty members
Haskett, Tim               ☐  ☐ Faculty of Humanities Elected by the faculty members
Haines, Carl               ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Hicks, Robin               ☐  ☐ Faculty of Science Elected by the faculty members
Hundza, Sandra             ☐  ☐ Faculty of Education Elected by the Faculty
Husband, Alyssa            ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Karpovskaia, Natalia       ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Klein, Saul                ☐  ☐ Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business Ex officio
Koning, Hannah             ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Krull, Catherine           ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences Ex officio
Kuehne, Valerie            ☐  ☐ Vice-President Academic and Provost Ex officio
Kurki, Helen               ☐  ☐ Faculty of Social Sciences Elected by the Faculty
Kushniruk, Andre           ☐  ☐ Faculty of Human and Social Development Elected by the Faculty
Laidlaw, Mark              ☐  ☐ Faculty of Science Elected by the faculty members
Lepp, Annalee              ☐  ☐ Faculty of Humanities Elected by the Faculty
Lewis, Susan               ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts Ex officio
Liddell, Peter             ☐  ☐ Convocation Senator Elected by the convocation
Lipson, Robert             ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Science Ex officio
Marck, Patricia            ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development Ex officio
McNally, Kirk              ☐  ☐ Faculty of Fine Arts Elected by the Faculty
Nwoko, Ngozi               ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
Popova, Diana              ☐  ☐ Student Senators Elected by the students
Prendergast, Monica        ☐  ☐ Faculty of Education Elected by the Faculty
Rogers, Shelagh            ☐  ☐ Chancellor Ex officio
Saint-Vil, Colin           ☐  ☐ Student Senators Elected by the students
Saleem, Joseph             ☐  ☐ Faculty of Fine Arts Elected by the faculty members
Smith, Brock               ☐  ☐ Peter B. Gustavson School of Business Elected by the Faculty
St. Clair, Ralph           ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Education Ex officio
Struchtrup, Henning         ☐  ☐ Faculty of Engineering Ex officio
Tiedje, Tom                ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Engineering Ex officio
Ulysse, Alicia             ☐  ☐ Continuing Sessional Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Varela, Diana              ☐  ☐ Faculty of Science Elected by the Faculty
Warburton, Rebecca         ☐  ☐ Faculty of Human and Social Development Elected by the faculty members
Webber, Jeremy             ☐  ☐ Dean, Faculty of Law Ex officio
Welling, Linda             ☐  ☐ Faculty of Social Sciences Elected by the faculty members
Wright, Bruce              ☐  ☐ Head, Division of Medical Sciences
Wright, Nancy              ☐  ☐ Associate Vice-President Academic Planning By invitation
Wyll, Victoria             ☐  ☐ Faculty of Fine Arts Elected by the faculty members
Yadawad, Deepali           ☐  ☐ Student Senator Elected by the students
EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)
Chancellor: Shelagh Rogers (31/12/20)
President and Vice-Chancellor: Jamie Cassels, Chair
V.P. Academic & Provost: Valerie Kuehne
V.P. Research: David Castle
Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Saul Klein
Dean of Education: Ralf St. Clair
Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
Dean of Continuing Studies: Jo-Anne Clarke
Dean of Fine Arts: Susan Lewis
Acting Dean of Graduate Studies: Stephen Evans
Dean of Humanities: Christopher Goto-Jones
Dean of HSD: Patricia Marck
Dean of Law: Jeremy Webber
Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
Dean of Social Sciences: Catherine Krull
University Librarian: Jonathan Bengtson

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES - Section 35 (2) (g)
BUSI: Dale Ganley (30/6/19)
        Brock Smith (30/6/18)
EDUC: Sandra Hundza (30/6/20)
        Monica Prendergast (30/6/19)
ENGR: Peter Driessen (30/6/19)
        Henning Struchtrup (30/6/20)
FINE: Carolyn Butler Palmer (30/6/19)
        Kirk McNally (30/6/18)
GRAD: Sara Beam (30/6/19)
        Mauricio Garcia-Barrera (30/6/20)
HSD: Lynda Gagné (30/6/19)
        Andre Kushmiruk (30/6/18)
HUMS: Jason Colby (30/6/18)
        AnnaLee Lepp (30/6/19)
LAWF: Gillian Calder (30/6/20)
        Mark Gillen (30/6/19)
SCIE: Neil Burford (30/6/20)
        Diana Varela (30/6/20)
SOSC: Janni Aragon (30/6/18)
        Helen Kurki (30/6/20)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS (continued)
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Joseph Salem – FINE (30/6/20)
Rebecca Warburton - HSD (30/6/19)
Linda Welling – SOSC (30/6/20)
Victoria Wyatt - FINE (30/6/19)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT SOCIETIES – Section 35 (2) (h)
Dheeraj Alamchandani (ENGR) (30/6/18)
Pierre-Paul Angelblazer (SOSC) “
Brent Cantarutti (GRAD) “
Noor Chasib (SCIE) “
Mackenzie Cumberland (SOSC) “
Kate Fairley (BUSI) “
David Foster (LAW) “
Kate Fry (HUMS) “
Carl Haynes (BUSI) “
Alyssa Husbard (EDUC) “
Natalia Karpovskaia (SOSC) “
Hannah Koning (FINE) “
Ngozi Nwoko (GRAD) “
Diana Popova (GRAD) “
Colin Saint-Vil (SOSC) “
Deepti Yadawad (HSD) “

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION – Section 35 (2) (i)
Rizwan Bashir (30/06/18)
Chandra Beaveridge (30/06/18)
Lauren Charlton (30/06/18)
Peter Liddell (30/06/18)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)
Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Bruce Wright
Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
        John Durno (30/06/18)
Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulysses (30/06/20)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)
University Secretary: Julia Eastman

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights
Assoc. V.P. Student Affairs: Jim Dunson
Assoc. V.P. Academic Planning: Nancy Wright
Registrar: Nicole Greengoe
Associate University Secretary: Carrie Andersen