MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on December 6, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

Reflecting on the December 6th tragedy at École Polytechnique de Montréal, President Jamie Cassels asked Senate members to share in a moment of silence to remember the tragedy 30 years ago and the continuing problem of violence against women today.

After this reflection, Prof. Cassels commented on the recent Lipson Lecture in which Dr. Talithia Williams gave an inspiring lecture on women in Mathematics.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

   Motion: (R. Hancock/M. Garcia-Barrera)
   That the agenda be approved as circulated.

   CARRIED

2. MINUTES

   a. November 1, 2019

      Motion: (A. Lepp/T. Haskett)
      That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on November 1, 2019 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 started his remarks congratulating Dr. Susan Lewis on her recent appointment to the role of Associate Vice-President Academic Planning. He also announced the new Vice-President External Relations, Chris Horbachewski.

   Prof. Cassels thanked both Dr. Rosaline Canessa and Dr. Eva Baboula for their service as Acting Deans in the Faculty of Social Science and Fine Arts. Both terms on Senate are ending, and new appointments will begin in the new year while searches for new Deans continue. Dr. Robin Hicks was thanked for his role as
Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science. Dr. Hans-Peter Loock begins his role as Dean of Science in January. Dr. Hicks's role in Senate will continue as he remains an elected member.

Prof. Cassels thanked everyone for their participation at the 2019 Joint Board Senate Retreat on Community-University Engagement. He mentioned that a report on the input provided by members would come to the Senate shortly. He also reported that the fall convocation awarded 1459 degrees, diplomas and certificates within four ceremonies with two very impressive honorary degree recipients.

In regards to the recent Board of Governors meeting and the climate change discussion, Prof. Cassels acknowledged that climate change and responsible investment are vital issues for our campus. No one doubts that this is a critical issue and that socially and environmentally responsible investment is important. He stated that the aim is to find the best way to tackle the issue in the best interest of the university. As a result, it is essential to understand the process involved and the different tools used to make a positive impact. The Board has attended two educational sessions and has asked the administration for working ideas and additional information in which to make the most informed decision. He stressed that divestment is still on the table as an option among many considerations. Prof. Cassels highlighted two sources of information on the websites of the Vice-President Finance and the Faculty Association.

In local news, the WestShore business case for a post-secondary educational hub proposal led by Royal Roads University is in its final stages. Prof. Cassels reported that he continues to work with both Royal Roads and Camosun College and the programs which could benefit from this development.

Giving Tuesdays was a success, and Prof. Cassels thanked members who participated. There were 550 participating in the celebration and $100,000 raised, tripling the amount from last year.

In terms of awards, Prof Cassels extended congratulations to Dr. Nik Dechev on his $1 million TD Challenge award based on his proposal to upscale his UVic Hand Project. The Victoria Hand Project uses 3D printers to create cost-effective hand/arm prosthetics in developing nations. Coast Capital also awarded UVic a $1 million grant to support the continuation and amplification of the Coast Capital Innovation Centre. A team of UVic Engineering students won the top prize at the national People in Cyber Conference this fall. Their focus was on phishing prevention. Finally, the Vikes women's field hockey and men's rugby team won their national championship competitions this fall.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Campus Planning Committee

i. Semi-annual report to Senate on Campus Development

Prof. Cassels introduced the report. He mentioned that co-chairs Dr. Valarie Kuehne and Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations, as well as Mike Wilson, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability, were in attendance to answer any questions.

A member asked for an estimation of the cost for the Housing and Development Project underway. Mr. Wilson replied that this was the largest project ever established on the campus at approximately $201 million. He continued to explain that residence costs for students will be established as the project was
closer to completion. Prof. Cassels explained the financing structure of the project, which was approved by the Board of Governors.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. University of Victoria Grading Patterns Reporting Portal

Dr. Neil Burford introduced the report and mentioned that the Senate Committee on Academic Standards felt that it beneficial for wider attention paid to this report and that the committee would endeavour to do this in the coming year.

In response to a question, Mr. Tony Eder, Executive Director, Academic Resource Planning stated that the data in the report was created within a 5-year time frame but that the portal had a 12-year time-frame.

ii. Proposed Revision to Grading within the Post-Degree Professional Elementary program

Dr. Burford introduced the proposal and commented on the committee's thorough deliberation.

A Senate member reminded others that it was okay to vote against the proposal. He continued to remark on his objections to the proposal as the holistic grading method suggested will not be accompanied by the lengthy comments which would typically support the assessment. Dr. Ralf St. Clair appreciated these valid concerns. He outlined the K-12 competency-based system as well as the particular post-degree program requirements to explain the balance to both models of assessment and the need for precise grading.

In the gallery, Dr. Deborah Begoray, Chair of Curriculum and Instruction, reminded members that this assessment technique has become the trend across Canada and has been thoroughly researched.

Members inquired on the effect on awards and academic standing. Dr. Begoray replied that consultation had occurred with Graduate Admissions and Records and the Faculty of Graduate Studies for graduate grade point average calculation and award qualification. The department has also consulted with Undergraduate Records to establish a method to deal with matters of academic standing.

Motion: (N. Burford/R. St. Clair)
That Senate approve the proposed revision to grading within the Post-Degree Professional Elementary program, effective September 1, 2020.

CARRIED

iii. Proposed Revision to Academic Standing within the Health Information Science Program

Dr. Burford introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (N. Burford/T. Marck)
That Senate approve the proposed revision to academic standing within the Health Information Science, effective May 1, 2020.

CARRIED
iv. **Proposed changes to the transfer requirements for the Computer Science program**

Dr. Burford introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

**Motion:** (N. Burford/S. Hundza)
That Senate approve the proposed changes to the transfer requirements for the Computer Science program, Faculty of Engineering.

CARRIED

b. **Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer**

i. **2018-2019 Annual Report**

Dr. Sandra Hundza summarized the report. A question was asked regarding the low denial rate of appeals by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Dr. David Capson replied that these decision are made in conjunction with the departments who recommend and commit to supporting these students.

ii. **Year 2 Admission requirements for the Kinesiology program, Faculty of Education**

Dr. Hundza introduced the memo. There were no questions.

**Motion:** (S. Hundza/E. Woodin)
That Senate approve the enclosed revised Year 2 admission requirements for the Faculty of Education, Bachelor of Science (BSc) Kinesiology program and that these requirements be published in the May 2020 edition of the undergraduate academic calendar.

CARRIED

iii. **Transfer requirements for the Computer Science Program, Faculty of Engineering**

Dr. Hundza introduced the memo. There were no questions.

**Motion:** (S. Hundza/M. Scott-Bigsby)
That Senate approve the enclosed revised transfer requirements for the Faculty of Engineering Computer Science program and that these requirements be published in the May 2020 edition of the undergraduate academic calendar.

CARRIED
c. **Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance**

i. **Appointments to the Senate Committee on Appeals and the Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee**

Dr. Annalee Lepp introduced the appointment nominations. There were no questions.

*Motion:* (A. Lepp/M. Garcia-Barrera)
That Senate approve the appointment to the Senate Committee on Appeals for the term indicated in the attached document.

**CARRIED**

*Motion:* (A. Lepp/B. Smith)
That Senate approve the appointments of Jo-Anne Clarke, Brian Leacock, and Sean Oliver to the Joint Board Senate Retreat Committee for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020.

**CARRIED**

ii. **Proposal to Revise the 10-Year Sessional Calendar**

Dr. Lepp introduced the proposal. She outlined the work of the sub-committee over two years and the extensive feedback considered before making this recommendation. In response to a question asking to consider reducing the number of days in a term, Dr. Lepp reminded members of the previously approved Senate rule to keep the academic term to 59-62 days.

*Motion:* (A. Lepp/J. Colby)
That Senate approve the revised principles for creating the Winter and Summer Sessions of the 10-Year Sessional Calendar, and that these changes be implemented for the next reiteration of the 10-Year Sessional Calendar.

**CARRIED**

d. **Senate Committee on Awards**

i. **New and Revised Awards**

Dr. Lepp introduced the new and revised awards. A member inquired as to the rules outlined in the Joyce Family Foundation Award in regards to Canadian citizenship. Dr. Lepp agreed that the language was not usual. Ms. Kathy Smith, Student Awards and Financial Aid In-course Officer, explained that students are asked to self-identify when applying for awards but would be able to check with the specific donor for more information.
Motion: (A. Lepp/E. Mehina)
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:

- Ted and Helen Hughes Entrance Award (revised)
- One Heart for Reconciliation Award* (revised)
- Vincent Short Memorial Theatre Scholarship* (revised)
- Visca/Dais-Visca Scholarship in Public Law/Legal Studies (new)
- The Joyce Family Foundation Award for Indigenous Students* (revised)
- Leeder Family Memorial Scholarship in Economics* (revised)
- Leeder Family Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics* (revised)
- Pearson Family Award (revised)
- Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association Student Award* (revised)
- University of Victoria Youth in Care Award (revised)
- Murray & Lynda Farmer Scholarship* (revised)
- David McGillivray Scholarship in Science* (new)
- Mairi Riddle Memorial Prize* (revised)
- Brendan Gaunt Environmental Law Award (new)
- Harold G. Craven Scholarship* (revised)

* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposed modifications to the Master of Arts in Musicology and to the Master of Arts in Musicology (with Performance)

Dr. Susan Lewis introduced the suite of proposals. There were no questions.

Motion: (M. Garcia-Barrera/G. McDonough)
That Senate approve the proposed modifications to the Master of Arts in Musicology – Thesis Option, as described in the memorandum dated February 23, 2019.

CARRIED

Motion: (J. Salem/E. Mehina)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to add a project option to the Master of Arts in Musicology, as described in the memorandum dated February 23, 2019.

CARRIED
Motion: (M. Garcia-Barrera/J. Salem)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it
also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Master of Arts in Musicology
(with Performance) Thesis Option, as described in the memorandum dated
February 23, 2019.
AND
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it
also approve, the proposal to add a project option to the Master of Arts in
Musicology (with Performance), as described in the memorandum dated
February 23, 2019.

CARRIED

ii. Proposal to discontinue the language requirement for the Master of Arts in English

Dr. Lewis introduced the proposal. A member expressed discomfort with the revision as the research in
the field is not monolingual. Dr. Lisa Surridge, Associate Dean Academic of the Faculty of Humanities,
stated that language acquisition would not be discontinued but that this was to remove the absolute
requirement for all MA students. A discussion occurred as to the practical difficulties in assessing reading
language acquisition at the university.

Motion: (J. Colby/D. Capson)
That Senate approve the proposal to discontinue the language requirement for the
Master in Arts in English, as described in the memorandum dated March 26, 2019.

CARRIED

iii. Proposal to discontinue the concentration in Literature of the West Coast (LWC) for the
Master of Arts in English

Dr. Lewis introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (M. Scott-Bigsby/ M. Garcia-Barrera)
That Senate approve the proposal to discontinue the concentration in
Literatures of the West Coast (LWC) for the Master of Arts in English, as
described in the memorandum dated March 19, 2019.

CARRIED

iv. Proposed changes to the requirements for all Bachelor’s Degrees in the Faculty of
Humanities

Dr. Lewis introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (C. Goto-Jones/R. Hancock)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it
also approve, the proposed changes to the requirements for all Bachelor’s
degrees in the Faculty of Humanities, as described in the memorandum
dated September 24, 2019.

CARRIED
7. **PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

Dr. Ralf St. Clair sadly announced T’lat’lakahł Trish (Patricia) Rosborough, an Associate Professor in the Department of Indigenous Education, passed away on August 15, 2019. The memorial was held on November 15, 2019.

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

There was none.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a. **Orators for the University of Victoria**

Prof. Cassels introduced the proposal for new and continuing orators. In answer to a clarification question, he explained that this was not an exhaustive list of the university’s orators.

**Motion:** (A. Wang/D. Weldemichael)
That Senate re-appoint Dr. John Archibald as Orator for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022.

*CARRIED*

**Motion:** (A. Wang/D. Weldemichael)
That the Senate appoint the following as Orators for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022:

- Valerie Irvine
- Linda Hardy
- Sudhakar Ganti
- Grace Wong Sneddon
- Aaron Devor
- Eric Higgs
- Mary Ellen Purkis
- Helga Hallgrimsdottir

*CARRIED*

b. **Curriculum & Calendar Project Update and Revision to the AC 1120 policy on Calendar Submissions**

Ms. Wendy Taylor summarized the update report and introduced the proposed change. There were no questions.

**Motion:** (T. Marck/M. Scott-Bigsby)
That Senate approve the revision to AC1120 Policy on Calendar Submissions, Responsibility to Publish (Policy 12.00).

*CARRIED*

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.
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Effective November 2, 2019

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