

Approved for Release by the Senate of the University of Victoria

Meeting of Senate February 7, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 7, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Prof. Cassels notified members there would be an addition to the agenda placed under Proposals and Reports from the Vice-President Academic and Provost.

Motion: (J. Bengtson/M. Scott-Bigsby)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. January 10, 2020

Motion: (M. Laidlaw/J. Clarke)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on
January 10, 2020, 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 welcomed Mr. Chris Horbachewski to Senate as the new Vice-President External Relations. He also informed members of the new title for Dr. Robina Thomas, the Executive Director and Advisor to the President, Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement.

Regarding the Coronavirus, Prof. Cassels mentioned that the university continues to monitor the evolving situation. A response coordination committee has been established, chaired by Dr. Susan Lewis, Associate Vice-President Academic Planning. The priorities of the committee are to minimize health and academic risk to students who are travelling to affected areas, and to undertake local contingency planning should health measures become necessary. Prof. Cassels mentioned that the university has set up a website to disseminate information on the virus and travel, general health and wellness, and academic support.

He reminded members of the importance of ensuring that no person is targeted or subjected to discrimination resulting from a misplaced perception that they may be carriers based on race, ancestry, place of origin or otherwise.

A member noted the social media around the issue and was thankful for the response by the university.

Prof. Cassels addressed the January 15th campus closure due to heavy snowfall. He outlined the factors and communication that go into decision-making.

In response to a question on how the university determines the standard of safety and accessibility, Mr. Tom Downie, Director Campus Security Services, replied that this was a struggle that Facilities Management works hard to address. He noted that if anyone in the campus community feels an area is unsafe, they should notify Campus Security.

A member asked why other institutions, such as Camosun College, closed earlier than UVic on the day of the snowstorm. Prof. Cassels responded that using radar maps and microclimates to predict a situation can make the decision difficult. It was not anticipated that the storm would affect UVic in the same way as the Camosun College interurban campus. In response to another question about a coordinated plan for campus evacuation, Prof. Cassels mentioned that there is a team developing a plan to avoid issues in the event of a rapid campus closure.

Prof. Cassels announced the Board of Governors approved a responsible investment policy for the university's \$225 million short-term investment fund. The policy targets the worst producers of greenhouse gases across all sectors, increases investments in clean technology and encourages low-carbon practices. The policy also aligns with the recommendations by the Canada's Expert Panel on Sustainable Finance and Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Climate Finance. The next steps are to activate Strategy 5.2 toward a campus-wide Climate and Sustainability Action Plan. A team has been established to develop the process and engage with the campus community.

Finally, Prof. Cassels announced the Engineering Precinct Expansion project and the open house scheduled for the next few weeks. As well, the Ideafest 2020 website is now live and the festival will run through the first week of March.

A member of Senate asked if the university planned to take a stand on the recent actions in the Wet'suwet'en territory. Prof. Cassels responded that this was a complex legal issue, and the university is a place to create opportunities to debate, research and develop ideas. As such, this is a situation in which academic engagement should happen, however it is not the function of the corporate institution, the president, or the administration to declare a position on behalf of the university community, to choose sides in a debate, or to tell its members what to think.

One Senate member voiced that the issue of Wet'suwet'en territory was a matter of morality and not open for debate. Another member asked if the university had a comment on the university students who had been arrested. Prof. Cassels said the university would offer counselling support and/or academic accommodations for those students, as in any similar case. He added that he understood there would be differing views on the position to remain neutral but pointed to the many ways in which the university demonstrates its commitment to truth and reconciliation and the elimination of colonial violence through its programs of research and education.

b. Presentation on university rankings and reputation

Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Vice-President Research, and Mr. Tony Eder, Executive Director, Academic Resource Planning, presented on university rankings and reputation. Dr. Kalynchuk noted that UVic was not recognized enough for its high quality of work. She mentioned that higher rankings would open up more research opportunities and increased government funding. Mr. Eder gave an overview of the various ranking measures, both domestically and internationally. The presentation ended with an outline of the next steps to be taken and areas in which the university may improve.

A question was asked in terms of how certain rankings measurements were attained. Mr. Eder explained the various ways in which certain rankings were managed, depending on the ranking body.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Proposed Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines

Dr. Neil Burford introduced the proposal and thanked Dr. Struchtrup for his work as the Chair of the Sub-committee on the Exam Cancellation Guidelines. He noted a friendly amendment to the Exam Cancellation Policy wording, which was distributed to Senate members before the meeting.

A member asked how religious obligations would be handled if an exam was moved to a Sunday. Another member noted that exams are routinely scheduled on Saturday when Jewish people observe Shabbat. Prof. Cassels reminded Senate members of the policy on religious observance, which would accommodate students in under these circumstances.

Dr. Struchtrup commented that there was a limit to the possible solutions when a situation arises in that exams must be cancelled and rescheduled. The subcommittee tried a variety of options in order to be as accommodating as possible. The policy and guidelines need to strike a balance between what was possible to reschedule and the needs of students to keep prior commitments.

Different members suggested alternate wording for the Exam Cancellation Guidelines, which would account for students with previously scheduled conflicts other than travel. Prof. Cassels stated he was hesitant to draft a policy and guidelines on the Senate floor.

Another member stated that the policy and guidelines added clarity to a difficult issue and asked if the committee had considered policy on class cancellation events. Dr. Burford agreed to take this suggestion back to the committee.

After further discussion on compelling reasons to ask for a concession for a rescheduled exam, Dr. Burford moved to table the motion. Ms. Havelyn seconded the motion.

Motion: (N. Burford/S. Havelyn)

That Senate approve the Examination Cancellation Policy and Guidelines, effective immediately, and for inclusion in the Academic Regulations – Examinations section of the Undergraduate Academic Calendar and the Faculty Academic Regulations section of the Graduate Academic Calendar.

TABLED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

New and Revised Awards

A Senate member noted the increase of graduate awards and thanked the committee and others for their hard work in this regard.

Another member asked if the wording for the "30 by 30 Women in Engineering Award" contained language that was inclusive to all women. Dr. Lepp confirmed that the committee used the word women as an inclusive term.

Motion: (A. Lepp/M. Ingram)

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:

- 30 by 30 Women in Engineering Award (revised)
- Rosamund Dashwood Memorial Bursary in Dramatic Writing* (revised)
- Jeffrey Mallett Leadership Award* (revised)
- Allan and Ora Jones Bursary* (new)
- Oliver Prentice Memorial Saanich Rotary Scholarship* (revised)
- Olivine Stephenson Graduate Scholarship* (new)
- Gregory and Victoria Spievak Graduate Scholarship in Privacy & Security* (new)
- Mrs. Zohra & Dr. Abdullah Siddiqui Scholarship* (new)
- School of Public Administration Scholarship* (revised)
- Easton Scholarship (new)
- Dr. Wilma Elias Greek and Roman Studies Scholarship* (new)
- Dr. Wilma Elias Undergraduate Scholarship in Chemistry* (new)
- Dr. Wilma Elias Graduate Scholarship in Chemistry* (new)

CARRIED

^{*} Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

c. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. 2020/2021 Cycle 1 Curriculum Submissions

Dr. Tim Haskett commented that this was the first fully operational cycle using the new Kuali software.

Motion: (T. Haskett/D. Weldmichael)

That Senate approve the curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2020-2021 academic calendar, effective May 1, 2020.

CARRIED

Motion: (T. Haskett/R. Hancock)

That Senate authorize the Chair of the Senate Committee on Curriculum to make small changes and additions that would otherwise unnecessarily delay the submission of items for the academic calendar.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal to Discontinue the Bachelor of Education (Secondary Curriculum) Program

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

Motion: (S. Hundza/M. Garcia-Barrera)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve, the proposal to discontinue the Bachelor of Education (Secondary Curriculum) Program, as described in the memorandum dated November 21, 2019.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

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

a. Enrolment Projections

Dr. Lewis introduced the annual enrollment projection report. She noted that the university continues to meet and exceed its targets for government both internally and externally. She highlighted various planned program expansions.

Mr. Eder reviewed the report in detail. He outlined the international tiering strategy and subsequent enrolment projections for international students.

A member asked why the projected number of international students was low despite the knowledge that these numbers were expected to rise. Mr. Eder explained that there are no targets set for international

students, and since the university is planning to diversify rather than increase our international student body, this number was kept lower.

Other members noted the increase in expected enrolment numbers for graduate students and yet the lack of funding. Prof. Cassels explained that even though the university has the capacity for more graduate students, it does not receive an increase in operating funds from the government.

Motion: (M. Scott-Bigsby/E. Woodin)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, a recommended enrolment level of 18,320 FTE for the 2020/21 academic year, subject to revisions in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, and/or application rates.

CARRIED

b. Omnibus motion in response to the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoVv)

Dr. Lewis introduced the motion and explained that this was in response to the changing situation of the Coronavirus. She noted that the most substantial impact for students was for those who were studying abroad but that this motion was a precautionary measure for short-term adjustments in case there was an impact on campus.

One member inquired why April 30, 2020, was designated as the end date and asked what short-term adjustments were proposed. Dr. Lewis stated that the end date was to ensure planning was in place until the end of the spring term. She further explained that there were no proposals at this time, but a past example in a similar circumstance was a waiver for medical documentation for academic concessions to limit the number of students visiting health services and possibly spreading the virus.

Motion: (N. Burford/J. Salem)

That Senate approve an omnibus motion to allow the Provost to implement short-term adjustments to academic policy, regulations, and/or process that may be required or deemed necessary by the Provost in response to a substantial impact of Coronavirus and influenza-related illness on academic operations during the period February 8, 2020 through to April 30, 2020. Any adjustments made resulting from this motion would be reported to Senate at the next scheduled meeting of Senate and a summary report of all actions or adjustments made, if any, would be provided at the scheduled May 1, 2020 Senate meeting.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 2019 Joint Senate Board Retreat Community-University Engagement (CUE) Summary

Ms. Jennifer Vornbrock, Executive Director Community and Government Relations, reviewed the feedback from the November 2019 Joint Senate-Board Retreat on Community-University Engagement. She mentioned adjustments made to the CUE goal statement and revisions to a more inclusive and aspirational vision as a result of the consultation.

b. 10-Year Sessional Calendar

Ms. Saab introduced the 10-year calendar and noted that this calendar incorporated the adjustment made from the previously approved revision to move the start of the January term. There were no questions.

Motion: (A. Stahl/L. Kalynchuk)
That Senate approve the 2019-2029 10-Year Sessional Calendar.

CARRIED

c. Academic Year Important Dates

Ms. Saab introduced the revised dates for the period of May 2021 through December 2021. There were no questions.

Motion: (A. Lepp/E. Woodin)
That Senate approve the Academic Year Important Dates calendar for the

period May 2021 through December 2021 for submission to the online academic calendar and for the academic calendar May 2020 publication.

CARRIED

d. 2020/21 Senate Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates

Ms. Saab introduced the schedule of Senate meetings for the 2020/21 academic year with due dates for submission of materials for the Senate agenda. There were no questions.

<u>Motion:</u> (M. Scott-Bigsby/S. Hundza)
That Senate approve the 2020/21 Senate Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates.

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Senate Meeting February 7, 2020				
Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Alexander, David		<u>×</u>	Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation Secretary of Senate
Andersen, Carrie Aragon, Janni	12		University Secretary Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Beaveridge, Chandra		*	Convocation Senator	Elected by the lacenty members Elected by the convocation
Bengtson, Jonathan			University Librarian	Ex officio
Breau, Susan	-	· 🖈	Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Burford, Neil	W/		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Butler-Palmer, Carolyn	Q/		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Calder, Gillian		×	Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Capson, David	V /		Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Cassels, Jamie	to∕		President and Vice-Chancellor	Chair of Senate
Cazes, Hélène		×	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Clarke, Jo-Anne Colby, Jason	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Dean, Division of Continuing Studies	Ex officio Elected by the Faculty
Cook, Caelen			Faculty of Humanities Student Senator	Elected by the Faculty Elected by the students
Cowen, Laura		×	Faculty of Science	Elected by the students Elected by the faculty members
D'Arcy, Alexandra			Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
de Havelyn, Sarina	Ne 1		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Devor, Aaron			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Dunsdon, Jim		X	Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Garcia-Barrera, Mauricio	₩.		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Garofalo, Eva		**	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Gillen, Mark	8		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Goto-Jones, Chris			Dean, Faculty of Humanities	Ex officio
Greengoe, Nicole	1	, 🗆	Registrar	By Invitation
Hallgrimsdottir, Helga		¥	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Hancock, Rob	A		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Haskett, Tim			Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Hicks, Robin			Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Hills, Rory Hundza, Sandra		×	Student Senator Faculty of Education	Elected by the students Elected by the Faculty
Ingram, Megan			Student Senator	Elected by the Faculty Elected by the students
Juma, Afnan	N.		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Kalynchuk, Lisa	¥ .		Vice-President Research	Ex officio
Kandil, Yasmine	Y.		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Karpovskaia, Natalia			Student Senator	Elected by the students
Klein, Saul			Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
Krull, Catherine		X	Special Advisor to the Provost	By Invitation
Kuehne, Valerie		×	Vice-President Academic and Provost	Ex officio
Kurki, Helen	₩		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Laidlaw, Mark	330		Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Laird, Caoimhe		75	Student Senator	Elected by the students
Leacock, Brian			Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Lepp, Annalee Lewis, Susan			Faculty of Humanities Associate Vice-President Academic Planning	Elected by the faculty members
Lindgren, Allana	4		Acting Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	By Invitation Ex officio
Loock, Peter			Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Marck, Patricia		X	Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Marcy, Richard	WZ		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
McDonough, Graham	×		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
McGinnis, Martha	×		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Mehina, Eslam	9		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Mukhopadhyaya, Phalguni		×	Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the Faculty
Ni, Erhan (Jack)			Student Senator	Elected by the students
Oliver, Sean	#		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Richins, Kai	<u> </u>		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Rogers, Shelagh Rose-Redwood, CindyAnn		X	Chancellor	Ex officio
		7	Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Russell, Carolyn Saab, Ada			Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Salem, Joseph			Associate University Secretary Faculty of Fine Arts	By Invitation Elected by the faculty members
Seeman, Dean			Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Scott-Bigsby, Marshall	M		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Smith, Brock		- K	Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
St. Clair, Ralf		\$	Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Stahl, Ann			Acting Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Ex officio
Strega, Susan	4		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Struchtrup, Henning	He/s		Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the Faculty
Varela, Diana			Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Wang, Alivia	A		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Weldemichael, Dawit	10/		Student Senator	Elected by the students
Welling, Linda	- -		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Wild, Peter		×	Acting Dean, Faculty of Engineering	Ex officio
Woodin, Erica			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Wright, Bruce			Head, Division of Medical Sciences	Additional Member

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective January 15, 2020

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)

Chancellor: Shelagh Rogers

President and Vice-Chancellor: Jamie Cassels, Chair Vice-President Academic & Provost: Valerie Kuehne

Vice-President Research: Lisa Kalynchuk

Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Saul Klein, Vice-Chair

Dean of Education: Ralf St. Clair
Acting Dean of Engineering: Peter Wild
Dean of Continuing Studies: Jo-Anne Clarke
Acting Dean of Fine Arts: Allana Lindgren
Dean of Graduate Studies: David Capson
Dean of Humanities: Christopher Goto-Jones

Dean of HSD: Patricia Marck Dean of Law: Susan Breau Dean of Science: Peter Loock

Acting Dean of Social Sciences: Ann Stahl University Librarian: Jonathan Bengtson

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES

- Section 35 (2) (g)

BUSI: Brian Leacock (30/6/22)

Brock Smith (30/6/21)

EDUC: Sandra Hundza (30/6/20)

Graham McDonough (30/6/22)

ENGR: Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya (30/6/22)

Henning Struchtrup (30/6/20)

FINE: Carolyn Butler Palmer (30/6/22)

Yasmine Kandil (30/6/21)

GRAD: Mauricio Garcia-Barrera (30/6/20)

Martha McGinnis (30/6/22)

HSD: Richard Marcy (30/6/21)

Susan Strega (30/6/22)

HUMS: Jason Colby (30/6/21)

Alexandra D'Arcy (30/6/22)

LAWF: Gillian Calder (30/6/20)

Mark Gillen (30/6/22)

SCIE: Neil Burford (30/6/20)

Diana Varela (30/6/20)

SOSC: Helen Kurki (30/6/20)

Erica Woodin (30/6/21)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

- Sections 35 (2) (g) Janni Aragon – SOSC (30/6/21)Hélène Cazes - HUMS (30/6/20)Laura Cowen - SCIE (30/6/22)Aaron Devor - SOSC (30/6/20)Helga Hallgrimsdottir – HSD (30/6/21)Tim Haskett – HUMS (30/6/20)Robin Hicks – SCIE (30/6/21)Mark Laidlaw - SCIE (30/6/20)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS (continued)

Annalee Lepp - HUM (30/6/22) CindyAnn Rose-Redwood - SOSC (30/6/22) Joseph Salem – FINE (30/6/20) Linda Welling – SOSC (30/6/20)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

SOCIETIES – Section 35 (2) (h)

Caelen Cook (HUMS)	(30/6/20)
Sarina de Havelyn (SOSC)	"
Eva Garofalo (LAW)	"
Rory Hills (SCIE)	"
Megan Ingram (SOSC)	"
Afnan Juma (HUMS)	"
Natalia Karpovskaia (EDUC)	"
Caoimhe Laird (BUSI)	"
Eslam Mehina (GRAD)	"
Erhan (Jack) Ni (FINE)	"
Sean Oliver (GRAD)	"
Kai Richins (ENGR)	"
Marshall Scott-Bigsby (SOSC)	"
(Alivia) Tianyi Wang (GRAD)	"
Dawit Weldemichael (SOSC)	"
TBD (HSD)	"

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

David Alexander (30/06/21) Chandra Beaveridge (30/06/21) Robert Hancock (30/06/21) Carolyn Russell (30/06/21)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Bruce Wright Member elected by the Professional Librarians:

Dean Seeman (30/06/21) Continuing Sessional: TBD (30/06/20)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

University Secretary: Carrie Andersen

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

Assoc. VP Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon Assoc. VP Academic Planning: Susan Lewis Special Advisor to the Provost: Cathie Krull

Registrar: Nicole Greengoe

Associate University Secretary: Ada Saab