

**Meeting of Senate
January 10, 2020**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on January 10, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

Prof. Jamie Cassels asked Senate members to share in a moment of silence to remember the victims of the plane crash in Iran on January 8, 2020, the University of Victoria student who died, and the impact this has made across post-secondary institutions in Canada.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. December 6, 2019

Ms. Ada Saab noted an error in the minutes regarding the name of a seconder requiring correction.

Motion: (L. Kalynchuk/H. Cazes)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on December 6, 2019 be approved as amended 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 new members to Senate, Dr. Peter Loock, Dean of Science, and Dr. Allana Lindgren, Acting Dean of Fine Arts. He also noted Executive changes with the Vice-President External Relations, Ms. Carmen Charette, leaving at the end of January and the new Vice-President, Mr. Chris Horbachewski, to begin February 1, 2020.

Prof. Cassels recalled his comments from the December Senate meeting and the work of the Board of Governors regarding responsible investment options under consideration for the short term investment

policy. Climate issues are at the forefront of the decision-making, and it is a hope that a decision can be made at the end of the January Board meeting.

In regards to climate change issues, Prof. Cassels mentioned investment was one element for the university to harness its capacity to contribute to climate change. He reminded members of the Strategic Framework (Strategy 5.2) to review and renew our approach to sustainability in every domain. This work would move the institution toward a comprehensive and integrated approach and that we would be taking steps to activate that campus-wide with a Climate and Sustainable Action Plan. He stated it was important to recognize the extraordinary work done to make contributions to climate solutions and the need to knit these efforts together for a more coordinated impact.

Finally, Prof. Cassels reminded members of the Presidential Service Award, which was now open for nominations. He recognized the accomplishments of Dr. Lorna Williams, who received the Office of the Order of Canada for her work in language revitalization and student Senator Rory Hills, who has accepted a Rhodes scholarship position.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. 2018/2019 Annual Report

Dr. Annalee Lepp introduced the report. There were no questions.

ii. Upcoming Senate committee vacancies

Ms. Ada Saab introduced the memo outlining Senate committee positions, which will be vacant beginning July 1, 2020. She noted that the memo includes vacancies for which members' terms have ended. These positions may be eligible for re-appointment for an additional 3-year term.

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Dr. Lepp introduced the new and revised awards. A member asked if the university's Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCIC) had reviewed the terms of the award for student refugees. Ms. Lori Nolt, Director of Student Awards and Financial Aid, confirmed that a RCIC had reviewed the terms of the award.

Another question was asked in regard to the same award. The member asked if there was an assurance of privacy in case recognition of immigration status could place a student or the student's family in danger. Ms. Nolt acknowledged that student privacy is important. As such, all award applications provide students the option to not share their information with parties outside of the awards office.

Motion: (A. Lepp/B. Smith)

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:

- Randy Baker Memorial Scholarship* (revised)
- Jeremy Robert Davison Scholarship* (new)
- Janet Moerman Memorial Scholarship (new)
- Myrna McEwen Daniels Scholarship* (revised)
- Noel & Margaret Gantly Scholarship* (revised)
- Martlet Chapter, IODE Cuthbert Holmes English Honours Essay Scholarship* (revised)
- Ferguson Graduate Research Award in Digital Health (new)
- Dr. Ian MacPherson Memorial Scholarship (new)
- Certificate of Outstanding Academic Distinction in Human and Social Development* (revised)
- Reliable Controls Award in Computer Science* (new)
- Award for Student Refugees (new)
- Gladys Pearson Indigenous Student Scholarship (new)
- W.E. Cowie Innovation Award* (revised)
- Peninsula Co-op Dr. Ian MacPherson Memorial Scholarship* (revised)
- Cynthia Johnston Economics Graduate Scholarship (new)
- Hector and Carol McDonald Scholarship* (new)
- Dr. Marion Porath Legacy Scholarship in Art Education (new)
- Dr. Marion Porath Legacy Scholarship in Special Education (revised)
- Seaborne-Langford Scholarship in Engineering* (new)
- Coast Capital Savings Entrepreneurship Scholarship (revised)
- Gladys Nipp & Stephen Mah Family Award* (new)
- Sanjeev Singh Parmar Memorial Scholarship (new)

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c. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposed changes to the Graduate Certificate in Evaluation

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

Motion: (M. Garcia-Barrera/D. Capson)

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Graduate Certificate in Evaluation, as described in the memorandum dated September 26, 2019.

CARRIED

ii. Proposed changes to the Master of Business Administration program

Dr. Lewis introduced the proposal. A member asked if any Law students were consulted in regards to this proposal. Dr. Duane Dunne, Director of Full- and Part-Time MBA Programs, replied that the Dean of Law had been consulted due to the joint degree program between the two Faculties. He was assured by the Dean that the curriculum was able to be modified without causing an issues for students.

Motion: (S. Klein/R. Hills)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Master of Business Administration program, as described in the memorandum “Proposal for a Major Change to the UVic MBA Program”.

CARRIED

iii. Proposed changes to the Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology program

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

Motion: (M. Scott-Bigsby/M. Garcia-Barrera)

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology program, as described in the memorandum dated November 8, 2019.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There was none.

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

There was none.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Report on Research Priorities

Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk presented on the university’s research priorities and updated Senate on the progress of the current Canada Research Chair recruitment process and the demographic expectations for 2029. Dr. Kalynchuk also updated members on the Strategic Impact Chairs and the internal research/creative project grants. Finally, she notified Senate of the new initiative from the provincial government regarding quantum algorithms and the opportunity for students that this presents.

b. Update on the Presidential Appointment Process

Ms. Carrie Andersen updated Senate members on the progress regarding the presidential appointment process. A Senate member asked if students were on the appointment committee. Ms. Andersen confirmed that the UVSS and GSS had chosen student members to participate on the committee.

c. Victoria Forum

Dr. Saul Klein presented on the Victoria Forum “Bridging Divides: Turf, Truth & Trust” from November 12-14, 2020. He outlined the governance structure and planning events toward the upcoming event. A member asked if students were involved in the forum’s planning and structure. Dr. Klein replied that while students were not involved in the planning or structure, there were participatory opportunities. Another member asked if the definition of diversity within the forum included gender diversity. Dr. Klein acknowledged this was important but that it was not specifically defined in the theme of overall diversity.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.