



Meeting of Senate  
December 4, 2020

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on December 4, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion: (R. St. Clair/Y. Kandil)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**2. MINUTES**

**a. November 6, 2020**

Motion: (M. Garcia-Barrera/T. Kalyniuk)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on November 6, 2020 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

**CARRIED**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

**4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

**a. President's Report**

Dr. Kevin Hall remarked on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women and the 14 women murdered at École Polytechnique de Montréal on December 6th, 1989. He noted UVic and Canada have been honouring this day for 30 years; more recently, the day has been expanded to address all forms of gender-based violence.

He thanked Esther Sangster-Gormley for her participation in Senate and her role as Acting Dean of Human and Social Development since July and welcomed the new Dean, Helga Hallgrimsdottir.

Dr. Hall reminded Senate members of the listening and engagement tour, which begins with the town hall with faculty and staff on December 7th. There are plans for other town halls with students and alumni and meetings with the Board of Governors, Dean's Council, the Faculty Association President, the UVSS, and the GSS. In addition, many engagements are planned with local leaders, partners, and government.

Addressing the new public health orders related to COVID-19, Dr. Hall reported that notices were sent out to our UVic community, advising how these measures affect the campus. He reminded members that we

all need to conduct daily health checks, and the campus will continue to respond to the pandemic actively and plan for the future. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

Dr. Hall noted the Finnerty Gardens memorial bench now established in remembrance of the two students, Emma Machado and John Geerdes, who tragically died in the Bamfield bus accident.

On the subject of divestment, Dr. Hall reported on the November 18th peaceful live-art protest in which a mural was painted in front of the Michael Williams Building. This initiative was to call on the university to take additional action on divestment. He mentioned that he spoke with the students during the creation of the mural and looks forward to furthering discussions with our campus community about how we can do more to address climate change and environmental stewardship.

Dr. Hall announced that the Student Housing and Dining project achieved a significant milestone with the receipt of a letter from the Passive House Institute confirming our design meets their standards.

In terms of equity and diversity, a priority of the president, Dr. Hall reported on the university's third annual "Five Days of Action". In addition to virtual seminars, the Equity and Human Rights Office organized a daily list of videos and reading and a daily virtual engagement with Dr. Hall. The Provost launched a new anti-racism grants program to coincide with these five days of action. The fund supports faculty, instructors, and staff to revise their programs, courses, curriculum, or learning resources in ways that help fulfill UVic's commitment to anti-racism.

Dr. Hall noted UVic's local MLA and former Professor Murray Rankin's appointment as the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. As well, Honourable Anne Kang will serve as Minister of Advanced Education, Skills, and Training. UVic alumni Rob Fleming and Lisa Beare were named to Cabinet as well as Fin Donnelly and Brenda Bailey as Parliamentary Secretaries.

Finally, Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) funding was awarded to the university for particle physics experiments in two large, multi-institutional projects - \$5.4M for the Intermediate Detector for the Hyper-Kamiokande Neutrino Oscillation Experiment and \$2M for Belle II Canadian Research Data Centre. The university also recently received another major gift, a \$1M gift from the Kasapi family to fund two new undergraduate student awards in the Faculty of Science.

One Senate member addressed the recent divestment protest and asked how the university would continue its fiscal responsibilities if it were to divest. Dr. Hall replied that this was an ongoing conversation that was not only about divestment but to address the impacts of social responsibility.

## **b. University Rankings**

Dr. Lisa Kalynchuk, Vice-President Research, presented to Senate on the importance of university rankings and how paying attention to rankings will affect student recruitment and partnerships with other institutions.

Mr. Tony Eder, Executive Director Academic Resource Planning, outlined where the university stood on various national and international rankings and some recent improvements in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings global performance tables.

After Dr. Kalynchuk reported on the university's next steps, members discussed bibliometric strategies and the need to better utilize our alumni.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. Campus Planning Committee**

#### **i. Semi-annual report**

Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President Academic and Provost, introduced the semi-annual report and highlighted a number of projects underway across the university. There were no questions.

## **6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES**

### **a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards**

#### **i. Proposed Revisions to the Summer Add/Drop Deadline**

Dr. Neil Burford introduced the proposed revisions to the Summer Add/Drop Deadline.

One member noted that although this proposal addresses an operational challenge, it was worth noting that the deadlines are already very late in the term. This disadvantages late registrants as it is often too late for students to catch up in the course.

Dr. Robin Hicks, Acting Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, noted that when the actual dates are set was related but would need separate consideration.

Motion: (N. Burford/R. Hancock)

That Senate approve the revisions to the Add/Drop Deadlines to three of the standard summer parts of term courses to take effect for Summer 2021.

**CARRIED**

### **b. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance**

#### **i. Proposal to Extend the Break Between the First and Second Terms of the Winter Session**

Ms. Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, outlined the proposal to extend the break. She noted the consultation conducted across campus, which resulted in many impacts that would need to be addressed for this revision to take place.

Members engaged in a discussion on the need for the change and the impacts a more condensed final exam timetable may have on students. As well, members noted the advantages for parents dealing with a potentially late start, international students who will need to quarantine after their visits home over the holiday closure, and the need for faculty to prepare for courses and catch up with teaching and research associated with online instruction.

In response to a question, Ms. Saab confirmed that this revision to the break was only temporary for the start of the 2021 spring term.

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

That Senate approve the temporary revision to the January to April 2021 start of standard part-of-term courses, with the exception of practicum and co-op registration, by delaying the start of courses by three business days.

**CARRIED**

Members engaged in further discussion on the change to assessments measures which may alleviate the pressure on the final exam timetable.

Motion: (R. Hancock/C. Beaveridge)

That Senate approve the reduction of the April final examination timetable by one full day, and utilize both Sundays in the exam period.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Appointments to the 2020/2021 Senate standing committees**

Dr. Helen Kurki introduced additional appointment to the 2020/2021 Senate standing committees.

Motion: (M. Garcia-Barrera/J. Martin)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2020/2021 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Appointments to the 2021 Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee**

Dr. Kurki introduced the appointments to the 2021 Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee.

Motion: (J. Burton/T. Kalyniuk)

That Senate approve the appointments of Brian Leacock, Jo-Anne Clarke, and Tomas Kalyniuk to the Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**c. Senate Committee on Awards**

**i. New and Revised Awards**

Dr. Helga Hallgrimsdottir introduced the new and revised awards.

Motion: (B. Smith/D. Cloutier)

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:

- Winner Medical Young Pioneer in Social Innovation Scholarship\* (New)
- Elizabeth (Betty) Valentine Prangnell Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Scotiabank Scholarship for Law Students (New)
- Indigenous Perspectives Camp 25th Anniversary Award (New)
- Herbert Bertram Falkenstein Graduate Scholarship in Fine Arts\* (Revised)
- Victoria Musical Arts Society Scholarship\* (Revised)
- Harper Grey LLP & Life in Law Diversity Award (New)
- Dr. Ian Stuart MBA Scholarship in Sustainable Innovation\* (Revised)
- John Geerdes Memorial Bursary\* (New)
- Chuck Curtis Memorial Scholarship\* (Revised)

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

**d. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching**

**i. 2019/2020 Annual Report**

Dr. Michael McGuire introduced the annual report from the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching.

**e. Senate Committee on Planning**

**i. Proposed changes to the Graduate Diploma in Evaluation**

Dr. Robin Hicks introduced the proposed changes. There were no questions.

Motion: (S. Hundza/M. McGinnis)

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Graduate Diploma in Evaluation, as described in the memorandum dated September 11, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Proposal to add a thesis option to the Master of Arts in Community Development**

Dr. Hicks introduced the proposed changes. There were no questions.

Motion: (M. McGinnis/M. Laidlaw)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors, that it also approve the addition of a thesis option to the Master of Arts in Community Development, as described in the document "MA in Community Development-adding Thesis (CD 599) Option".

**CARRIED**

**iii. Proposed changes to the Indigenous Governance Program**

Dr. Hicks introduced the proposed changes. There were no questions.

Motion: (E. Sangster-Gormley/R. Hancock)

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Indigenous Governance Program, as described in the document "IGOV Program Update".

**CARRIED**

**iv. Proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Computer Science Double Degree Program**

Dr. Hicks introduced the proposed changes. Dr. Saul Klein, Dean of the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, outlined the over-arching theme for the series of revisions to the following MBA programs.

Motion: (S. Klein/ R. St. Clair)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Computer Science Double Degree Program, as described in the document "MBA+MSC-CSBU Discontinuation of Program".

**CARRIED**

**v. Proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering Double Degree Program**

Motion: (J. Martin/G. McDonough)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering Double Degree Program, as described in the document "MBA+MENG-ELBU Discontinuation of Program".

**CARRIED**

**vi. Proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering Double Degree Program**

Motion: (L. Kalynchuk/R. St. Clair)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering Double Degree Program, as described in the document "MBA+MENG-MEBU Discontinuation of Program".

**CARRIED**

**vii. Proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Business Double Degree Program with the EDHEC Business School**

Motion: (J. Clarke/S. Breau)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Business Double Degree Program with the EDHEC Business School, as described in the document “MBA-BUSI-EDHEC Discontinuation of Program”.

**CARRIED**

**viii. Proposal to discontinue the Master of Global Business Double Degree Program with the EDHEC Business School**

Motion: (R. St. Clair/G. McDonough)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Master of Global Business Double Degree Program with the EDHEC Business School, as described in the document “Discontinuance”.

**CARRIED**

**ix. Proposed changes to the Leadership Studies (EPLS) Graduate Program Unit Reduction – Master of Education**

Dr. Hicks introduced the proposed changes. There were no questions.

Motion: (J. Burton/V. Kuehne)

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Leadership Studies Graduate Program Unit Reduction Master of Education, as described in the document “Leadership Studies (EPLS) Graduate Program Unit Reduction Master of Education”.

**CARRIED**

**x. Proposed changes to the Leadership Studies (EPLS) Graduate Program Unit Reduction – Master of Arts**

Dr. Hicks introduced the proposed changes. There were no questions.

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

That Senate approve the proposed changes to the Leadership Studies Graduate Program Unit Reduction Master of Arts, as described in the document “Leadership Studies (EPLS) Graduate Program Unit Reduction Master of Arts”.

**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 member asked how the approved motions for extending the break between the fall and spring terms of the winter session would be communicated to the campus community. Ms. Saab responded that University Communications and Marketing has a communication plan that would be put in action directly after the Senate meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



## Senate Meeting December 4, 2020

Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Alexander, David		☒	Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Andersen, Carrie	☒		University Secretary	Secretary of Senate
Aragon, Janni	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Beaveridge, Chandra	☒		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Bengtson, Jonathan	☒		University Librarian	Ex officio
Berge, Brittany	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Bhiladvala, Rustom	☒		Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the faculty members
Breau, Susan	☒		Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Bruton, Jeffrey	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Burford, Neil	☒		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Butler-Palmer, Carolyn	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Campbell, Erin	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Clarke, Jo-Anne	☒		Dean, Division of Continuing Studies	Ex officio
Cloutier, Denise	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Colby, Jason	☒		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Cowen, Laura	☒		Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Crabbe, Sophia	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Cucksey, Logan	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
D'Arcy, Alexandra	☒		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Devor, Aaron	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Dunsdon, Jim	☒		Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Evans, Steve	☒		Acting Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Garcia-Barrera, Mauricio	☒		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Giffen, Robyn	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Gijzen, Benjamin	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Gillen, Mark	☒		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Granirer, Jonathan	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Greengoe, Nicole	☒		Registrar	By Invitation
Hall, Kevin	☒		President and Vice-Chancellor	Chair of Senate
Hallgrimsdottir, Helga	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Hancock, Rob	☒		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Hicks, Robin	☒		Acting Associate Vice-President Academic Planning	By Invitation
Hiser, Emily	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Hof, Fraser	☒		Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Humphries, Sara	☒		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Hundal, Navinder	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Hundza, Sandra	☒		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Kalynchuk, Lisa	☒		Vice-President Research	Ex officio
Kalyniuk, Tomas	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Kandil, Yasmine	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Klein, Saul	☒		Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
Koch, Matthew	☒		Continuing Sessional	Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Kuehne, Valerie	☒		Vice-President Academic and Provost	Ex officio
Kurki, Helen	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Laidlaw, Mark	☒		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Leacock, Brian	☒		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Lepp, Annalee	☒		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Lewis, Susan	☒		Acting Vice-Provost	By Invitation
Lindgren, Allana	☒		Acting Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	Ex officio
Loock, Peter	☒		Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Marcy, Richard	☒		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Martin, Joseph	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
McDonough, Graham	☒		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
McGinnis, Martha	☒		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Mukhopadhyaya, Phalguni	☒		Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the Faculty
Newcombe, Andrew	☒		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Purchase, Michelle	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Rogers, Shelagh		☒	Chancellor	Ex officio
Rose-Redwood, CindyAnn	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Roubekas, Evan	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Russell, Carolyn	☒		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Saab, Ada	☒		Associate University Secretary	By Invitation
Sangter-Gormley, Esther	☒		Acting Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Seeman, Dean	☒		Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Shaman, Wren	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Smith, Brock	☒		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Snizek, Suzanne	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
St. Clair, Ralf	☒		Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Strega, Susan	☒		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Struchtrup, Henning	☒		Faculty of Engineering	Elected by the Faculty
Voss, Graham	☒		Acting Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Ex officio
Watts, Juliet	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Wild, Peter	☒		Acting Dean, Faculty of Engineering	Ex officio
Wright, Bruce	☒		Head, Division of Medical Sciences	Additional Member
Wyatt, Victoria	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
**Effective November 2, 2020**

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

Chancellor: Shelagh Rogers  
President and Vice-Chancellor: Kevin Hall, 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  
Acting Dean of Graduate Studies: Steve Evans  
Acting Dean of Humanities: Annalee Lepp  
Acting Dean of HSD: Esther Sangster-Gormley  
Dean of Law: Susan Breau  
Dean of Science: Peter Loock  
Acting Dean of Social Sciences: Graham Voss  
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 (30/6/23)  
Graham McDonough (30/6/22)

ENGR : Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya (30/6/22)  
Henning Struchtrup (30/6/23)

FINE: Carolyn Butler Palmer (30/6/22)  
Yasmine Kandil (30/6/21)

GRAD: Mauricio Garcia-Barrera (30/6/23)  
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)

LAW: Mark Gillen (30/6/22)  
Andrew Newcombe (30/6/23)

SCIE: Neil Burford (30/6/23)  
Mark Laidlaw (30/6/23)

SOSC: Helen Kurki (30/6/23)  
Denise Cloutier (30/6/21)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

- Sections 35 (2) (g)

Janni Aragon – SOSC (30/6/21)  
Rustom Bhiladvala (ENGR) (30/6/23)  
Erin Campbell (FINE) (30/6/23)  
Laura Cowen - SCIE (30/6/22)  
Aaron Devor (SOSC) (30/6/23)  
Helga Hallgrimsdottir – HSD (30/6/21)  
Fraser Hof (SCIE) (30/6/23)  
Sara Humphries (HUM) (30/6/21)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS (continued)

CindyAnn Rose-Redwood - SOSC (30/6/22)  
Suzanne Snizek (FINE) (30/6/23)  
Victoria Wyatt (FINE) (30/6/23)  
TBD (30/6/21)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

SOCIETIES – Section 35 (2) (h)

Brittany Berge (LAW) (30/6/21)  
Jeffrey Bruton (GRAD) “  
Sophia Crabbe (FINE) “  
Logan Cucksey (SCIE) “  
Robyn Giffen (GRAD) “  
Benjamin Gijzen (SOSC) “  
Jonathan Granirer (SOSC) “  
Emily Hiser (SOSC) “  
Navinder Hundal (SCIE) “  
Tomas Kalyniuk (BUS) “  
Joseph Martin (GRAD) “  
Michelle Purchase (HSD) “  
Evan Roubekas (ENGR) “  
Wren Shaman (HUMS) “  
Juliet Watts (SOSC) “  
TBD (EDU) “

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: Matthew Koch (30/06/23)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

University Secretary: Carrie Andersen

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

Acting Vice-Provost: Susan Lewis  
Assoc. VP Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon  
A/Assoc. VP Academic Planning: Robin Hicks  
Registrar: Nicole Greengoe  
Associate University Secretary: Ada Saab