



**Meeting of Senate
February 3, 2023**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 3, 2023 at 3:32 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

2. MINUTES

a. January 6, 2023

Motion: (R. Hancock/A. Brolo)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on January 6, 2023 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

Kevin Hall began his report honouring the memory of Dr. Charles Elliott, Temosen-THUT (Teh-Moss-en-thut), of the Tarslip First Nation who had recently passed away. Temosen-THUT's work is celebrated worldwide with his carvings installed across campus and his prints as a significant part of the Legacy Art Gallery's collection. Temosen-THUT was inducted into the Order of British Columbia in 2005, the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts in 2013, and was most recently awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts Honoris Causa just last year.

K. Hall reminded Senate that February was Black History month. He noted that the university was a signatory of the Scarborough Charter and that UVic was ahead of many post-secondary peers regarding the newly launched Equity Action Plan. However, he recognized there was more work to do on our campus concerning racism, especially given that issues of race-based violence are still alive in our society.

K. Hall reported on the recent visit of Premier Eby and seven Members of the Legislative Assembly. The group enjoyed a tour of campus with a trip to the new Student Housing and Dining building, the First Peoples House, the construction of the National Centre for Indigenous Laws in the Fraser building, the Ian Stewart Complex development opportunities, and the UVic Child Care Centre.

In celebration, K. Hall noted that UVic had been named as one of Forbes top 25 employers across Canada for 2023 from among over 300 institutions with over 500 employees. He also announced that the Vikes Cheer Club had won top place in the World Cheer Championships with head coach Katie Bell at the ICU University World Cheer Championships in Orlando, Florida.

Finally, K. Hall reported that Ian Manners, professor and Canada 150 Research Chair, has won the E.W.R Steacie Award. He also reminded Senate of the REACH awards to be awarded on February 16, 2023. These awards recognize and honour extraordinary teachers and researchers who make a vital impact at UVic. He noted that as he read through the award categories and corresponding winners, he was amazed by the breadth of talent across the campus.

b. Review of draft strategic plan

K. Hall outlined the engagement across campus and the different positions on the draft strategic plan. In addition, he provided highlights on the aspirational themes which spoke to the five underlying plans recently launched and those currently under development, such as Aspiration 2030, Climate Sustainability and Action Plan 2030, the Equity Action Plan, the Indigenous Plan, and the Global Engagement Plan.

A Senator asked if the initial questions regarding what the university will look like in the future were helpful in this current draft. K. Hall reported on the diversity of the student body, the technological impacts on teaching, and the university's role in solving social problems and engagement in communities were all part of this initial exploration and fed into the document before Senate.

Another Senator noted their appreciation of the relationality-based plan and stated the hope that there would be resources put in place for Indigenous colleagues who are already stretched beyond their limits. K. Hall acknowledged that this was in need of a resolution and cited the new Indigenous Plan, the new Faculty Collective Agreement and the continuing support of the Vice-President Indigenous office in doing this work.

Finally, a Senator wondered about the ways in which goal-setting measurements would be tackled. K. Hall stated that there is a need to improve the data collected across the institution, and this was a priority, especially in areas of diversity and inclusivity. This priority work would help in the requirement for the key performance indicators in the strategic plan.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

On behalf of the Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards, Rishi Gupta introduced the listing of new and revised awards.

A Senator noted the distinction between “liturgy” and “liturgies” of the Roman Catholic Church regarding the Florence Gertrude McConnell Award in Music. R. Gupta thanked the Senator and noted the revision.

Motion: (R. Gupta/J. Salem)

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:

- Campus Dental Centre Award (Revised)
- Fred L. Martens Scholarship* (Revised)
- Capstone Scholarship* (Revised)
- Susan Hill and Susanne Diakiw Bursary in Earth and Ocean Sciences* (Revised)
- W.A.C. Bennett Scholarship* (Revised)
- Caroline Monahan Scholarship (New)
- Del Meidinger Travel Scholarship (New)
- Satir-Banmen-Lum Counselling Psychology Scholarship (New)
- F. W. Benton Memorial Award* (Revised)
- Dr. Jack and Verna Miller Indigenous Athletics Award (New)
- Faculty of Fine Arts Indigenous Annual Student Award (Revised)
- Malcolm Fernandes Memorial Award (New)
- JFK Law LLP Indigenous Legal Orders Scholarship (Revised)
- Dr. Frank Parnell Memorial Award (New)
- Harry Schamhart Vikes Men's Hockey Award* (New)
- Faculty of Humanities Travel and Learning Scholarship (New)
- Florence Gertrude McConnell Award in Music* (Revised)
- Rosamund Dashwood Memorial Award in Dramatic Writing* (Revised)
- Katharine Church Zuill Award in Nursing* (Revised)

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b. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. 2023/2024 Cycle 1 Curriculum Submissions

Adam Con, Chair of the Senate Committee on Curriculum, introduced the proposal.

Motion: (R. Hicks/M. Laidlaw)

That Senate approve the curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2023-2024 academic calendar, effective May 1, 2023.

CARRIED

Regarding the authorization of small changes, a Senator inquired about the process by which these judgements are made. A. Con referred to the Calendar Submissions Policy (AC1120) which guides the committee on these decisions.

Motion: (R. Hicks/N. Hope Tucker)

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

c. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal to establish a certificate in Transformative Climate Action

Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Acting Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, introduced the proposal.

A Senator asked if there was any consideration for allowing a student to use this program for accreditation with professional organizations. Karena Shaw, Associate Professor in the School of Environmental Studies, noted the intention to work with the United Nations Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR) and the International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders (CIFAL), as well as other professional organizations in the future.

Motion: (D. Curran/H. Brown)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a certificate in Transformative Climate Action, as described in the document “Certificate in Transformative Climate Action” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

CARRIED

ii. Proposal to establish an option in Applied Mathematics to the existing Major and Honours programs in Mathematics

E. Adjin-Tettey introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (M. Laidlaw/A. Brolo)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish an option in Applied Mathematics to the existing Major and Honours programs in Mathematics, as described in the document “Applied Mathematics Option” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

CARRIED

iii. Proposal to establish a French language taught cohort in the existing Elementary Post-degree Program Bachelor of Education Program

E. Adjin-Tettey introduced the proposal.

In recognition of the program's value, a Senator asked if there was a plan to extend the program beyond Elementary Education. Todd Milford, Chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, replied that this was a specific initiative funded by the Ministry of Education. However, he also noted that there is a plan to expand the program.

Motion: (G. Voss/S. Hundza)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a French language taught cohort in the existing Elementary Post-degree Program Bachelor of Education Program, as described in the document “Francophone and French Immersion Cohort Post-Degree Program Elementary B.Ed.” effective September 2023.

CARRIED

iv. Proposal to establish a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Proficiency

E. Adjin-Tetty introduced the proposal.

Referring to the document, a Senator asked why there seemed to be a reliance on sessional instructors. Ted Riecken, Acting Chair of the Department of Indigenous Education, replied that these individuals had Indigenous language expertise that was not covered by existing faculty. Onowa McIvor, Professor Indigenous Education, explained the sessional instructor requirements for the program.

Motion: (R. Hancock/D. Curran)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the proposal to establish a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Proficiency, as described in the document “Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Language Proficiency” effective September 2023, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be approved by the Secretariat of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There was none.

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

Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost, provide members of Senate with an update on key initiatives from her office. She followed up on the conversation at a previous Senate meeting regarding grade inflation. E. Croft noted that the issue had been raised at Dean’s Council, where the need to empower Chairs and Directors on Faculty grading principles was discussed. She also stated that a benchmarking exercise was completed and determined that the UVic grading schema was in line with other institutions.

E. Croft also noted a variety of other initiatives currently underway in her office, such as an investigation on the ways in which the university might address ChatGPT, alignment with the provincial accessibility legislation, the rebuilding of enrolment through scholarships and recruitment agencies, and opening of the Langford WestShore Campus for 2024.

A Senator asked about the accessibility legislation's impact on teaching. Helga Hallgrímsdóttir, Acting Deputy Provost, noted that the project was beginning and would be a long-term, iterative process to create an access-centred culture on campus. K. Hall added that while the province passed this accessibility legislation for post-secondary institutions, this did not come with funding.

Regarding ChatGPT, a Senator expressed the importance of educating instructors on the program. E. Croft agreed and replied that there was an aim to provide educational workshops over the coming summer months.

Another Senator inquired about the intentions for the Ian Stewart building project. K. Hall replied that the project was still in the early stages and Senate would be advised as progress is made. Concerning the development of Ian Stewart, a Senator suggested the need for additional childcare as an option.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Academic Important Dates

Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, introduced the revisions, noting that the university was still waiting for direction from the Provincial Government as to whether September 30 would be an official statutory holiday. However, she advised that should that be the decision plans were in place to adjust as necessary.

An inquiry on why the university couldn't declare September 30 as a campus closure without a provincial decision, K. Hall responded that this was not possible as a public post-secondary institution.

Motion: (N. Hope Tucker/A. Kuklev)

That Senate approve the Academic Important Dates for the period May 2024 through December 2024 for submission to the May 2023 undergraduate and graduate academic calendar publications.

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Adjin-Tetty, Elizabeth	X		A/Associate Vice-President Academic Planning	By Invitation
Andersen, Carrie	X		University Secretary	Secretary of Senate
Anyaeibunam, Chekwube	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Bengtson, Jonathan		X	University Librarian	Ex officio
Bonnieux, Justin	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Brolo, Alexander	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Brown, Hannah	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Buller, Marion	X		Chancellor	Ex officio
Campbell, Erin		X	Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Clarke, JoAnne			Dean, Division of Continuing Studies	Ex officio
Croft, Elizabeth	X		Vice-President Academic and Provost	Ex officio
Curran, Deborah	X		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Devor, Aaron	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Diether, Kelly	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Dunsdon, Jim	X		Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Emery Ree			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Friedland, Matsuko		X	Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Garcia-Barrera, Mauricio		X	Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Grewal, Ashmita	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Gupta, Rishi	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Hall, Kevin	X		President and Vice-Chancellor	Chair of Senate
Hallgrimsdottir, Helga	X		Acting Vice- Provost	By invitation
Hancock, Rob	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Harder, Lois	X		Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Ex officio
Harding, Catherine	X		Faulty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Hicks, Robin	X		Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Hier, Sean			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Hof, Fraser			Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Hoorfar, Mina	X		Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Ex officio
Hope Tucker, Nathaniel	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Huang, Li-Shih	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Hundal, Navinder	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Hundza, Sandra	X		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Itamunoala, Belema	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Jeffery, Donna	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the faculty members
Jensen, Alannah			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Kalynchuk, Lisa	X		Vice-President Research and Innovation	Ex officio
Kaur, Anureet			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Kelly, Erin	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Kerr, Tom	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Klein, Saul		X	A/Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
Koch, Matthew	X		Continuing Sessional	Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Kuklev, Artem	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Kurki, Helen	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Laidlaw, Mark	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Lepp, Annalee	X		Dean, Faculty of Humanities	Ex officio
Lindgren, Allana		X	Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	Ex officio
Loock, Peter	X		Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Marks, Lynne	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
McDonough, Graham	X		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
McGregor, Catherine	X		A/Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Minshall, Simon	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Mucina, Devi	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Mukhopadhyaya, Phalguni	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the faculty members
Nair, Sudhir	X		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Napoleon, Val			A/Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Navarro, Julio	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Newcombe, Andrew		X	Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Peta, Liam	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Raiwal, Joban	X		Student Senator	Elected by the student societies
Russell, Carolyn			Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Saab, Ada	X		Associate University Secretary	By Invitation
Salem, Joseph	X		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Shi, Yang	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Smith, Brock			Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Stewart, Kenneth			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Stinson, Danu	X		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Taylor, Wendy	X		Acting Registrar	By Invitation
Voss, Graham	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Walde, Paul	X		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Walshaw, Jill	X		Faulty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Wang, Alivia	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Warburton, Rebecca	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
White, Jennifer	X		A/Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Wilson, Lara	X		Professional Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Wright, Bruce	X		Head, Division of Medical Sciences	Additional Member
Wu, David			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective January 1, 2023EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)

Chancellor: Marion Buller (31/12/24)
 President and Vice-Chancellor: Kevin Hall, Chair
 Vice-President Academic & Provost: Elizabeth Croft
 Vice-President Research and Innovation: Lisa Kalynchuk
 A/Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Saul Klein
 A/Dean of Education: Catherine McGregor
 Dean of Engineering: Mina Hoorfar
 Dean of Continuing Studies: Jo-Anne Clarke
 Dean of Fine Arts: Allana Lindgren
 Dean of Graduate Studies: Robin Hicks (Vice-Chair)
 Dean of Humanities: Annalee Lepp
 A/Dean of HSD: Jennifer White
 A/Dean of Law: Val Napoleon
 Dean of Science: Peter Loock
 Dean of Social Sciences: Lois Harder
 University Librarian: Jonathan Bengtson

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES

- Section 35 (2) (g)

BUSI: Sudhir Nair (30/6/25)
 Brock Smith (30/6/24)
 EDUC: Sandra Hundza (30/6/23)
 Graham McDonough (30/6/25)
 ENGR: Rishi Gupta (30/6/25)
 Yang Shi (30/6/23)
 FINE: Catherine Harding (30/6/25)
 Joseph Salem (30/6/24)
 GRAD: Mauricio Garcia-Barrera (30/6/23)
 Danu Stinson (30/6/25)
 HSD: Simon Minshall (30/6/25)
 Devi Mucina (30/6/24)
 HUMS: Lynne Marks (30/6/24)
 Jill Walshaw (30/6/25)
 LAW: Deborah Curran (30/6/25)
 Andrew Newcombe (30/6/23)
 SCIE: Alexander Brolo (30/6/23)
 Mark Laidlaw (30/6/23)
 SOSC: Robert Hancock (30/6/24)
 Helen Kurki (30/6/23)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

- Sections 35 (2) (g)

Erin Campbell (FINE) (30/6/23)
 Aaron Devor (SOSC) (30/6/23)
 Sean Hier (SOSC) (30/6/24)
 Fraser Hof (SCIE) (30/6/23)
 Li-Shih Huang (HUM) (30/6/24)
 Donna Jeffery (HSD) (30/6/25)
 Erin Kelly (HUM) (30/6/24)
 Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya (ENGR) (30/6/25)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTYMEMBERS (continued)

Julio Navarro (SCIE) (30/6/23)
 Kenneth Stewart (SOSC) (30/6/23)
 Graham Voss (SOSC) (30/6/24)
 Paul Walde (FINE) (30/6/23)

MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENTSOCIETIES – Section 35 (2) (h)

Chekwube Anyaegbunam (GRAD) (30/6/23)
 Justin Bonnieux (SOSC) “
 Hannah Brown (GRAD) “
 Ree Emery (EDUC) “
 Matsuko Friedland (HSD) “
 Ashmita Grewal (HSD) “
 Nathaniel Hope Tucker (SOSC) “
 Navinder Hundal (SCIE) “
 Tamunobelema Itamunoala (GRAD) “
 Alannah Jensen (LAW) “
 Anureet Kaur (HUMS) “
 Tom Kerr (BUSI) “
 Artem Kuklev (SOSC) “
 Liam Peta (SOSC) “
 Joban Raiwal (ENGR) “
 David Wu (FINE) “

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

– Section 35 (2) (i)

Kelly Diether (30/06/24)
 Carolyn Russell (30/06/24)
 Alivia Wang (30/06/24)
 Rebecca Warburton (30/06/24)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Bruce Wright
 Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
 Lara Wilson (30/06/24)
 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 Deputy Provost: Helga Hallgrímsdóttir
 Assoc. VP Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
 A/Assoc. VP Academic Planning: Elizabeth Adjin-Tetty
 A/Registrar: Wendy Taylor
 Associate University Secretary: Ada Saab