



Meeting of Senate
January 6, 2023

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on January 6, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre, Room A180.

Senate Chair Kevin Hall chaired the meeting.

K. Hall called the meeting to order.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (K. Stewart/A. Lepp)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. December 2, 2022

Motion: (S. Minshall/R. Hancock)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on December 2, 2022 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

The President welcomed everyone back to campus and wished Senate a happy new year. He thanked everyone for their patience while the university tackled the impacts of heavy snowfall on the final examination schedule.

K. Hall noted important events on campus, such as the January 11th Women Leading Change series hosted by the Lieutenant Governor and January 26th as Holocaust Remembrance Day. He also noted the two new welcome banners on the campus greenway designed by Coast Salish artist Margaret August.

K. Hall announced the launch of a United Nations Training Centre (CIFAL) and UVic's position as the first CIFAL partner on the west coast of North America.

Finally, K. Hall congratulated Professor Emeritus Budd Hall with the School of Public Administration and Co-Chair of the UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education for his appointment as Officer of the Order of Canada. K. Hall also noted two President's Chair appointments to Dr. Pooja Parmar, Faculty of Law, and Dr. Lisa Kahaleole Hall, Faculty of Humanities.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Grading Report for 2021/2022

Yasmine Kandil, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, introduced the grading report. In response to a question, she confirmed that the report was publicly available.

Senators discussed the evidence of grade inflation and the role of Senate and the Provost in guiding instructors and their Chair/Directors on grading standards. Y. Kandil commented that the concerns raised at the meeting were similar to the discussion at the committee meeting.

A Senator commented on the grade descriptors and whether the university needed to consider different languages to reflect better what percentage of students achieve grades in the A range. Another Senator also noted the grade range might need adjustment.

It was noted that all grades must be approved and enforcement of grading standards are placed at the level of the Chair or Dean of each Faculty and that these roles need support in ensuring grade inflation is monitored. An additional comment was made regarding the use of percentages and the need to control grading at the unit level.

A Senator argued that the increased grades could also reflect the university's improvement in learning and teaching.

As a last comment, Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost agreed to work with Deans and Chairs/Directors on this matter. K. Hall asked the Vice-President Academic and Provost to also benchmark UVic against other universities.

ii. Introduction of optional Co-Equal (non-Hierarchical) Supervisory Committees

Y. Kandil introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (R. Hancock/D. Curran)

That Senate approve the revision to the Graduate Academic Calendar to include an option for Co-Equal Supervisory Committees as outlined in the attached proposal.

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b. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. 2021/2022 Annual Report

Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, introduced the annual report. There were no questions.

ii. Upcoming Senate committee vacancies

A. Saab introduced the upcoming Senate committee vacancies. There were no questions.

iii. Appointments to the 2022/2023 Senate standing committees

Mauricio Garcia-Barrera, Chair of the Nominations Sub-committee, introduced the appointments. In response to a question, M. Garcia-Barrera explained the process of assigning individuals to each committee.

Motion: (M. Garcia-Barrera/R. Gupta)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2022/2023 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document.

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Rishi Gupta, a member of the Senate Committee on Awards, introduced the new and revised awards. He updated Senate on the work underway to better define the terms of the awards.

A Senator commented on the connection between the terms of the awards and the earlier grade inflation discussion. He emphasized the importance of solving both issues.

Another Senator asked why there was no first name for the Dr. Nandi Scholarship. Lori Nolt, Director of Student Awards and Financial Aid, said she would check on this possible omission.

Motion: (R. Gupta/A. Lepp)

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:

- Susan Patricia Phillips Memorial Prize (New)
- Alan Steven John Awards in Visual Arts (New)
- Peter Liddell Award in Humanities Computing* (Revised)
- Hugh and Lilian Salmond Engineering Award* (Revised)
- Perry Shawana Graduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- Aloise & Aurora Garcia Gilbert Victory Award (New)
- Gildardo & Lucia Garcia-Alvarez Vikes Rowing Award (Revised)
- Carolyn E. & Robert J. McCormick Indigenous Entrance Scholarship (Revised)
- Inuit Women Legal Scholar Award (Revised)

- Anthany Dawson Justice Award* (Revised)
- Francis Woods Memorial Scholarship (New)
- David F. Strong Research Scholarship* (Revised)
- Costco Canada Undergraduate Scholarship* (Revised)
- Victoria Pride Award in Honour of David Tillson* (Revised)
- Sydney G. Pettit Scholarship* (Revised)
- Thomas Henry (Harry) and Doris Collom Scholarship* (Revised)
- John H. Rennie Scholarship in Business* (Revised)
- Lilia Zaharieva Award in the School of Child and Youth Care (New)
- Hugh and Lilian Salmond Scholarship in Biochemistry and/or Microbiology (Revised)
- Dr. Nandi Scholarship (New)
- Vikes International Athlete Award (Revised)

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d. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Proposal to discontinue the Combined Major in French and English Canadian Literature

Annalee Lepp, member of the Senate Committee on Planning, introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (A. Lepp/D. Curran)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Combined Major in French and English Canadian Literature, as described in the document "Discontinuance of the Combined Major in French and English Canadian Literature".

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ii. Proposed changes to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in English Programs

A. Lepp introduced the proposal. In response to a question about why the course code had been changed, Stephen Ross, Department of English, explained that the program had run out of numbers to use with the former course code at the undergraduate level. This change was made at the graduate level to remain consistent.

Motion: (A. Lepp/A. Newcombe)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Master of Arts in English program, as described in the document "Department of English Course Offering Changes".

CARRIED

Motion: (A. Lepp/M. Laidlaw)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the Doctor of Philosophy in English program, as described in the document “Department of English Course Offering Changes”.

CARRIED

iii. Proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy in Indigenous Governance

A. Lepp introduced the proposal. A senator questioned the reasoning behind the yearly intakes and graduation estimates for the program, citing a possible lack of clarity in both. Devi Mucina, School of Indigenous Governance, explained that the collaborative nature of the emerging program meant enrollment numbers would need to start out small.

Motion: (A. Lepp/R. Hancock)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a Doctor of Philosophy in Indigenous Governance, as described in the document “PhD in Indigenous Governance”, and that this granting of 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

iv. Proposal to add a new stream in Sustainable Innovation to the existing Master of Business Administration program

A. Lepp introduced the program. There were no questions.

Motion: (A. Lepp/S. Klein)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to recognize the Sustainable Innovation stream in the Master of Business Administration program as described in the document “Master of Business Administration in Sustainable Innovation”.

CARRIED

v. Proposal to add a new stream in Strategic Leadership to the existing Master of Business Administration program

A. Lepp introduced the proposal. A Senator questioned whether the proposed change required a largely unused template.

Motion: (A. Lepp/S. Klein)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to add a new stream in Master of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership to the existing Master of Business Administration program, as described in the document "Master of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership".

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

There was none.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Adjin-Tettey, Elizabeth		☒	A/Associate Vice-President Academic Planning	By Invitation
Andersen, Carrie	☒		University Secretary	Secretary of Senate
Anyaegbunam, Chekwube	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Bengtson, Jonathan	☒		University Librarian	Ex officio
Bonnieux, Justin	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Brolo, Alexander	☒		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Brown, Hannah		☒	Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Buller, Marion	☒		Chancellor	Ex officio
Campbell, Erin	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Clarke, JoAnne	☒		Dean, Division of Continuing Studies	Ex officio
Croft, Elizabeth	☒		Vice-President Academic and Provost	Ex officio
Curran, Deborah	☒		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Devor, Aaron	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Diether, Kelly	☒		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Dunsdon, Jim	☒		Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Emery, Ree			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Friedland, Matsuko		☒	Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Garcia-Barrera, Mauricio	☒		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Grewal, Ashmita	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Gupta, Rishi	☒		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Hall, Kevin	☒		President and Vice-Chancellor	Chair of Senate
Hallgrimsdottir, Helga	☒		Acting Vice- Provost	By invitation
Hancock, Rob	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Harder, Lois		☒	Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Ex officio
Harding, Catherine	☒		Faulty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Hicks, Robin		☒	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			Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Ex officio
Hope Tucker, Nathaniel	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Huang, Li-Shih	☒		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
Itamunoala, Belema			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Jeffery, Donna	☒		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the faculty members
Jensen, Alannah			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Kalynchuk, Lisa	☒		Vice-President Research and Innovation	Ex officio
Kaur, Anureet			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Kelly, Erin	☒		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Kerr, Tom	☒		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Klein, Saul	☒		A/Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
Koch, Matthew			Continuing Sessional	Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Kuklev, Artem			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Kurki, Helen	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Laidlaw, Mark	☒		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Lepp, Annalee	☒		Dean, Faculty of Humanities	Ex officio
Lindgren, Allana			Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	Ex officio
Loock, Peter			Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Marks, Lynne			Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
McDonough, Graham	☒		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
McGregor, Catherine	☒		A/Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Minshall, Simon	☒		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Mucina, Devi	☒		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Mukhopadhyaya, Phalguni	☒		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the faculty members
Nair, Sudhir	☒		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Napoleon, Val			A/Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Navarro, Julio	☒		Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Newcombe, Andrew	☒		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Peta, Liam			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Raiwal, Joban			Student Senator	Elected by the student societies
Russell, Carolyn	☒		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Saab, Ada	☒		Associate University Secretary	By Invitation
Salem, Joseph	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Shi, Yang			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	☒		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Taylor, Wendy	☒		Acting Registrar	By Invitation
Voss, Graham	☒		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Walde, Paul	☒		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Walshaw, Jill	☒		Faulty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Wang, Alivia	☒		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Warburton, Rebecca	☒		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
White, Jennifer	☒		A/Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Wilson, Lara	☒		Professional Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Wright, Bruce	☒		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, 2023

EX 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 FACULTY

MEMBERS (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 STUDENT

SOCIETIES – 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