



Meeting of Senate
February 2, 2024

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 2, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Jamie Cassels Centre, Room A180.

Kevin Hall called the meeting to order and offered a territorial acknowledgement. He thanked Vice-Chair Robin Hicks for chairing the last few meetings in his absence.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

K. Hall advised two items were being removed from the agenda by the Senate Committee on Academic Standards. These were items 6(a)(ii) and 6(a)(iii).

Motion: (Y. Kandil/P. Loock)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

a. January 5, 2024

Motion: (J. Salinas/A. Newcombe)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on January 5, 2024 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

K. Hall acknowledged that February is Black History Month, a time to honour the legacy of Black people in Canada. He outlined some of the events on campus to celebrate and on videos that were available, all due to the great work of the Scarborough Charter Steering Committee.

K. Hall reported that February 11 was the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, noting that diversity in science research is critical and this day is a reminder that women and girls play a critical role in science and technology communities.

K. Hall offered congratulations to Lisa Kalynchuk for her re-appointment as Vice-President Research and Innovation.

K. Hall provided an update on awards:

- UVic received a record number of Royal Society of Canada fellowships or college of new scholars in 2023.
- Graduate student in Chemistry, Nicholas J. Roberts was the winner of the Gilead Early Career Award for Excellence in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion for his work in the advocacy and leadership in supporting students with invisible disabilities.
- Dr. Makhsud Saidaminov, Assistant Professor in Chemistry and Electrical and Computer Engineering won the Keith Laidler Award for outstanding early-career contributions to physical chemistry.
- Dr. Lisa Reynolds from Biochemistry and Microbiology won the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Early Career Research Prize.
- Vikes women's rowing coach, Jane Gumley, was a finalist for the BC Sports Coach of the Year.

Finally, K. Hall advised that every year the university was asked to submit its capital plan, and as part of the submission the university's top priority was 500 beds of new student housing. The university has been invited to develop a business case for Spring of 2025.

A member of Senate asked if an update could be provided on the Federal Government's announcement on the restrictions for international students. K. Hall reported on the Federal Government's plan to issue visa applications and how those will be allocated to each of the provinces. He said those that are allocated to British Columbia would then have to be allocated across each of the post-secondary institutions across the province. K. Hall commented on the potential implications for UVic and on outstanding issues to be resolved.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. School of Nursing change to the admission requirements for the Master of Nursing Indigenous Wellness stream

Yasmine Kandil, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards introduced the proposal.

In response to a question on the number applicants versus graduates, Maureen Ryan, Associate Dean Academic, Faculty of Human and Social Development, advised that priority for admission was to Indigenous nurses.

Motion: (Y. Kandil/R. Hancock)

That Senate approve the change to the admission requirement for the Master of Nursing Indigenous Wellness stream in the May 2024 graduate academic calendar.

CARRIED

ii. Removal of History of Science pre-requisite for Science teaching areas in the B.Ed. Secondary Post-Degree Program

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

Motion: (Y. Kandil/D. Jeffery)

That Senate approve the change to the Science pre-requisites for Science teaching areas in the B.Ed. Secondary Post-Degree Program in the May 2024 undergraduate academic calendar.

CARRIED

iii. Proposed changes to the stated requirements of the B.Sc. (Honours) degree in the Department of Biology

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

Motion: (Y. Kandil/P. Loock)

That Senate approve the change to the academic requirements for the Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in the Department of Biology in the May 2024 undergraduate academic calendar.

CARRIED

iv. Removal of internal GPA requirement, BFA Major program in Theatre

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

Motion: (Y. Kandil/A. Lindgren)

That Senate approve the change to the academic requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Major Theatre program in the May 2024 undergraduate academic calendar.

CARRIED

v. Aegrotat (AEG) Grade Notation

Y. Kandil introduced the proposal. In response to a question on the graduate calendar, Y. Kandil advised that the AEG grade was not used in that faculty.

Motion: (Y. Kandil/A. Newcombe)

That Senate approve the revisions to definition of the Aegrotat Grade Notation in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar in the May 2024 undergraduate academic calendar.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

M. Ryan, Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards, introduced the new and revised awards. There were no questions.

Motion: (R. Gupta/J. Salinas)

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:

- Robyn Kathleen Addison Scholarship in Environmental Studies (Revised)
- Alec Maclean Award in Economics (Revised)
- TANSI Award (Revised)
- Maple Reinders Scholarship (New)
- Carolyn E. & Robert J. McMormick Indigenous Graduate Scholarship (New)
- Peninsula Co-op Dr. Ian MacPherson Memorial Scholarship* (Revised)
- Chaney Award* (Revised)
- Marilyn McCrimmon Scholarship in Education* (Revised)
- Gustavson School of Business Emergency Bursary (New)
- Dr. Charlotte Loppie Award* (Revised)
- Joyce Green and James Johnson Scholarship* (New)
- Harris & Co Black Legal Scholar Award (New)
- Harris & Co Diversity Entrance Award (New)
- Juliana Polstein Memorial Award* (New)
- Alexander, Holburn, Beaudin and Lang Scholarship (Revised)
- Carfra Lawton LLP Scholarship (Revised)
- Cook Roberts Scholarship in Civil Procedure (Revised)
- Cook Roberts Scholarship in Business Associations (Revised)
- Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP Prize in Intellectual Property & Technology Law (Revised)
- Harper Grey Insurance Law Prize (Revised)
- J.S.D. Tory Prize for Advocacy (Revised)
- JFK Law LLP Prize in Indigenous Lands, Rights, and Governance (Revised)
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Administrative Law Process (Revised)
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Business Associations (Revised)
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Secured Transactions (Revised)
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Securities Regulation (Revised)
- Lothar Hermann Redlin Memorial Scholarship* (Revised)
- Oyen, Wiggs, Green & Mutala Prize in Intellectual Property (Revised)
- Nash Johnston LLP Scholarship in Evidence (Revised)
- G. Allan Higenbottam Prize in Legal and Legislative Drafting* (Revised)
- Christopher P. Kehler Memorial Prize in Family Law* (Revised)
- Chris Considine Prize in Evidence* (Revised)
- Professor Jim Ellis Memorial Prize in Advanced Taxation* (Revised)
- Professor Jim Ellis Memorial Prize in International Business* (Revised)

- Professor Jim Ellis Memorial Prize in International Law* (Revised)
- Victoria Estate Planning Council Douglas Gray Book Prize* (Revised)
- HSBC Bank Canada Indigenous Award* (Revised)

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CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. 2024/2025 Cycle 1 Curriculum Submissions

Adam Con, Chair of the Senate Committee on Curriculum, introduced the proposal. He advised Senate that the proposed change to the BA-ILP, located on page 1 of the curriculum summaries, had been removed from the docket.

Motion: (M. Laidlaw/C. Eagle)

That Senate approve the curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum, as amended, for inclusion in the May 2024 academic calendars.

CARRIED

Motion: (S. Minshall/A. Wang)

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 for changes to the BSN University of Victoria and College Partners program in the School of Nursing Program

Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Chair of the Senate Committee on Planning, introduced the proposal.

A member of Senate commented that they found the curriculum outline confusing and hard to navigate, especially the unit values, and thought there could be clarity on how they were calculated.

Motion: (C. Kennedy/A. Mallidou)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposed changes to the BSN University of Victoria and College Partners program in the School of Nursing, as described in the document "University of Victoria and College Partners BSN Program".

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. Re-Appointment of an Orator for the University of Victoria

Carrie Andersen, University Secretary, introduced the proposal. There were no questions.

Motion: (J. Salinas/M. Buller)

That Senate re-appoint Mary Kennedy as Orator for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

CARRIED

b. 10-Year Sessional Calendar

C. Andersen introduced the revisions to the sessional calendar.

A member of Senate commented that most terms consisted of 59 days in length and given the recent closures of the university due to weather, this impacted on the ability to deliver an effective academic program. C. Andersen acknowledged the multi-faceted nature of the issue, and indicated that consideration how to address term length, course scheduling and the exam period would require careful consideration.

Motion: (J. Salem/A. Mallidou)

That Senate approve the 2023 – 2033 10-Year Sessional Calendar.

CARRIED

c. Academic Important Dates

C. Andersen introduced the revisions to the Academic Important Dates.

A member of Senate noted that the last day to pay fees was September 30 which was a statutory holiday, and was looking for assurance that students were not impacted by the university being closed. K. Hall said inquiries would be made into the question. Another member of Senate commented on the number of missed Monday class days. C. Andersen confirmed that this was a long-standing concern raised by members of Senate.

Motion: (L. Wilson/J. Salem)

That Senate approve the Academic Important Dates for the period May 2025 through December 2025 for submission to the May 2024 undergraduate and graduate academic calendar publications.

CARRIED

d. 2024/2025 Senate Meetings Dates

C. Andersen introduced the list of meeting dates for next academic year.

A member of Senate commented on the traditional cycle of Senate meetings, noting that some faculty worked all year round, and there were faculty that did not necessary teach during the fall. K. Hall acknowledged this and noted that the Office of the University Secretary would look at this.

Motion: (B. Smith/S. Pavlik)

That Senate approve the 2024/2025 Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates.

CARRIED

e. Membership of the *Ad-hoc* Senate Committee on Academic Health Programming

C. Andersen advised that the Senate member of the Ad-hoc Senate Committee had recently resigned. Expressions of interest were being sought from member of Senate to serve on the committee. Expressions of interest could be sent to the Office of the University Secretary.

K. Hall reminded Senate of the special meeting scheduled for February 9, 2024.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Adjin-Tetty, Elizabeth	X		Associate Vice-President Academic Programs	By Invitation
Aikau, Hokulani	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Andersen, Carrie	X		University Secretary	Secretary of Senate
Andreotti, Vanessa	X		Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Anyaeibunam, Chekwube	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Bengtson, Jonathan	X		University Librarian	Ex officio
Bhappu, Anita	X		Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
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, Jo-Anne	X		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
Diether, Kelly			Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Dunsdon, Jim			Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Eagle, Chris	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the faculty members
Empringham, Kyle		X	Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Fyfe, Benjamin			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Gaudet, Loren	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
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		Deputy 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
Harris, Moronke			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Hicks, Robin			Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Hier, Sean			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Holdaway, Anais			Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Hoorfar, Mina		X	Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Ex officio
Hope Tucker, Nathaniel			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Huang, Li-Shih	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Humphreys, Sara	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Hundza, Sandra	X		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Jeffery, Donna	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the faculty members
Kalynchuk, Lisa	X		Vice-President Research and Innovation	Ex officio
Kandil, Yasmine	X		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the faculty members
Kelly, Erin	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the faculty members
Kennedy, Cole	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Koch, Matthew	X		Continuing Sessional	Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Kodar, Freya			Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Laidlaw, Mark	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Lee, Kelvin			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
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
Mallidou, Anastasia	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the faculty members
Marks, Lynne	X		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Martin, Travis	X		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
McGinnis, Martha	X		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Minshall, Simon	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
Newcombe, Andrew	X		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Pavlik, Sophie	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Prendergast, Monica	X		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Prince, Michael	X		A/Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Rose-Redwood, CindyAnn	X		Faculty of Socia Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Saab, Ada		X	Associate University Secretary	By Invitation
Salem, Joseph	X		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Salinas, Justin	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Sirois Ennis, Daniela	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Smith, Brock	X		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Stinson, Danu	X		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Struchtrup, Henning	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Sukhdeo, Nathaniel	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Taylor, Wendy	X		Acting Registrar	By Invitation
Voss, Graham			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Wang, Alivia	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Wang, Emily			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Warburton, Rebecca	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Wilson, Lara	X		Professional Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Wright, Bruce	X		Head, Division of Medical Sciences	Additional Member
Zhou, Lina	X		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the faculty members

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective January 1, 2024EX 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 and Provost: Elizabeth Croft
 Vice-President Research and Innovation: Lisa Kalynchuk
 Dean of Peter B. Gustavson School of Business: Anita Bhappu
 Dean of Education: Vanessa Andreotti
 Dean of Engineering: Mina Hoorfar
 Dean of Continuing Studies: JoAnne Clarke
 Dean of Fine Arts: Allana Lindgren
 Dean of Graduate Studies: Robin Hicks (Vice-Chair)
 Dean of Humanities: Annalee Lepp
 Acting Dean of HSD: Michael Prince
 Dean of Law: Freya Kodar
 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 (30/6/25)
 Monica Prendergast (30/6/26)
 ENGR : Rishi Gupta (30/6/25)
 Henning Struchtrup (30/6/26)
 FINE: Catherine Harding (30/6/25)
 Joseph Salem (30/6/24)
 GRAD: Martha McGinnis (30/6/26)
 Danu Stinson (30/6/25)
 HSD: Hokulani Aikau (30/6/24)
 Simon Minshall (30/6/25)
 HUMS: Loren Gaudet (30/6/25)
 Lynne Marks (30/6/24)
 LAW: Deborah Curran (30/6/25)
 Andrew Newcombe (30/6/26)
 SCIE: Mark Laidlaw (30/6/26)
 Travis Martin (30/6/26)
 SOSC: Rob Hancock (30/6/24)
 CindyAnn Rose-Redwood (30/6/26)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

- Sections 35 (2) (g)

Erin Campbell (FINE) (30/6/26)
 Chris Eagle (SCIE) (30/6/26)
 Sean Hier (SOSC) (30/6/24)
 Sara Humphreys (HUM) (30/6/26)
 Li-Shih Huang (HUM) (30/6/24)
 Donna Jeffery (HSD) (30/6/24)
 Yasmine Kandil (FINE) (30/6/26)
 Erin Kelly (HUM) (30/6/24)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTYMEMBERS (continued)

Anastasia Mallidou (HSD) (30/6/26)
 Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya (ENGR) (30/6/25)
 Graham Voss (SOSC) (30/6/24)
 Lina Zhou (ENGR) (30/6/26)

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

Chekwube Anyaegbunam (GRAD) (30/6/24)
 Hannah Brown (GRAD) “
 Kyle Empringham (GRAD) “
 Benjamin Fyfe (BUSI) “
 Moronke Harris (GRAD) “
 Nathaniel Hope Tucker (SOSC) “
 Cole Kennedy (GRAD) “
 Kelvin Lee (ENGR) “
 Sophie Pavlik (SCIE) “
 Justin Salinas (HUMS) “
 Daniela Sirois Ennis (SOSC) “
 Nathaniel Sukhdeo (LAW) “
 Emily Wang (LAW) “
 Vacancy (EDUC) “
 Vacancy (FINE) “
 Vacancy (HSD) “

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

– Section 35 (2) (i)

Kelly Diether (30/06/24)
 Anaïs Holdaway (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 (30/06/26)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

University Secretary: Carrie Andersen

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

Deputy Provost: Helga Hallgrímsdóttir
 Assoc. VP Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
 Assoc. VP Academic Programs: Elizabeth Adjin-Tetty
 A/Registrar: Wendy Taylor
 Associate University Secretary: Ada Saab