



Special Meeting of Senate
June 6, 2024

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on June 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Kevin Hall called the meeting to order and offered a territorial acknowledgement.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. MINUTES

a. May 3, 2024

Motion: (J. Salinas/S. Minshall)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on May 3, 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 expressed his gratitude to members of Senate for their work over the academic year. As this was the last meeting for the year, he also thanked all outgoing members and the University Secretary's office for their work.

K. Hall advised members that the term for the Acting Registrar would be coming to completion at the end of the calendar year. In accordance with policy on the Procedures for the Selection of the Registrar, the Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost would be convening an appointment committee to begin meeting June 2024.

K Hall provided members with an update on the encampment which he acknowledged was an incredibly fraught and complex situation. He informed Senators that work was underway with many stakeholders in order to make informed decisions while maintaining a commitment to the safety of the campus community.

K. Hall advised that Digital Research Alliance of Canada has awarded the university an \$81M upgrade to the academic supercomputers to be shared with Simon Fraser University. Regarding the University of Victoria, this funding would be used to upgrade Arbutus, the largest cloud computing installation for academic research in the country.

K. Hall provided members with an update on a number of awards:

- Trefor Bazett, assistant teaching professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, received the Pacific Institute for the Mathematics Sciences Education Prize.
- Craig Brown, professor in the Division of Medical Sciences, received the 2023 Alumnus of the Year Award from the University of Calgary's Hotchkiss Brain Institute.
- Kate Moran, President and CEO of Ocean Networks Canada, was elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering for her leadership as President & CEO of Ocean Networks Canada.
- Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, professor in Civil Engineering, was elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering for his research in construction materials, testing, and innovative design.
- The Climate Disaster Project, a UVic initiative created by Sean Holman, Associate Professor in the Department of Writing, won the National Newspaper Award 2023 Special Recognition Citation.

K. Hall provided members with an update on the campus overdose earlier this Spring. A member of Senate commented on the communication and transparency around the situation.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Consultation on the Proposed Revisions to the Academic Integrity Policy for the Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Calendars

Yasmine Kandil, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards introduced the proposal and asked for Senate's feedback before a final proposal was recommended for approval.

Members of Senate provided feedback on clarity surrounding vocabulary used, support systems for students, responsibility for Instructors and Chairs/Directors, and penalties incurred during an investigation. Senators also cautioned against a policy defined by consequences.

In response to a question on the position of Academic Integrity Advisor, Y. Kandil explained that the Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost would be responsible.

Y. Kandil agreed to take Senate's feedback back to the committee for further discussion and consideration.

b. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2024/2025 Senate Standing Committees

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya, Chair of the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance Nominations Subcommittee, introduced the listing of appointments. There were no questions.

Motion: (P. Mukhopadhyaya/R. Hancock)

That Senate approve the appointment to the 2024/2025 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document.

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c. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Awards

Maureen Ryan, Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards, introduced the new and revised awards.

In response to a question on gender specifications, M. Ryan advised Senate that work was underway with the Office of Equity and Human Rights, the Development Office and the standing committee in reviewing terms for each award.

Motion: (F. Kodar/C. Harding)

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:

- BME Elevate Award (New)
- CPA Education Foundation Diversity Award (New)
- CPA Education Foundation Inclusion Award (New)
- Florence Women's Scholarship* (New)
- Marg Eastman Undergraduate Award in Nursing (New)

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d. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. Recommendations for Revisions to the Course Experience Survey

Alexandra D'Arcy, Chair of the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching, reviewed the revisions put forward and thanked Senators for their previous feedback which had been incorporated into this new proposal.

A. D'Arcy thanked the committee for their work, especially the late Rebecca Warburton who made significant contributions toward this proposal.

In response to a question about the order of questions, A. D'Arcy said there was not a prescribed order proposed but this was a matter for the Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation office, who will implement the survey, to consider.

Motion: (D. Curran/E. Kelly)

That Senate approve the revisions to the Course Experience Survey questions effective September 2024.

CARRIED

e. Ad-hoc Senate Committee on Academic Health Programming

i. Committee closeout report

Helga Hallgrímsdóttir, Chair of the Ad-hoc Senate Committee on Academic Health Programming, provided highlights of the committee's closeout report, including the presentation of what will take place now that the committee's work was complete. She thanked Senate for their thoughtful engagement throughout the process.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There was none.

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

a. Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost Update

Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost, thanked Senate and colleagues for their support throughout the year and reminded members of Senate of the "Let's Talk about Teaching" event. She encouraged faculty and colleagues to attend.

b. Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities (AC1205) Policy Renewal

H. Hallgrímsdóttir introduced the policy renewal and reminded Senate of the policy consultation at the May meeting. She noted that the document distributed with the agenda contained an error in Appendix B, that being the Procedural Authority should be Senate, not the Vice-President Academic and Provost. She noted this would be corrected if the proposal was approved.

Joel Lynn, Executive Director of Student Development and Success, referred to the chart which highlighted the changes. He thanked those who worked on the revisions, including feedback received from Student Senators and the Centre on Accessible Learning (CAL).

A Senator thanked those involved in the renewal and noted they could see where feedback had been incorporated. They remarked that this was a good step in the right direction.

A member of Senate expressed concern that the policy lacked clarity on what supports would be in place for instructors. H. Hallgrímsdóttir said there was a need to ensure there was the appropriate information in the policy and that this information was intended for the CAL website. J. Lynn reported hearing from

stakeholders that there was a need to centralize services to aid in instructor support in addition to a stronger commitment regarding communication to ensure all stakeholders were kept informed.

A member of Senate expressed concern on instructor workload as it appeared further resources were not being provided. Another member of Senate expressed concern on conflicting information being provided to instructors and the need to ensure consistent messaging.

H. Hallgrímsdóttir acknowledged these were important observations. J. Lynn added there was a need to move forward with clear communication tools for feedback in both academic and non-academic areas.

K. Hall noted the policy needed to be a living document, however, comments on workload were well taken.

Motion: (F. Kodar/H. Brown)

That Senate approve the revisions to the policy on Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities (AC1205) effective September 1, 2024.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Carrie Andersen, University Secretary, advised Senate that the President's first term would be ending within the next 18 months. She noted that in accordance with policy, a committee would be struck in the Fall and more information would be provided at that time.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Adjin-Tetty, Elizabeth			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	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Dunsdon, Jim	X		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		X	Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Hicks, Robin		X	Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Hier, Sean	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Holdaway, Anais		X	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			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	X		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			Dean, Faculty of Humanities	Ex officio
Lindgren, Allana		X	Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	Ex officio
Loock, Peter			Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Mallidou, Anastasia	X		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the faculty members
Marks, Lynne			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			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			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			Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Taylor, Wendy	X		Acting Registrar	By Invitation
Voss, Graham	X		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the faculty members
Wang, Alivia	X		Convocation Senator	Elected by the convocation
Wang, Emily	X		Student Senator	Elected from the student societies
Wilson, Lara	X		Professional Librarian	Elected by the Professional Librarians
Wright, Bruce			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 April 5, 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)
 Vacancy (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