



Meeting of Senate
November 1, 2024

MINUTES

An open meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on November 1, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in Sḡéqə ʔéʔləḡ (Snequ House), Conference Rooms A & B and via Zoom.

Annalee Lepp, Acting Chair on behalf of the President, call the meeting to order.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. MINUTES

a. October 4, 2024

A member of Senate suggested an expansion of the discussion summary related to the presentation on the university's financial statements. Another member of Senate requested further clarity on the proposed Academic Course Scheduling and Timetable Sequence Pattern Principles by the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching.

The minutes were tabled for further investigation of the written notes from the October meeting.

Motion: (L. Kalynchuk/J. Salinas)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on October 4, 2024 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

TABLED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

For those Senators who were not able to attend the President's townhall, A. Lepp noted there was a [video-recording available](#) for viewing on the UVic Events website.

A. Lepp thanked Robin Hicks, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, for serving as Vice-Chair of Senate for the past two years.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance

i. Appointments to the 2024/2025 Senate standing committees

Motion: (R. Hancock/L. Harder)

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

CARRIED

ii. Revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition

A. Lepp introduced the proposal to revise the terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition.

While understanding of the need for the revision, a member of Senate expressed concern with revoking a degree under any circumstance. Marion Buller, Chancellor and Chair of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition, explained that the revision was to be proactive versus reactive and was a process that would be rarely undertaken.

In response to a question to provide an example of an issue in which a degree would be revoked, Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, clarified that the worry was not about who this would include as much as the need to have a process in place to guide Senate in such a process.

Members expressed a need for caution to ensure the university did not cause egregious harm when contemplating any recommendation.

Motion: (M. Hoorfar/M. Buller)

That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. 2023/2024 Annual Report

Maureen Ryan, Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards, presented the committee's annual report. A Senator suggested future reports could include demographic tracking. There were no questions.

ii. New and Revised Awards

M. Ryan introduced the listing of new and revised awards. There were no questions.

Motion: (M. Ryan/S. Minshall)

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:

- Janina Wetselaar Award in Nursing (Revised)
- Bonnie and Ken Putt Award* (Revised)
- CSSE/EIC Vancouver Island Award (Revised)
- John and Debby Neville Vikes Men's Rowing Award (New)
- John and Debby Neville Vikes Women's Rowing Award (New)
- Association of Women in Finance Award (New)
- Dr. Angus McLaren Graduate Scholarship in Social History of Medicine, Sexuality, Reproduction and/or Gender* (New)
- Audrey and Carl Mawby CFUW Saanich Peninsula Award* (Revised)
- Harper Grey LLP Health Law Course Prize (New)
- Level Up Award presented by Codename Entertainment* (Revised)
- Lisa Koop Vikes Indigenous Athletic Award (New)
- Lobstick Award* (New)
- Ralston S Alexander, KC Memorial Award* (New)
- University of Victoria Graduate Indigenous Language Revitalization Award (Revised)
- University of Victoria Undergraduate Indigenous Language Revitalization Award (Revised)

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CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Graduate Studies

i. Proposed Framework for Professional Doctorates

Jennifer White, Associate Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, presented an overview of how the Faculty was working towards the creation of a more expansive array of professionally oriented graduate programs. She explained how professional doctorates would be different from the traditional PhD in that they would have a more applied lens and would focus on preparing graduates to undertake professional roles in distinct fields of practice.

J. White outlined the ways in which graduate programs could expand and diversify, the opportunities for student access, where current interest lies in developing professional doctorates at the university, and the opportunity for revenue generation. J. White spoke on the university's current graduate and masters programs, in addition to the more specific characteristics of the professional doctorate.

ii. Proposed Professional Doctorate of Engineering

Mina Hoorfar, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, presented a proposed Doctor of Engineering program currently under development. Highlights of the presentation included the target audience, rationale for the program, an environmental scan of similar programs and a high-level overview of the program-level learning outcomes and design.

A member of Senate expressed concern that the creation of a professional doctorate seemed to reduce the academic standards of the university. Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Associate Vice-President Academic Programs, clarified that the intent was not to reduce standards. She outlined the two research-oriented and practice-oriented doctoral programs currently existing in British Columbia.

Another Senator asked if the role of an external, industry partner as a member of the supervisory committee could influence research with specific interests. J. White assured Senate that an external member would be required to follow the existing rules surrounding graduate supervision. She also confirmed that all programs would be brought to Senate for approval. M. Hoorfar added that while industry partner may have different interests, the partnership would be a collaborative and positive experience for the student.

Anita Bhappu, Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, noted that the School of Business was also interested in offering a professional doctorate. She reported that the Doctorate in Business Administration already exists in Canada. Regarding any concerns regarding possible industry pressures, A. Bhappu replied that she did not see any more or less of an issue in traditional supervisory arrangements.

Several Senators also expressed support regarding this initiative and noted this would promote growth in the health and engineering sector as well as the address the need for more hands-on, real-world experience. A suggestion was made for the proposal to include a more fulsome explanation on the distinct differences between PhD and doctorate. Another suggestion was made to examine the university's interdisciplinary programs and understand how a doctorate would fit in these areas.

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, began her update by thanking those who participated in the recent Dean of Health site visits, noting that recordings of each candidates' CV and public presentations are available online. She advised that faculty, staff and students were welcome to submit their feedback to the committee by Friday, November 8.

E. Croft reminded members of Senate that Convocation was being held November 12 and 13, 2024, and that faculty were invited to join the Academic Procession. She recognized the significance of the ceremony for students and how meaningful it was for graduates to see their instructors in attendance. E. Croft also noted the Indigenous Recognition Ceremony would take place November 13.

E. Croft reminded Senators that the deadline to submit nominations for the REACH Awards was Monday, November 4.

In support of a safer campus for all students during the Hallowe'en season, E. Croft reported that the Associate Vice-President Student Affairs had emailed students this week to provide resources and general safety information related to gatherings and parties.

b. Enrolment update

Tony Eder, Associate Vice-President Academic Resource Planning, presented to Senate an enrolment update for 2024/25.

A member of Senate inquired as to when the new budget model would be presented to Senate as it would have an impact on the academic decision-making. T. Eder noted that the Senate Committee on University Budget had been consulted several times, and that the Office of the University Secretary was looking into further consultations.

A member of Senate also expressed excitement about a presentation on the new budget model. T. Eder advised members of Senate to look at the information on the website. He added that it would take time to undertake broad consultations and research. T. Eder also noted that an academic leader's retreat was scheduled for December.

In response to a question on the effect of international recruitment agents, T. Eder confirmed that the second year of Kaplan International's assistance has shown an increase in enrolments. Regarding a question on the diversity of recruited students, T. Eder said that Kaplan's network enabled a diversity of applicants but added it was the university who made the decision as to who was admitted.

A Senator noted, in terms of Kaplan, that international students want to ensure they were supported and not exploited. T. Eder agreed and noted that Kaplan had worked hard to understand the specific market for the University of Victoria.

c. Annual Report on Resolution of Non-Academic Misconduct Allegations

Joel Lynn, Executive Director, Student Development and Success, provided members of Senate with an overview of the annual report, noting the shift in reporting time to align with the academic year.

A member of Senate asked, given the challenges of the current year, if there was a feeling that the current policy held up to the various student action. J. Lynn advised that this would be part of the conversation with stakeholders during the policy renewal process.

Another member of Senate noted the spike in antisemitism on campus and the reluctance to report the issue. They asked if the student-centred approach hurt or help these issues and was there a sense of how many students elected to not follow through with a reporting process. J. Lynn replied that Cassbreea Dewis, Executive Director, Equity and Human Rights Officer, would need to speak on the issue as it was outside the scope of the policy currently presented to Senate.

In response to a Senator's question as to why there were no appeals, J. Lynn explained that it was the practice of the Office of Student Life to work with the student to remedy issues outside of the appeal process.

In response to a Senator's question on the change in the timing of the report and how it compared to previous years, J. Lynn noted that given this was a recent change, collection of longitudinal data will need time.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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Name	In Attendance	Regrets		Position
Adjin-Tetty, Elizabeth	Y		Associate Vice-President Academic Programs	By Invitation
Aikau, Hōkūlani	Y		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Andersen, Carrie	Y		University Secretary	Secretary of Senate
Bacchus, Chantal			Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Bengtson, Jonathan	Y		University Librarian	Ex officio
Bhappu, Anita	Y		Dean, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Ex officio
Buller, Marion	Y		Chancellor	Ex officio
Campbell, Erin			Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty Members
Caruncho, Hector	Y		Acting Head, Division of Medical Sciences	Additional Member
Clarke, Jo-Anne			Dean, Division of Continuing Studies	Ex officio
Colby, Jason	Y		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty Members
Con, Adam	Y		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty Members
Croft, Elizabeth	Y		Vice-President Academic and Provost	Ex officio
Curran, Deborah	Y		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Diether, Kelly	Y		Convocation Senator	Elected by the Convocation
Donovan, Kate	Y		Convocation Senator	Elected by the Convocation
Dudley, Dennine	Y		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Dunsdon, Jim		X	Associate Vice-President Student Affairs	By Invitation
Eagle, Chris	Y		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty Members
Foss, Sonja	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Gaudet, Loren		X	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Goodman, Emily	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Gupta, Rishi	Y		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Hall, Kevin		X	President and Vice-Chancellor	Chair of Senate
Hallgrimsdottir, Helga	Y		Deputy Provost	By invitation
Hancock, Rob	Y		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty Members
Harder, Lois	Y		Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences	Ex officio
Harding, Catherine	Y		Faculty of Fine Arts	Elected by the Faculty
Harris, Moronke			Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Hicks, Robin		X	Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies	Ex officio
Hodge, Jenn			Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Hoorfar, Mina	Y		Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Ex officio
Humphreys, Sara		X	Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty Members
Kalynchuk, Lisa	Y		Vice-President Research and Innovation	Ex officio
Kaminski, Norman		X	Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Kehoe, Inba			Librarian, McPherson Library	Elected by Professional Librarians
Kennedy, Cole	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Kodar, Freya	Y		Dean, Faculty of Law	Ex officio
Kuklev, Artem			Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Laidlaw, Mark	Y		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
Lawrence, Brenna	Y		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Lepp, Annalee	Y		Dean, Faculty of Humanities	Ex officio
Lindgren, Allana			Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts	Ex officio
Loock, Peter	Y		Dean, Faculty of Science	Ex officio
Maher, Evan	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Mallidou, Anastasia			Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty Members
Marks, Lynne	Y		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty
Martin, Travis	Y		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty
McGinnis, Martha	Y		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
McGregor, Catherine	Y		Acting Dean, Faculty of Education	Ex officio
Minshall, Simon	Y		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty
Morrissey, Isabella	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Mukhopadhyaya, Phalguni		X	Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty Members
Nair, Sudhir	Y		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Newcombe, Andrew	Y		Faculty of Law	Elected by the Faculty
Nowell, April			Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Prest, Anita	Y		Faculty of Education	Elected by the Faculty
Prince, Michael			A/Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development	Ex officio
Rose-Redwood, CindyAnn	Y		Faculty of Social Sciences	Elected by the Faculty
Ryan, Anthony	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Ryan, Maureen	Y		Faculty of Human and Social Development	Elected by the Faculty Members
Saab, Ada	Y		Associate University Secretary	By Invitation
Salinas, Justin	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Smith, Brock	Y		Peter B. Gustavson School of Business	Elected by the Faculty
Starkey, Ayla	Y		Student Senator	Elected from the Student Societies
Stinson, Danu	Y		Faculty of Graduate Studies	Elected by the Faculty
Struchtrup, Henning	Y		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty
Stuart, Thomas	Y		Continuing Sessional	Elected by the Continuing Sessionals
Taylor, Wendy	Y		Registrar	By Invitation
Walshaw, Jill	Y		Faculty of Humanities	Elected by the Faculty Members
Wang, Alivia	Y		Convocation Senator	Elected by the Convocation
Weaver, Andrew	Y		Faculty of Science	Elected by the Faculty Members
Wyatt, Victoria	Y		Convocation Senator	Elected by the Convocation
Zhou, Lina	Y		Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science	Elected by the Faculty Members

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective October 31, 2024EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35 (2) (a-f)

Chancellor: Marion Buller (31/12/27)
 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
 Dean of Humanities: Annalee Lepp (Vice-Chair)
 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 (30/6/27)
 EDUC: Breanna Lawrence (30/6/25)
 Anita Prest (30/6/26)
 ENGR: Rishi Gupta (30/6/25)
 Henning Struchtrup (30/6/26)
 FINE: Dennine Dudley (30/6/27)
 Catherine Harding (30/6/25)
 GRAD: Martha McGinnis (30/6/26)
 Danu Stinson (30/6/25)
 HSD: Hokulani Aikau (30/6/27)
 Simon Minshall (30/6/25)
 HUMS: Loren Gaudet (30/6/25)
 Lynne Marks (30/6/27)
 LAW: Deborah Curran (30/6/25)
 Andrew Newcombe (30/6/26)
 SCIE: Mark Laidlaw (30/6/26)
 Travis Martin (30/6/26)
 SOSC: April Nowell (30/6/27)
 CindyAnn Rose-Redwood (30/6/26)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS

- Sections 35 (2) (g)

Erin Campbell (FINE) (30/6/26)
 Jason Colby (HUMS) (30/6/27)
 Adam Con (FINE) (30/6/26)
 Chris Eagle (SCIE) (30/6/26)
 Rob Hancock (SOSC) (30/6/27)
 Sara Humphreys (HUMS) (30/6/26)
 Anastasia Mallidou (HSD) (30/6/26)
 Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya (ENGR) (30/6/25)

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTYMEMBERS (continued)

Maureen Ryan (HSD) (30/6/27)
 Jill Walshaw (HUMS) (30/6/25)
 Andrew Weaver (SCIE) (30/6/27)
 Lina Zhou (ENGR) (30/6/26)

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

Chantal Bacchus (LAW) (30/6/25)
 Sonja Foss (SOSC) “
 Emily Goodman (SOSC) “
 Moronke Harris (GRAD) “
 Jenn Hodge (HUMS) “
 Norman Kaminski (BUSI) “
 Cole Kennedy (GRAD) “
 Artem Kuklev (SOSC) “
 Evan Maher (ENGR) “
 Isabella Morrissey (SCIE) “
 Anthony Ryan (FINE) “
 Justin Salinas (HUMS) “
 Ayla Starkey (SOSC) “
 Vacancy (GRAD) “
 Vacancy (EDUC) “
 Vacancy (HSD) “

MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

– Section 35 (2) (i)

Kelly Diether (30/06/27)
 Kate Donovan (30/06/27)
 Alivia Wang (30/06/27)
 Victoria Wyatt (30/06/27)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

Acting Head, Division of Medical Sciences:
 Hector Caruncho
 Member elected by the Professional Librarians:
 Inba Kehoe (30/06/27)
 Continuing Sessional: Thomas Stuart (30/06/26)

SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

University Secretary: Carrie Andersen

BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

Deputy Provost: Helga Hallgrímsdóttir
 AVP Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
 AVP Academic Programs: Elizabeth Adjin-Tetty
 Registrar: Wendy Taylor
 Associate University Secretary: Ada Saab