



## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 4, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the David Strong Building, Room C116.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Turpin said a closed session would be added to the end of the meeting.

Motion: (D. Greschner/R. Howell)  
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

Motion: (M. Walsh/M. Purkis)  
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on December 3, 2010 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

Dr. Turpin welcomed Dr. Reeta Tremblay, Vice-President Academic and Provost to her first Senate meeting.

On the federal front, Dr. Turpin reported that universities were advocating to maintain support for granting councils and research in the coming budget. He thought the budget might contain a modest amount of funding for international marketing and implementation of a national brand. After release of the federal budget, Dr. Turpin said university presidents would be coordinating a response through AUCC.

On the provincial front, Dr. Turpin reported that all policy development had been halted until a new Premier was in place. He said this included the opportunity for universities to opt out of the government reporting entity. With respect to provincial leadership, Dr. Turpin said universities

had been meeting with leadership candidates from all parties in order to inform them of the issues affecting post-secondary education.

Dr. Jim Anglin provided an update on the recent trip to India by a number of UVic delegates. He provided members of Senate with some background on the higher education system in India. Dr. Anglin said there were a number of opportunities in India with respect to higher education. He said that both the Canadian government and AUCC were working to raise the profile of Canadian universities in India. Dr. Anglin reported on the different meetings attended by UVic delegates in India, which included meetings with a number of Canadian university presidents, scholarship announcements, and meetings with the Society for Participatory Research in Asia. Meetings had also been held to develop partnerships between UVic and select Indian universities.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on matters at the university. He reported that:

- the university was in the process of carrying out consultations for renewal of the Strategic Plan;
- a new “Dimensions in Health” brochure had been distributed to members of Senate;
- the Board of Governors approved a motion on February 1, 2011 to proceed with the Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities, subject to successful completion of the undergraduate students’ referendum;
- Ibrahim Inayatoli was appointed Associate Vice-President Alumni and Development and was joining the university on March 1, 2011;
- CBC’s “The National” ranked NEPTUNE as #4 on the top 10 science stories of 2010;
- in the December 17 edition of Science magazine, NEPTUNE was listed as one of 37 developments in 2010 that tested the limits of knowledge and influenced thinking about the global research enterprise;
- later this year, the Maltwood Gallery will move to an expanded space in UVic’s downtown Legacy Gallery;
- UVic received a generous gift of \$1 million from Stephen Jarislowsky to endow the Jarislowsky CAPI East Asia (Japan) Chair;
- \$13.3 million was received from the provincial government to purchase a coast guard vessel for the VENUS project;
- the 2010 United Way campaign exceeded its goal, raising over \$300,000;
- the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Advisory Committee was meeting regularly in preparation for the university’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations;
- the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Week starts next week with 15 events planned;
- a report on childcare will be released shortly that will include a series of recommendations for issues regarding childcare;
- on January 19, 2011 the Faculty of Education opened the Centre for Outreach Education, which was made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous donor;
- the university was still in the process of seeking to have the Queenswood property rezoned; and
- the Department of Astronomy has its new telescope open to the public every Wednesday night.

With regard to awards and prizes at the university, Dr. Turpin announced that:

- the Canadian Psychological Association's Accreditation panel for Doctoral Programs and Internships in Professional Psychology re-affirmed UVic's accreditation status for the graduate program in Clinical Psychology;
- the Martlet won the *Globe and Mail's* Global Student Newspaper Challenge;
- David Sinton, Ned Dijali and Patrick von Aderkas were the recipients of NSERC strategic project grants;
- the city of Victoria recently celebrated 14 honorary citizens, four of whom are affiliated with UVic;
- for the second year in a row, UVic was recognized as one of BC's top 100 employers; and
- UVic behavioural psychologist, Ryan Rhodes, was recently awarded one of two 2011 Canadian Cancer Society Senior Scientist Award.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

## 6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

### a. Senate Committee on Awards

#### i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Motion: (D. Baer/R. Howell)

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 as recommended by the Senate Committee on Awards:

- Canadian Federation of University Women Victoria Entrance Scholarship – In Honour of Bertha Wilson (revised)\*
- Richard Serle Dundas Scholarship (new)\*
- Dr. Eliza C.H. Chan Scholarship (new)\*
- Ethel Clark Entrance Bursary (new)\*
- School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education Scholarship (revised)\*
- Lawson Lundell LLP Entrance Scholarship (new)
- Ted Harrison, Wingate Art Education Bursary (new)\*
- Plint Scholarship (new)\*
- Alfred and Adrianna Potvin Scholarship in Ocean Science (revised)\*
- Vikes Athletic Award (revised)
- Mary Dorothy Jones Bessex Bursary (new)\*
- Major W. Horan Memorial Scholarship (new)\*
- Murray & Lynda Farmer Scholarship (new)\*
- Joyce and Bill Dunning Bursary (new)\*

- Janes Freedman Kyle Law Corporation Prize in Indigenous Lands, Rights and Governance (new)
- Lafarge Canada Scholarship (revised)

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

**ii. Undergraduate Scholarships, Medals and Prizes General Regulations**

Dr. Anthony asked if the regulations should say “graded” course, instead of “marked”. Ms. Lori Nolt confirmed that this amendment to the regulations could be made.

Motion: (D. Baer/R. Burke)

That Senate approve the proposed editorial change to the Undergraduate Scholarships, Medals and Prizes General Regulations in the Undergraduate Academic Calendar set out in the attached document, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Awards.

**CARRIED**

Dr. Baer informed members of Senate that the committee would be discussing the terms of reference for athletics awards in response to a concern raised at Senate regarding student eligibility.

**b. Senate Committee on Curriculum**

**i. Annual Report**

Motion: (G. Fulton/T. Haskett)

That Senate receive the 2010/11 annual report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum for information.

**CARRIED**

**ii. 2011/2012 Major Curriculum Changes**

Motion: (G. Fulton/A. Preece)

That Senate approve the major curriculum changes recommended by the Faculties and the Senate Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2011/2012 academic calendar.

**CARRIED**

Motion: (D. Baer/A. Dastmalchian)

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**

Dr. Turpin thanked Dr. Fulton and members of the committee for their work on the curriculum changes, which he noted was a big undertaking.

**c. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance**

**i. Revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Senate Committee  
On Admission, Re-registration and Transfer**

Dr. Michael Miller, Chair of the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer reviewed the changes to the committee's terms of reference. He noted that the amendments did not represent any major changes to how the committee operates.

Motion: (G. Van Gyn/S. Blackstone)

That Senate approve the revised terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

**ii. 2010/11 Senate Committees**

Motion: That Senate approve the appointment of Dale Ganley, Faculty of Business, to the Senate Committee on Libraries for a term beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2012, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Appointments to the 2011 Chancellor Appointment Committee**

Motion: (G. Van Gyn/J. Wood)

That Senate approve the appointments of Lynda Gammon and Andrew Wade to the 2011 Chancellor Appointment Committee in accordance with the Procedures for the Appointment of the Chancellor, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

**d. Senate Committee on Planning**

**i. Proposal for Establishment of the Centre for Early Childhood  
Research and Policy (REACH)**

Dr. Brunt explained that this proposal has the strong support of four deans and builds on the work of a group of individuals who have been working together for eight years.

Motion: (H. Brunt/S. Blackstone)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, that it also approve the establishment of the Centre for Early Childhood Research and Policy (REACH) for the period 5 February 2011 to 31 January 2016 as described in the attached documents dated January 18, 2011.

**CARRIED**

**7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

There were none.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of Academic  
Associate Vice-Presidents**

Dr. Tremblay explained that there are currently different appointment procedures for each of the academic associate vice-presidents. She said the goal was to consolidate the procedures and bring them in line with other recently updated appointment procedures.

Dr. Webb said he was in support of the changes. He noted the reference to a new associate vice-president position in the submission and thought it was strange Senate was asked to approve appointment procedures but not the position itself. Even though the *University Act* makes the Board of Governors responsible for the creation of new senior administrative positions, they have important academic implications and Senate ought to have a voice. Dr. Turpin confirmed that creation of senior administrative positions was a Board of Governor responsibility, which had been delegated to the President. He agreed, however, that it was appropriate to inform Senate of the rationale for the creation of new positions when approval for the associated procedures was sought.

Motion: (S. Blackstone/R. Tremblay)

That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve the Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of Academic Associate Vice-Presidents (GV0350), effective January 2011, superseding the following procedures:

- Procedures for the Appointment and Review of Associate Vice-President Academic Planning (GV0330)
- Procedures for the Appointment and Review of Associate Vice-President Research (GV0340)
- Procedures for the Appointment and Review of the Executive Director, International Affairs (GV0405)

**CARRIED**

**b. Policy on the Establishment of Endowed and Term Chairs and Named Professorships**

Dr. Tremblay reviewed the changes to the policy, which included adding a category for term professorships and creating flexibility for the creation of term positions using external funding.

Motion: (S. Blackstone/D. Greschner)

That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve the Policy for the Establishment of Endowed and Term Chairs and Professorships (AC1100), as amended.

**CARRIED**

**c. Procedures for the Appointment of the University Librarian**

Motion: (R. Burke/D. Greschner)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve the Procedures for the Appointment and Reappointment of the University Librarian (GV0410), as amended.

**CARRIED**

**d. 2010 Policy Review Annual Report**

Dr. Turpin said this annual report was required under the university's *Policy on University Policy and Procedures*.

Motion: (R. Tremblay/T. Haskett)

That the Senate receive, for information, the 2010 Policy Review Annual Report.

**CARRIED**

**e. 2011/2012 Academic Year Important Dates**

Ms. Andersen explained that the format of this regular submission had changed to reflect the change to the date of the start of the academic year.

Motion: (K. Gillis/R. Anthony)

That Senate approve the 2011/2012 Academic Year Important Dates calendar for submission to the 2011/2012 academic calendar.

**CARRIED**

**f. 2010/2011 Emeritus and Emerita**

Motion: (M. Purkis/K. Gillis)

That Senate receive for information the 2010/2011 Emeritus and Emerita list for submission to the 2010/2011 academic calendar.

**CARRIED**

**g. 2011/2012 Senate Meeting Dates**

Motion: (M. MacDonald/L. Gammon)

That Senate approve the 2011/2012 Senate Meeting Dates and Other Important Dates schedule.

**CARRIED**

**h. Enrolment Projections for 2011-12**

Dr. Tremblay said there was no new funding for enrolment and, therefore, enrolment targets remained the same as last year.

Motion: (R. Tremblay/S. Blackstone)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, a projected annualized internal enrolment target of 17,428 FTE for the 2011/12 academic year, subject to revision in the event of new information regarding mandated growth, funding levels, and application rates.

**CARRIED**

**i. Proposed Response to Macleans' Article**

Motion: (G. Ruby/A. Ulysses)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS Maclean's Magazine's 'Too Asian' article regarding the composition and disposition of students at universities threatens the safety of racialized students, especially those of all Asian backgrounds, at UVic by questioning their legitimacy as students; and



WHEREAS the article's comments – regarding the composition and disposition of students at universities – are racist, prejudiced and unprofessional – reflecting inaccurately and poorly on the reputation and values and priorities of universities in Canada, including UVic; and

WHEREAS the article consequently alienates and stereotypes many groups and individuals, including those of all Asian backgrounds and 'white' students as well; and

WHEREAS, as members of a diverse and dynamic learning community, community members of UVIC challenge one another to become thoughtful, engaged citizens and leaders, prepared to contribute to the betterment of a rapidly changing global society; and

WHEREAS, UVIC is committed to environments for work and study that are safe, supportive, inclusive and healthy, foster mutual respect and civility, recognizing that people are our primary strength; and  
WHEREAS our fundamental values include equal rights and dignity of all persons; and

WHEREAS we take pride in our inclusive and increasingly diverse community of students, scholars and staff; and

WHEREAS universities of today are international institutions and students from abroad show a strong interest in attending the University of Victoria; and

WHEREAS UVic's main goals include recruiting and retaining a diverse group of exceptionally talented students, faculty and staff and to support them in ways that allow them to achieve their highest potential; and

WHEREAS the university encourages and supports activities on campus that provide venues for community involvement; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the university's strategic plan – "A Vision for the Future – Building on Strength –" the University of Victoria wishes to reaffirm its vision to be a university of choice for outstanding students, faculty and staff from British Columbia, Canada and the world; therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The University of Victoria draft a letter to Maclean's Magazine encouraging Maclean's to do the following:

- 1) Improve its understanding of racist stereotypes and their effects;

- 2) Develop a better respect for diversity and professional integrity in journalism in Canada and the world;
- 3) Apologize to all staff, students and faculty of Universities in Canada who have been alienated and stereotyped by Maclean's recent 'Too Asian' article.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:**

In light of the fact that Maclean's article misrepresents the nature of admissions and enrollment standards in Canada, this issue should be referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Standards so that the committee can clarify the nature of admissions and enrollment at UVIC, and make said clarification public, including it in UVic's academic calendar as soon as possible or at least by the beginning of next year (2012).

Mr. Ruby introduced the motion he had prepared regarding a proposed response to the Macleans' article entitled 'Too Asian'. He acknowledged that there were a number of ways to interpret the article and that members of Senate might have different ideas about an appropriate response to it. Mr. Ruby said the first part of the proposed motion drew heavily from the university's Strategic Plan, which he felt set out a number of reasons why Senate could support the proposed motion.

Mr. Ruby acknowledged that the proposed motion might be too strong of a reaction for some people or that some people might take the view that it was inappropriate for Senate to take a position on this issue. He informed members of Senate that the Senate of Ryerson University had passed a motion in response to the article. Mr. Ruby suggested that a motion similar to the one passed by the Ryerson Senate might be appropriate for consideration.

Dr. Brunt asked for clarification regarding whether this issue was within the purview of Senate. Dr. Eastman responded that Senate clearly has jurisdiction over academic governance, including admissions policies but that whether it was appropriate for Senate to take a position on media articles was less clear.

Dr. Webb said he had spoken with other members of Senate and they agreed that the university is committed to a different set of values than those expressed in the article. He thought it was appropriate for Senate to address this issue; however, he was hesitant to give further publicity to Macleans'. Dr. Webb suggested it would be more appropriate for Senate to reaffirm the university's values.

Dr. Burke said he would like to propose an alternative motion. He said that, rather than focusing on Macleans', the motion embodied a positive statement.

Dr. Banerjee said that, regardless of the motion passed, one thing Mr. Ruby was encouraging Senate to do was think about anti-racist strategies. She thought it was important to recognize and reaffirm the anti-racist promotion and planning being undertaken at the university. She thought these initiatives were more effective than writing a letter to Macleans'.

Dr. Tiedje suggested that Senate might consider a motion that included reference to the recruitment of Asian students. Members of Senate indicated they preferred a more inclusive motion.

Dr. Baer thought Senate should word any motion on this subject carefully because of the possibility that a motion could be misinterpreted or accidentally harm the cause.

Dr. Cullen spoke in favour of the amended motion. He suggested it was more effective for Senate to consider a positive statement rather than respond to poor journalism.

Dr. Lipson said he was also in support of the amended motion, because he expected a response from Macleans' was unlikely.

Dr. Littlewood thought that instead of encouraging Macleans' to increase its understanding, it was the responsibility of Senate to ensure that the things being done at the university were effective.

Mr. Wade asked what the purpose of reaffirming the university's position would be. Dr. Webb said he thought it was important for the university to have discussions about the principles it supports. He did not think it was an insignificant act for Senate to reaffirm these principles.

Dr. Tiedje suggested there might be a middle ground between the two proposed motions that Senate could consider. Prof. Greschner said that, since the issue had been raised, she thought there was value in passing a motion immediately that reaffirmed the university's values.

Dr. Banerjee suggested that an article on the issue be prepared by The Ring. Dr. Wild proposed that the motion be passed on to the Planning and Priorities Committee for consideration in the renewal of the Strategic Plan. Ms. Ulysses thought it was important that the discussion of this issue not be confined to Senate. She thought all members of Senate were in a position to speak about the issue outside of the meeting, which would help reaffirm the university's values.

Mr. Ruby observed that the message being sent from Senate to the rest of the university was important. He said that, if members of Senate were supportive of the amended motion proposed by Dr. Burke, he would withdraw his motion. Members of Senate confirmed their support for the motion proposed by Dr. Burke. The original motion was WITHDRAWN.

Motion: (R. Burke/G. Ruby)

That Senate reaffirms that the University of Victoria is committed to being a diverse and welcoming learning community that values equal rights and dignity for all persons. Recognizing that people are our primary strength, the University of Victoria is committed to providing environments for work and study that are safe, supportive, inclusive and healthy, and foster mutual respect. We aim to recruit and retain a diverse group of exceptionally talented students, faculty and staff without prejudice, to support them in ways that allow them to achieve their highest potential.

**CARRIED**

Dr. Turpin confirmed that the approved motion would be passed on to the Planning and Priorities Committee. He said an article for The Ring would also be prepared.

**j. Possible additional Convocation ceremony**

Dr. Eastman reported that 2011 Spring Convocation was scheduled from Tuesday, June 14 to Friday, June 18. She said it was possible that an additional ceremony would be required on Monday, June 13 and that this decision would be made in March.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

# Attendance

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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA Effective from January 1, 2011

### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS - University Act: Section 35

(2) (a-f)

- Chancellor: Murray Farmer (31/12/11)
- President and Vice-Chancellor: David Turpin, Chair
- V.P. Academic & Provost: Reeta Tremblay
- V.P. Research: Howard Brunt
- Dean of Business: Ali Dastmalchian
- Dean of Education: Ted Riecken
- Dean of Engineering: Thomas Tiedje
- Dean of Continuing Studies: Maureen MacDonald
- Dean of Fine Arts: Sarah Blackstone
- Dean of Graduate Studies: Aaron Devor
- Dean of Humanities: John Archibald
- Dean of HSD: Mary Ellen Purkis
- Dean of Law: Donna Greschner
- Dean of Science: Robert Lipson
- Dean of Social Sciences: Peter Keller
- University Librarian: Marnie Swanson, Vice-Chair

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTIES -

Section 35 (2) (g)

- BUSI: Richard Wolfe (30/6/13)
- Kenneth Thornicroft (30/6/12)
- EDUC: Alison Preece (30/6/11)
- Geraldine Van Gyn (30/6/13)
- ENGR: Peter Wild (30/6/11)
- Micaela Serra (30/06/13)
- FINE: Patricia Kostek (30/6/12)
- Jan Wood (30/6/13)
- GRAD: John Dower (30/6/11)
- Annalee Lepp (30/6/13)
- HUMA: Gerhard Brauer (30/6/12)
- Debra Sheets (30/6/13)
- HUMS: Jamie Dopp (30/6/13)
- Cedric Littlewood (30/6/12)
- LAWF: Mark Gillen (30/6/11)
- Robert Howell (30/6/13)
- SCIE: Adam Monahan (30/6/11)
- Jay Cullen (30/6/11)
- SOSC: Ian Walker (30/6/11)
- Margot Wilson (30/6/12)

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS - Sections 35 (2) (g)

- Robert Anthony - EDUC (30/6/11)
- Doug Baer - SOSC (30/6/11)
- Sikata Banerjee - HUMS (30/6/13)
- Robert Burke - SCIE (30/6/11)
- Sara Beam - HUMS (30/6/12)
- Gordon Fulton - HUMS (30/6/12)
- Lynda Gammon - FINE (30/6/12)

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE FACULTY

MEMBERS (continued)

- Kathy Gillis - SCIE (30/6/11)
- David Harrington - SCIE (30/6/13)
- Tim Haskett - HUMS (30/6/13)
- Michael Webb - SOSC (30/6/11)
- Lorna Williams - EDUC (30/6/11)

### MEMBERS ELECTED FROM THE STUDENT

ASSOCIATION - Section 35 (2) (h)

- Andrew Allen (EDUC) (30/6/11)
- José Barrios (SOSC) "
- Jenn Bowie (HUMA) "
- Carley Cocco (SOSC) "
- Tanille Johnston (HUMA) "
- Laura MacLeod (SOSC) "
- Kalin McCluskey (GRAD) "
- Heather McKenzie (SCIE) "
- Mehak Mehra (BUSI) "
- Gordon Ruby (GRAD) "
- Manpreet Sall (ENGR) "
- Rajpreet Sall (HUMS) "
- Geoff Sharpe (SOSC) "
- Andrew Wade (FINE) "
- Mark Walsh (LAW) "
- Leanne Wiltsie (GRAD) "

### MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONVOCATION

- Section 35 (2) (i)

- Kathleen Barnes (31/12/11)
- Betty Clazie (31/12/11)
- Larry Cross (31/12/11)
- Gail Flitton (31/12/11)

### ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - Section 35 (2) (k)

- Head, Division of Medical Sciences: Oscar Casiro
- Member elected by the Professional Librarians:  
Rebecca Raworth (30/06/12)
- Continuing Sessional: Alicia Ulysses (30/06/11)

### SECRETARY OF SENATE - Section 64 (2)

- University Secretary: Julia Eastman

### BY INVITATION - Seated with specified speaking rights

- Assoc. V.P. Student Affairs: Jim Dunsdon
- Assoc. V.P. Academic Planning: Catherine Mateer
- Registrar: Lauren Charlton
- Associate University Secretary: Carrie Andersen

