



University  
of Victoria

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on October 5, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Centre, Room A180.

The Chair of Senate, Dr. David Turpin was in the chair.

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (K. Stewart/G. Robinson)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

Mr. Robinson inquired whether Prof. Cassels could tell him how many years the university has increased parking fees (a question that he raised at the May 4, 2007 meeting - page 3 of the minutes). Prof. Cassels responded that he did not have the exact figures but there has been an increase in parking fees for the past three years.

Motion: (R. Mitchell/K. Stewart)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate, held on May 4, 2007, be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

**CARRIED**

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Election of students from the faculties of Business, Human and Social Development, and Law

Dr. Turpin explained there were three vacant student positions representing the faculties of Business, Human and Social Development and Law. He reported that no nominations had been received from Business and only one nomination from Law. Dr. Turpin indicated Ms. Lyndsay Watson from Law was acclaimed to the position and welcomed her

to the meeting. Dr. Turpin then invited the two candidates from Human and Social Development to make a brief presentation and drew Senators' attention to their biographies in the Senate docket. Ms. Annaliese Hasler and Ms. Jessica Evans spoke briefly about their interest in serving on Senate. Following the student presentations, Senate members were invited to record their choice on a ballot. Two scrutineers from Senate (Dr. Ken Stewart and Prof. Lynda Gammon) assisted in collecting and counting the ballots. The President indicated that he would announce the successful student when the results were tabulated and brought to his attention.

#### **4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR**

##### **a. President's Report**

##### **i. United Way presentation**

The President introduced Mr. Clint Hamilton, Director of Athletics and Recreation, and Mr. Mark Roman, Chief Information Officer, who gave a presentation on the UVic United Way campaign and urged Senate members to contribute.

##### **ii. General remarks**

Dr. Turpin commented on funding initiatives at the federal level. He reported that he would be in Ottawa to help communicate the important funding of big science initiatives and that the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) was continuing to advocate for renewed research funding. On the provincial government front, Dr. Turpin reported that the Ministry of Advanced Education's plan to implement recommendations from the Campus 2020 report would be forthcoming and said that it was hoped there would be a continuing focus on supporting graduate students and research.

The President updated Senate on a number of university initiatives and developments, including the announcement of a donation from Bob Wright of \$11 million towards a new science building and scholarship. He reported that there was a successful laying of cable on the seabed floor for the NEPTUNE project in August and he showed members of Senate a media clip of the event. Dr. Turpin reported that the Legacy Gallery downtown was open, showing works including those donated to the university by the late Michael Williams.

Dr. Turpin offered congratulations to the recipients of the following honours and awards:

- Prof. John Borrows (Law Foundation Chair in Aboriginal Justice and Governance), named as a Royal Society fellow
- Eike-Henner Kluge awarded the Abby-Ann D. Lynch Medal in Bioethics by the RSC: The Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada (formerly the Royal Society of Canada)
- Andrew Weaver awarded the President's Prize of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society
- Robert Gifford recognized by the Environmental Design Research Association with its 2007 Career Award
- Don McKay (Department of Writing) won the \$50,000 Griffin Canadian Award for his book *Strike/Slip*
- Honorary Degree recipients: Lorna Crozier (Saskatchewan), Prof. Hari Srivastava (University of Alba Iulia, Romania)
- Dale Gann (Vice-President, Vancouver Technology Park) and Robin Hicks (Chemistry) named 2007 Vancouver Island Visionaries
- Ken Shields, recipient of the 2007 James Naismith Award, the most prestigious lifetime basketball award in Canada
- Mackenzie Downing won a gold medal and the Canadian record for the 100 metre fly event at the 2007 summer Universiade
- David Sinton (Mechanical Engineering) awarded the "CMC Microsystems" 2006 Douglas R. Colton Medal for Research Excellence
- Ken Babich (Director, Purchasing Services) honoured with a leadership and excellence award from the National Institute of Government Purchasing

Following the President's report, Dr. Micaela Serra asked the President to comment on a recent article in *The Globe and Mail* newspaper about federal funding of research at Canadian universities. Dr. Turpin said that he believed that awarding of research funding on a competitive basis is well entrenched in Canada and that UVic faculty members and students perform very well on this basis.

iii. Update on enrolment – Prof. J. Cassels, Vice-President Academic and Provost

Prof. Cassels provided a brief update on enrolment trends at UVic. He reported that undergraduate applications for 2007 were down 1-1.5 percent and admissions were similarly down 1.5 percent. He indicated that enrolment had been affected by a number of factors including a reduction in college

transfers due to the expansion in the number of degree-granting colleges, reduced interest in areas such as engineering, and a robust economy and low unemployment rate. Prof. Cassels explained that the university will continue to reach out and recruit qualified students. In response to a question from Mr. Robinson, Prof. Cassels responded that UVic is still amongst the top twenty percent of Canadian universities in terms of student financial assistance.

Following Prof. Cassels report, the President announced the results of the election of the student from the Faculty of Human and Social Development. He welcomed Jessica Evans as a new student senator and thanked Annaliese Hasler for her interest in serving on Senate. Ms. Evans joined the floor of Senate for the remainder of the meeting.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. University of Victoria Financial Statements as at March 31, 2007.

The University of Victoria's Financial Statements as at March 31, 2007 were received for information.

## 6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

- a. Senate Committee on Awards
  - i. New and revised undergraduate awards

Motion: (M. Kennedy/A. Monahan)

That the Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the following new and revised awards submitted by the Senate Committee on Awards.

- *Vikes Women's Soccer Award\* (new)*
- *The Excellence in Math Scholarship\* (revised)*
- *Ken & Kathy Shields Basketball Award\* (new)*
- *International Student Awards (new)*
- *Yvonne E. Lindberg Bursary in Social Work (new)*
- *General Undergraduate Bursaries\* (new)*
- *Donald N. Gain Fund Bursary (new)*
- *Alan Wong Memorial Bursary in Engineering\* (new)*

- *Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Scholarships\* (new)*
  - *Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Co-op Scholarships\* (new)*
  - *John A. Coates Q.C. Bursary\* (new)*
  - *Law Alumni Association Bursary\* (new)*
- \*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

b. Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

i. 2006/07 Annual Report

Motion: (J. Davis/G. Robinson)

That the Senate receive, with thanks, the 2006/07 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies.

**CARRIED**

c. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. Revisions to the Policy 2100 Policy on Calendar Submissions

Dr. Fulton explained that the revised policy provides clearer guidance to faculties in preparing the calendar submissions for the Senate Committee on Curriculum. The new policy includes a number of examples and a list of frequently asked questions.

Motion: (G. Fulton/K. Stewart)

That the Senate approve the revised Policy 2100 - Policy on Calendar Submissions recommended by the Senate Committee on Curriculum.

Dr. Turpin invited questions on the revised policy. Ms. Page commented that sections 2.1.3 and 2.1.5 of the new policy appear to be contradictory and that perhaps the policy could more clearly state the difference in a change in course unit value and the division of a year-long course. Ms. Page also noted that s. 2.1.4 and s. 2.2.2. are inconsistent. She noted that s. 2.1.4. states that any change in a course number is a major change, yet s. 2.2.2 states that a change in course number, unless the change is from an upper level number (300 to 400) to a lower number (100 or 200) or vice versa, is a minor change. Dr. Fulton responded to Ms. Page's latter

comment that s. 2.1.4 is meant to be a change in number between upper and lower level course numbers. Ms. Page requested that s. 2.1.4 be amended to clarify that.

Dr. Devor commented that on page 13 of the policy there was reference to consultation with an appropriate undergraduate records officer when requiring modifications to a standard course format. He requested that there be reference to consultation with a graduate records officer, if appropriate. Dr. Devor also noted that on page 17, graduate course entries should have its own heading, as undergraduate course entries does on page 15.

Dr. Skelton commented that s. 2.1.13 which states that anything not covered in the above-mentioned headings is a major curriculum change should be revised to make it clear that it refers to anything else that is not a minor curriculum change.

Dr. Fulton responded that all of the questions raised could be clarified in the policy. Dr. Turpin recommended that the policy be approved on the understanding that the curriculum committee would undertake to make the editorial clarifications requested by members of Senate.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

- d. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance –  
A. Lepp, Chair

Dr. Lepp noted that there were two more appointments of student senators to committees that were not listed in the distributed document but that should be included in the approval of the motion. She indicated that the membership list for the Senate Committee on Admissions, Transfer and Re-registraton should have Mr. Richard Park listed as a member and that the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching should have Mr. Arel English listed as a member.

- i. 2007/08 Senate Standing Committee Membership

Motion: (A. Lepp/M. Purkis)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2007/08 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in the attached document (as amended) as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

- ii. Changes to the Senate Committee on Planning's Terms of Reference

Motion: (A. Lepp/J. Dower)

That Senate approve the revised terms of reference and composition for the Senate Committee on Planning as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**

- e. Senate Committee on Planning – J. Cassels, Chair

- i. Annual Report on Status of Academic Program Reviews

Mr. Robinson asked Prof. Cassels why academic review reports are not available to elected student representatives. He indicated that he had had to make a Freedom of Information request to get access to the academic review of the Theatre department. Prof. Cassels responded that the program reviews are accessible to the public but not until the end of the review process, after the comments of the external reviewers have been considered and the department has responded to them. He stated that once the review is complete the documents are posted on the Vice-President Academic and Provost's website, with any severing necessary to protect privacy. Mr. Robinson commented that students in a program should be involved in the academic program review and Prof. Cassels responded that most departments do involve students in their review procedures and he would recommend that all departments do so.

Motion: (J. Cassels/A. Monahan)

That Senate receive with thanks, the 2006/07 annual report on the Status of Academic Program Reviews.

**CARRIED**

- ii. Renaming and revised mandate proposal for the Centre on Earth and Ocean Research

Dr. Mitchell commented that the new mandate appeared to indicate that the centre will no longer be involved in atmospheric science. Dr. Pedersen responded that atmospheric science will still be in the mandate of the centre as oceanographers study both air and water.

Motion: (J. Cassels/T. Pedersen)

That Senate approve that the Centre on Earth and Ocean Research be renamed as the *Institute for Coastal and Oceans Research (ICOR)*, and that its revised mandate be approved.

**CARRIED**

## 7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

- a. Faculty of Graduate Studies
  - i. New and revised Graduate Studies Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/J. Dower)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval, the new and revised awards recommended by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

- *Women in Development Graduate Bursary*
- *Tim Price MBA Entrepreneurship Award*
- *Thomas K. Shoyama MPA Student Leadership and Achievement Award*
- *Jarmila Vlasta Von Drak Thouvenelle Graduate Scholarships*

**CARRIED**

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Declaration of vacancy on Senate – Long Service Sessional Representative

Dr. Eastman reported that she had received notice from Prof. Sunil Kaplash that he was resigning from Senate effective December 31, 2007 and there would be a call for a new Long Service Sessional on Senate for a term of January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008.

- b. Results of election of member-at-large

Dr. Eastman reported the results of an election of a member-at-large conducted in June. She congratulated Prof. Kim Hart Wensley as the new representative serving a term from July 31, 2007 to June 30, 2008.



c. Election of Vice-Chair of Senate

Dr. Turpin indicated that there is an annual election of a vice-chair to Senate

at its first meeting of the year and invited nominations from the floor. Ms. Swanson nominated Dr. Peter Keller and the nomination was seconded by Dr. Stewart. There being no further nominations, Dr. Keller was acclaimed to the position of vice-chair of Senate.

d. Liber Ero Chair in Fisheries Biology and Policy Amendment

Dr. Mitchell noted that the document stated that the use of additional university resources supplemental to the donor's gift was an exception to the policy and he suggested that this sets a precedent for future gifts. He commented that an extra 3-4.5 million dollars would likely be needed and inquired where the university intends to get the money. Prof. Cassels agreed with Dr. Mitchell's comments and indicated that he would ask the Senate Committee on Planning to consider changes to the policy to acknowledge there are occasions where it is in the university's interest to supplement the gift. He also noted that the proposal aligned completely with the Faculty of Science's strategic priorities and that some of the extra resources would come from a vacant biology position and the rest from other general funds that were previously designated for science initiatives. Dr. Pederson also commented that the faculty was actively fundraising to supplement the chair and that the donation was an opportunity that could not be turned down. Ms. Sheffield commented that the university needs to be mindful of accountability related to the oceans entities. Mr. Bateman commented that it was refreshing to see a donation for biology on a macro scale.

Motion: (J. Cassels/A. Monahan)

That Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors also approve the establishment and naming of the Liber Ero Chair in Fisheries Biology.

**CARRIED**

e. Policy on University Policies

Dr. Eastman indicated that Senate had been consulted on the new policy in November 2006 and February 2007 and the policy was now before Senate for approval and recommendation to the Board of Governors. Mr. Robinson inquired whether the policy and procedure would be posted on the University Secretary's website and Dr. Eastman responded yes.

Motion: (J. Cassels/R. Mitchell)

That Senate recommend to the Board of Governors:

That the *Policy on University Policies and Procedures* and the *Procedures Relating to the University Policy on Policies and Procedures* be approved; and

That the President develop and implement a plan for the transition of existing university policies to the new policy framework, including the tentative assignment of designated executive officers.

**CARRIED**

f. Date of the 2008 Joint Senate and Board Retreat

Dr. Turpin noted that the date of the Joint Senate and Board Retreat will be March 1, 2008 and encouraged members of Senate to note the date in their calendars.

g. Outstanding business

Dr. Turpin indicated that Senate Committee on Agenda and Procedures was required to report annually on any outstanding Senate business pending from previous meetings. The document included with the agenda indicated that the Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Title Emeritus will be meeting in 2007/08.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Turpin indicated that Senate would take a short break and move into closed session.

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.