



University
of Victoria

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on Friday, February 3, 2006 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

The agenda was declared approved as circulated.

2. MINUTES

a. January 13, 2006

MOTION: (G. Hoga/A. Verdun)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on January 13, 2006 be approved, and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

President's Report.

Dr. Turpin noted that with the change in the federal government, the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC) had struck a transition committee to cultivate awareness of university issues within the new government. He invited Senators who were aware of connections that new Members of Parliament might have with universities to pass the information along to him, not only for UVic's benefit, but for the good of all Canadian universities. The challenge and concern at this time is to encourage the new government to adopt policies that are supportive of universities.

Dr. Turpin reported on the consultations that the Planning and Priorities Committee was conducting, concerning the renewal of the Strategic Plan. The committee is about halfway through the meetings. The overall tone has been very positive. He encouraged faculty and staff to take part in consultations in their own schools and faculties. Dr. Turpin noted that one of the final consultations will be the Joint Senate and Board Retreat on March 4 at Dunsmuir Lodge, and he noted that in the near future all members of Senate would be provided with an invitation and retreat materials.

Dr. Turpin reported that the University of Victoria Annual Review 2005 and Donor Report were now out, and would also be in the *Times Colonist* on February 19th.

He noted that March is Embrace Aging Month and the UVic Retirees Association is scheduling their first annual lecture series every Wednesday evening. Dr. Turpin remarked that this initiative of the retirees represents their ongoing desire to remain engaged in a meaningful way with the life of the university, and he commended the association for its efforts.

Dr. Turpin commented that the annual Victoria Leadership awards recognize exemplary leadership in linking the University of Victoria and the community for the greater benefit of the public. The awards involve a partnership by Leadership Victoria, the Rotary Club of Victoria-Harbourside, and the University of Victoria. This year's recipients are Dr. David Leeming and Dr. Rebecca Grant.

Dr. Turpin noted that on February 1st FIFA had announced that the UVic Stadium would be one of the venues for hosting the under-20s World Cup in 2007, and UVic was proud to be hosting this event.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – NIL

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Committees – I. Dawson – **SEN-Feb. 3/06-1**

i. Appointments and Change to Membership

MOTION: (A.Marshall/J.Cassels)

That Senate approve the new appointments, re-appointments and replacements to the Senate Standing Committees for the terms as set out in the attached document.

CARRIED.

ii. Change to Senate Committee on Planning Membership

MOTION: (A.Marshall/R. Burke)

That Senate approve the changes to the composition of the Senate Committee on Planning as proposed in the attached memo from the Chair of the Senate Committee on Planning.

CARRIED.

b. Senate Committee on Curriculum – R. Mitchell – **SEN-Feb. 3/06-2**

i. 2006-2007 Calendar Submission

MOTION: (R.Mitchell/R. Anthony)

That the Senate approve the 2006-2007 Calendar submissions as recommended by the Senate Committee on Curriculum.

CARRIED.

ii. Request for Authorization

Reg Mitchell commented that this motion was requested in order to receive formal approval of a practice that was necessary for the efficient workings of the Committee.

MOTION: (R. Mitchell/L.Cross)

That Senate authorize the Chair of the Curriculum Committee to make small changes and additions that would otherwise unnecessarily delay the submission of items for the Calendar.

CARRIED.

iii. 2005 Annual Report - **SEN-Feb. 3/06-3**

MOTION: (R. Mitchell/A.Devor)

That the Senate receive with thanks the 2005 annual report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum.

CARRIED.

Dean Aaron Devor suggested that it would be appropriate for Senate to thank Dr. Mitchell for his many years of chairing the Curriculum Committee, "and doing with aplomb and cheerfulness a job that most of us would find completely daunting." Senate responded with applause.

c. Senate Committee on Planning – J. Cassels – **SEN-Feb. 3/06-4**

i. Certificate in Justice and Public Safety Leadership

MOTION: (J. Cassels/B. Hall)

That the Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the establishment of a Certificate in Justice and Public Safety Leadership, to be offered by the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for a Certificate in Justice and Public Safety Leadership", dated December 20, 2005; and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval.

CARRIED.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES – NIL

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Ten Year Calendar – **SEN-Feb. 3/06-5**

MOTION: (P.Keller/A.Devor)

That Senate approve the 2005-2015 Ten Year Calendar.

CARRIED

b. 2006-2007 Academic Year Important Dates – **SEN-Feb. 3/06-6**

MOTION: (J.Wood/R.Anthony)

That Senate approve the 2006-2007 Academic Year Important Dates.

CARRIED.

c. 2005-2006 Emeritae and Emeriti – **SEN-Feb. 3/06-7**

MOTION: (A.Verdun/M.Edgell)

That Senate approve the 2005-2006 Emeritae and Emeriti list for submission to the 2006-2007 University Calendar.

CARRIED.

Noting that this was the last piece of business before Senate today, Dr. Turpin provided further information about the Joint Senate/Board Retreat on March 4. He offered an outline of the day, noting that the speakers in the morning program would be Mr. Bob Best, Vice-President National Affairs of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) who will offer a national perspective on the issues facing Canadian universities, followed by Provost Jamie Cassels who will explain the challenges facing UVic within our own specific context. Small group discussions will explore UVic's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges and report back for a plenary discussion. After lunch, there will be a series of discussion in smaller groups focusing on specific topics. Participants will have the opportunity to indicate which topics they would prefer to discuss. Dr. Turpin noted that the retreat is open to all members of the Board, the Planning and Priorities Committee, and the University Senate, and encouraged all members of Senate to take part.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 3:48 p.m.