



University
of Victoria

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on Friday, March 2, 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

Dr. David Turpin proposed three amendments to the agenda. He suggested that the presentation by Dr. Moura Quayle be moved to the top of the agenda. He also proposed the addition of a new graduate award item and, under other business, additional 2006-2007 Emeritus appointments.

Motion: (K. Stewart/ J.D. Peters)
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATION BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

Dr. Turpin introduced the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Dr. Moura Quayle, the Assistant Deputy Minister, Post-Secondary Education Division, Ms. Ruth Wittenberg, and the Assistant Deputy Minister, Students and Learning Division, Mr. Tom Vincent.

Dr. Quayle explained that she felt it was important for the Ministry of Advanced Education to communicate its mandate, priorities and challenges in order to foster strong relationships with post-secondary institutions and high-quality post-secondary education in British Columbia. She discussed the values of the Ministry, as well as some of its mandates.

Ms. Wittenberg discussed the evolution of British Columbia's post-secondary education system with regard to enrollment and budget. She also identified some of the Ministry's top priorities.

Mr. Vincent discussed aboriginal readiness for post-secondary education and the work being done by the Ministry on this issue. He discussed student financial assistance and identified trends in student debt and unmet need. Mr. Vincent identified literacy as an important issue in British Columbia. He also discussed

quality of private post-secondary education and the work being done by the Ministry regarding quality protection.

Dr. Quayle discussed the research and innovation framework being developed by the Ministry and identified some of the principles being used to guide investment in research. She also discussed modes of collaboration currently being used by the Ministry.

Dr. Turpin invited questions from the floor. Dr. Reg Mitchell asked whether, in addition to increasing the number of graduate seats, thought had been given to increasing the funds associated with these seats. Dr. Quayle replied that this would be taking place.

Mr. George Robinson drew Dr. Quayle's attention to the National Student Day of Action that had taken place on February 7, 2007 and asked whether the Ministry planned to provide funds to reduce tuition. Dr. Quayle responded that the Ministry's position was to enforce a tuition cap in line with inflation.

Mr. Larry Cross commented that in order to attract graduate students, the university must make long term commitments to them. He asked how the university could confidently do this if the Ministry only made a one year commitment to an increase in graduate seats. Dr. Quayle responded that the increase was going to be a base lift. Mr. Cross commented on the difficulty created by the fact that the university must recruit graduate students before the government has committed to the increase in graduate seats. Ms. Wittenberg responded that one of the challenges being faced is that the government planning and budgetary cycle is out of sync with the cycle for post-secondary institutions. She stated that the Ministry is unable to make commitments outside of this cycle, but that she recognized the uncertainty this created for post-secondary institutions.

After a brief exchange about financial assistance to students at private institutions, Professor Petter raised a further question about tuition policy, asking whether it would be appropriate to develop tuition policy in the context of individual institutions rather than having an overarching policy. He commented on the situation that had been created when the tuition freeze was lifted and some institutions had raised tuition faster and higher than others. Mr. Vincent responded by commenting that an interesting situation had occurred in regards to tuition when the tuition freeze was removed.

Dr. Turpin thanked Dr. Quayle, Ms. Wittenberg and Mr. Vincent for their presentation. The three presenters left the meeting.

3. MINUTES

- a. February 2, 2007

Motion: (R. Park/ C. Bargaen)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate, held on February 2, 2007, be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Update on Emeritus Appointments

The Secretary, Dr. Eastman, reminded Senators that at the February 2 meeting she had reported on correspondence received from a retiring professor regarding the title "Emeritus". Dr. Eastman explained that the Senate Committee on Agenda and Procedures had decided to strike an ad hoc committee to review the concerns raised and that the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance was in the process of composing that committee.

- b. Academic Year Important Dates

Dr. Eastman reminded Senators that when the academic year important dates were approved at the February 2 meeting, Senate had given her the authority to change the deadline for adding second term classes if, in consultation with the Registrar, it was deemed appropriate to do so. Dr. Eastman explained that, for the reasons provided in the memorandum distributed, it was decided not to change the date. The deadline for adding second term classes in 2007-2008 would, therefore, be January 19, as approved at the February 2 meeting.

- c. Ten Year Calendar

Dr. Eastman reported that at the February 2 meeting she had undertaken to report on the principles used to formulate the ten year calendar. She explained that these principles were set out in the memorandum distributed. She added that the memorandum also included information on a new committee being formed to discuss scheduling issues and invited Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, Catherine Mateer, to speak about the committee. Dr. Mateer explained that the committee had just been struck and that it would be looking at timetabling and scheduling

issues. She noted that the committee would be engaging in widespread consultation about these issues.

5. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

Dr. Turpin welcomed the new student Senator, Matthew Cooper, who was stepping in to fill a vacancy that arose from a student Senator leaving the university.

Dr. Turpin reported on developments at the federal level, noting that it was expected that the science and technology strategy would be released in the near future. At the provincial level, Dr. Turpin noted that the university was still waiting to hear final numbers and funding for the increase in graduate seats.

Dr. Turpin reported on developments at the university. He noted that print and web versions of the Strategic Plan were now available and thanked Senators for their engagement in the process. Dr. Turpin reported on the VP Research search committee, noting that the search process was well underway. Dr. Turpin stated that the Annual Review had been published and that copies had been distributed. He also commented on the audio visual upgrades completed in the Senate and Board Chambers.

Dr. Turpin reported on a number of honours received by the members of the university community, including:

- Chancellor Ron Lou-Poy being awarded Leadership Victoria's Lifetime Achievement Award;
- the Faculty of Business being awarded the EQUIS Quality Label;
- Dr. Nancy Turner receiving a Killam Research Fellowship;
- Dr. Hendrik Hoekstra receiving the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship;
- Dr. Dean Karlen being added to Thomson Scientific's ISI Highly Cited List;
- David Black being awarded the 2007 Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year by the Faculty of Business Board of Advisors; and
- The English Language Centre being named the Lynn Howes Award recipient.

Dr. Turpin reported that the RSC forum "Are We Killing Our Oceans?", which took place on February 21-22, was a great success. He also noted that the university was currently working with CBC to bring the second of the 2007 Massey Lectures to UVic in the Fall.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Campus Planning Committee

i) Semi-Annual Report

Dr. Ron Skelton inquired about the restructuring of the Project Planning Committee for the First Peoples House. Dr. Turpin explained that, because the initial plan for the First Peoples House was completed some time ago, the committee was being reconstituted to ensure that it adequately met current needs. Dr. Skelton asked if the committee had been struck. Professor Jamie Cassels responded that the committee was in the process of being re-assembled because a number of people were on leave and some new positions had been created at the university.

Dr. Mitchell inquired whether there was enough money to complete the project, given that budgeting had occurred a number of years ago. Dr. Turpin responded that, as of the last report, there was enough money to move ahead.

Ms. Maria Cardona Madero asked what the First Peoples House would be used for. Dr. Jim Anglin explained that it would be used to house a number of services for aboriginal students, a ceremonial hall, class rooms, and a welcoming place for the community.

Motion: (R. Mitchell/R. Park)

That Senate accept with thanks the semi-annual report of the Campus Planning Committee.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Agenda and Procedures

i) Updating and Cyclical Review of University Policies

Dr. Turpin reminded Senators that the draft Policy on University Policies and Procedures had come to Senate for input in December, 2006. He explained that revisions to the Policy had been made as a result of input received. Dr. Turpin stated that the Policy would now be posted on the University Secretary's website, used as a

guideline for the development and revision of policies and perhaps refined in the process. He noted that the Policy would come forward for approval in Fall 2007 after any appropriate modifications were made based on experience with the draft Policy.

Mr. Cross inquired whether the Procedures associated with the Policy were directly guided by the Policy sections 2-10. Dr. Eastman confirmed that they were. Dr. Skelton asked whether there was a requirement to communicate amendments to policies. Dr. Eastman confirmed that there was.

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i) New Undergraduate Awards

Ms. Jan Wood asked whether the History Scholarship was open to students outside the History Department. Dr. Robert Burke said that he would look into it.

Motion: (R. Burke/ L. Cross)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval the following new awards:

Harper Scholarship in History
Nelson Family Bursary
Donna Trenholm Staff Award in Humanities
Nicholas v. Galichenko Scholarship
Ukrainian Studies Scholarship
Sheridan Scott Entrance Scholarship
University of Victoria International Scholarship

CARRIED

8. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. New Graduate Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/R. Burke)

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

Edra Ferguson Graduate Scholarship

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Naming of Chair in Aging and Adult Development

Motion: (J. Cassels/G. Robinson)

That Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors also approve the establishment and naming of the Harald Mohr, MD and Wilhelma Mohr, MD Research Chair in Adult Development and Aging.

CARRIED

- b. Additional 2006-2007 Emeritus Appointments

Motion: (J.D. Peters/ J. Wood)

That Senate approve the additional 2006-2007 Emeritus list for submission to the 2007-2008 University Calendar.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Senate was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.