



University  
of Victoria

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on April 4, 2008 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/A.Monahan)  
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

Motion: (R.Anthony/S.Blackstone)  
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate, held on March 7, 2008, be approved as amended and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

**CARRIED**

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

### 4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's Report

i. General

#### Provincial Operating Budget

Dr. Turpin informed Senate that the provincial government had recently announced a 2.6% reduction in anticipated operating funds resulting in the university receiving \$4.2 million less than expected in 2008/09. He reported that at its last meeting (March 31), the Board of Governors had approved the budget framework for 2008/09 that had been developed through the integrated planning process, resulting

in a planned \$4.2 million cash deficit. This cause of action was advisable because of the very late date upon which the budget reduction had been announced and because the needs and priorities identified in the course of the integrated planning process still needed to be funded.

Vice-President Academic and Provost Jamie Cassels informed Senate that the Board had requested that the administration come back to it in June, with a preliminary plan for how the \$4.2 million deficit for 2008/09 would be eliminated and for achieving a base reduction of 2.6% in 2009/10 and beyond. The first meeting of the integrated planning group would be held shortly and the parameters explored. They would look at possible central sources of savings first and then would find reductions in faculty and administrative units. Prof. Cassels informed Senate that the Deans and Directors had been advised to anticipate reductions, which he hoped to keep below 2.6%. Since salaries and benefits account for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the operating budget, positions will inevitably be affected. The necessary reductions would be achieved through the elimination of vacant positions to the extent possible.

Dr. Skelton asked why the cuts were made. Dr. Turpin said the universities had received several explanations including reallocation of resources within the Government, and reallocation of resources within the Ministry. In response to a question posed by Mr. English, Prof. Cassels stated that the cuts were likely to involve several types of positions including faculty and staff positions. As pay rates are contractual, these could not be cut. Mr. Robinson asked if there would be an increase in tuition fees to make up the loss. Dr. Turpin responded that tuition would be increased by 2% in accordance with provincial policy. Prof. Cassels said that the province had not reduced enrolment targets commensurate with the funding reductions. UVic would raise this issue with the government.

#### Federal Budget update

Dr. Turpin provided a brief update on the federal budget, which had included:

- a new Consolidated Canada Student Grant Program (to replace the Millennium Scholarship Foundation which would end in 2009 - \$350 million in 2009/10 rising to \$430 million by 2012/13.
- \$123 million over 4 years to streamline and modernize the Canada Student Loans program.
- \$25 million over two years to establish a new Canada Graduate Scholarship award for top Canadian and international doctoral students. This would comprise 500 scholarships annually at \$50,000 per year, renewable for up to three years.
- \$3 million over two years to establish a new international study stipend for Canada Graduate Scholarship recipients studying at international institutions. There would be 250 stipends annually at \$6,000 per year.
- An additional \$80 million per year to Canada's three research granting councils: \$34 million to NSERC, \$34 million to CIHR and \$12 million to SSHRC.
- An additional \$15 million per year to the Indirect Costs of Research program.
- \$140 million to Genome Canada
- \$21 million over two years to establish up to 20 Canada Global Excellence Research Chairs in four priority areas:
  - the environment,
  - natural resources and energy,
  - health and information, and
  - communication technologies.

The focus of this being "excellence".

- \$10 million over two years for the Canadian Light Source research synchrotron. Dr. Turpin suggested this boded well for ongoing operating funding of major science projects.

With respect to developments and events at the university, Dr. Turpin reported that:

- UVic had received \$4.5 million in one time funding from the provincial government for the inflationary costs associated with the building program on campus.
- the university had received the \$94.5 million announced by the province for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. The initiative is well underway and programs are beginning to unfold.
- First Peoples House: there had been a call for expressions of interest for the art component of the project. Tenders had been received for construction of the building. In 2007, UVic received \$2.4 million from the provincial government to support the project. A further \$600,000 in support had been received more recently and an additional private sector contribution would soon be announced.
- The redesign of The Ring and the university's website is well underway. Dr. Turpin encouraged Senate members to take a look at the new site.
- Vice-President Dr. Howard Brunt provided an update on the results of recent funding competitions. He reported that UVic researchers had had excellent results. 84% in NSERC's discovery grant competitions and a 46% success rate in the SSHRC competition, which was 10% higher than last year. Dr. Brunt congratulated all the researchers involved.

With respect to awards and honours, Dr. Turpin reported that:

- UVic had received an investment of over \$1 million from the Government of Canada (Western Economic Diversification) for research and technology transfer.
- Geography faculty members Dr. Ian Walker and Dr. Terry Prowse had co-authored the "Report on Climate Change in Canada".

- For the second year in a row, UVic Engineering students were winners in the innovation category at the Canadian Engineering Competition. This year's winners were Toren Gustafson and Peter Crocker.

They were now taking their research to the Shell Eco-marathon US where they would compete against two other Canadian teams as well as 35 teams from the US and Mexico.

- Dr. Elaine Gallagher, Professor of Nursing and Director of the Centre on Aging, was the recipient of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations' (CUFA) Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding program of research related to the prevention of falls in the elderly.
- Dr. Jeff Reading, Professor in Human and Social Development and Director of The Aboriginal Health Research Group, was the recipient of an Aboriginal Achievement Award for his contributions to science and health.
- Dr. Michael Prince received the President's award from the Canadian Association for Community Living for "his exceptional contribution to Canadians' understanding of public policy that builds an inclusive and accessible Canada".
- Dr. Martin Taylor, former Vice-President Research and current President and CEO of Oceans Networks Canada was the recipient of Life Sciences BC's Leadership Award for his contribution to life science research in the province.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE - NIL**

## 6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

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

Motion: (R. Burke/M.Kennedy)

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:

*Dana Hlavac-Winsor Scholarships (new)\**  
*Beatrice Woodhouse Scholarship in Russian Studies (new)*  
*Dairyland Scholarships in Environmental Studies (new)*  
*Thora Duncan Scholarships in Nursing (new)*  
*The Artona Group Inc. Entrance Scholarship (new)*  
*Dana Kingstone Scholarship in Economics (new)*  
*McCall Bros. Scholarships in Psychology (new)*

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**CARRIED**

- b. Senate Committee on Planning
  - i. Establishment of a Professional Specialization Certificate in Special Education

Motion: (C.Mateer/S.Blackstone)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the establishment of a **Professional Specialization Certificate in Special Education**, to be offered by the Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies, Faculty of Education and the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for a Professional Specialization Certificate in Special Education", dated February 28, 2008; and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar.

**CARRIED**

ii. Establishment of a Graduate Professional Certificate in Cultural Sector Leadership

Motion: (C.Mateer/A.Rippin)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the establishment of a **Graduate Professional Certificate in Cultural Sector Leadership** to be offered by the School of Public Administration, Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in collaboration with the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for a Graduate Professional Certificate in Cultural Sector Leadership", dated March 3, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records.

**CARRIED**

iii. Establishment of a Graduate Professional Certificate in Library Sector Leadership

Motion: (C. Mateer/M.E.Purkis)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the establishment of a **Graduate Professional Certificate in Library Sector Leadership** to be offered by the School of Public Administration, Faculty of Human and Social Development and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, in collaboration with the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for a Graduate Professional Certificate in Library Sector Leadership", dated March 3, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records.

**CARRIED**

iv. Establishment of a program leading to a degree of Indigenous Master of Social Work

Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, Dr. Katy Mateer informed Senate that the name of the proposed program was now proposed to be "Master of Social Work: Indigenous Specialization", as it been suggested that the previously proposed name could be confusing. She confirmed that the change would be made throughout the document.

Motion: (C.Mateer/M.E.Purkis)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to a degree of **Master of Social Work: Indigenous Specialization** to be offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Faculty of Human and Social Development with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2009, in consultation with Graduate Admissions and Records, as described in attached document entitled “A Proposal for an Indigenous Master of Social Work Program in the School of Social Work” dated March 2, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the Board of Governors granting approval. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

**CARRIED**

## **7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

- a. Faculty of Graduate Studies: Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee
  - i New and revised graduate awards

Motion: (A.Devor/R. Burke)

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

*Dairyland Graduate Scholarship in Environment Studies*  
*Dairyland Graduate Scholarship in Nutrition*  
*Thora Duncan Graduate Scholarships in Nursing*  
*William & Doreen Kerby Scholarships in Medieval  
British Literature*  
*Margot K. Louis Award\**  
*McCall Bros. Graduate Scholarships in Clinical  
Psychology*  
*Anne McLaughlin Graduate Scholarship in Applied  
Theatre\**  
*Ritchie Foundation MBA Entrance Scholarships\**  
*Ritchie Foundation Travel Awards\**  
*Ritchie Foundation MBA Scholarships\**  
*Michaela Tokarski Entrepreneurship Bursary\**  
*\*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**



a. Results of the Elections of students to the Board of Governors and Senate

A report of the results had been distributed in the docket.

b. Results of Call for Nominations for Convocation Senators

Dr. Eastman reported that three convocation senators had been acclaimed: Betty Claize, Larry Cross and Gail Flitton. A second call for a fourth Convocation Senator would be issued shortly.

c. Call for Nominations for Chancellor

Dr.. Eastman reported that there were two candidates for Chancellor, Mr. Murray Farmer and Dr. James Dutton. Elections would begin May 20.

d. Call for Nominations for members elected by the Faculties

The results were distributed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.