



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on April 1, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, University Centre, Room A180.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (S. Blackstone/L. Gammon)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (K. Gillis/D. Greschner)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on March 4, 2011 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

On the federal front, Dr. Turpin reported that a federal election had been called for early May. He added that the recent federal budget had some modest investments in university research and that the response from the AUCC was positive.

Dr. Turpin said the annual AUCC meeting was being held in Victoria this month and he would be hosting a reception and dinner at the University Club.

With regard to provincial matters, Dr. Turpin reported that the Premier had been sworn in and a new cabinet had been announced. Dr. Turpin said universities associated within the Ministry of Advanced Education, which was being led by a new Minister. He added that Philip Steenkamp had been reappointed as Deputy Minister.

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

- Dr. Howard Brunt's term as Vice-President Research was expiring on June 30, 2012;
- the 2011 Undergraduate Scholars Research Fair was scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2011;

- the NSERC Discovery Grant results were very positive for the university with high success rates;
- faculty members' success rates for SSHRC grants were also very high, resulting in the university achieving its best result ever;
- \$3.5 million in grant funding was awarded to CanAssist for two proposals that were submitted to the Ministry of Health Services;
- there was a campus-wide celebration on March 30th for the Knowledge Infrastructure Project, which was completed on time and on budget;
- Mark Roman, the university's Chief Information Officer, will be leaving UVic to become the President and CEO of CANARIE (Canada's Advanced Research and Innovation Network);
- for a second year in a row, UVic was selected as one of Canada's greenest employers; and
- 2008 Olympic bronze medalist and UVic Vikes swimmer Ryan Cochrane won the Canadian Interuniversity Sport "male swimmer of the year" and "male rookie of the year" award following the CIS Swimming Championships held in Calgary at the end of February.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on the university's response to recent events in Japan. He reported that our academic community, Student Affairs and the Office of International Affairs had responded immediately to the emergency in Japan:

- ensuring that UVic students in Japan were safe;
- ensuring that Japanese students on our campus had the necessary support;
- organizing an "Earthquake and Tsunami Public Forum" held on March 17th; and
- maintaining updated information on the UVic website.

Dr. Turpin updated members of Senate on the review and renewal of the Strategic Plan. He reported that:

- the Joint Senate Board Retreat was held on March 19th and yielded valuable feedback from members of the Senate and Board of Governors;
- initial discussions, both on and off campus, were almost completed, with over 40 meetings being held with faculties, student groups, municipal councils and school boards;
- the emerging narrative was a realization that the university was coming out of a period of growth and that going forward growth would have to be strategic;
- an exciting theme of the university as a diverse place where students make the university their "home" was emerging; and
- the Planning and Priorities Committee was reviewing input and would be meeting regularly over the next few months to process all the feedback received.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Office of the Ombudsperson

i. 2010 Annual report

The Ombudsperson, Ms. Martine Conway reviewed the recommendations and other information included in her annual report.

Motion: (S. Blackstone/D. Baer)

That Senate receive the 2010 annual report of the Office of the Ombudsperson for information.

CARRIED

6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

a. Senate Committee on Academic Standards

i. Recommendation Regarding the Implementation of Percentage Grading

Dr. Wilson briefly reviewed the recommendation to Senate regarding the implementation of percentage grading. In response to a question from Prof. Gammon, Dr. Wilson confirmed that implementation would take two to three academic cycles.

Dr. Monahan asked if the recommendations regarding the N grade would change an instructor's discretion regarding whether or not to assign an N grade. Dr. Wilson explained that there was no intent to remove an instructor's discretion to assign an N grade. The recommendations only included regulations for how an N grade must be assigned in the event that an instructor decides to assign one.

Dr. Thornicroft expressed concern about use of the percentage grading scale for the MBA program. Because there are separate grading standards for graduate and undergraduate programs, which he saw as rational and defensible, he was concerned about the impact of moving to the recommended percentage grading scale. Dr. Thornicroft asked if it would be possible for the Gustavson School of Business to request an exemption from the percentage grading scale for its MBA program. Dr. Dastmalchian stated that many faculty members in Business were not aware of the change to a percentage grading scale and requested an opportunity to engage in a discussion with them. Dr. Wilson confirmed that there had been several points of consultation with the faculties and noted that a response from Business had been received. She noted that this response had indicated support for the proposal.

Prof. Greschner said that, notwithstanding that the Faculties of Law and Graduate Studies had been expressly permitted to request exemptions, she did not see any reason why other faculties should not also be able to do so.

Dr. Devor said he was not aware that an exemption for the MBA program was desired. He confirmed that the Faculty of Graduate Studies was not seeking any exemptions.

Motion: (M. Wilson/R. Lipson)

That Senate approve the recommendations from the Senate Committee on Academic Standards regarding the implementation of a percentage grading system, as set out in the report entitled *Recommendations Regarding Implementation of Percentage Grading*:

- a. That the approved percentage grading scale apply to all Faculties at the university.
- b. That percentage grades be associated with a letter grading schema.
- c. That the following percentage grading scale and letter grade equivalency be approved:

Official Grading Scale - Percentages	Letter grade equivalency
90-100	A+
85-89	A
80-84	A-
77-79	B+
73-76	B
70-72	B-
65-69	C+
60-64	C
50-59	D
0-49	F
0-49	N

- d. That a percentage grade for an N grade be assigned in the following manner:

N grade percentage range 0-49: In cases where a student who has not completed the exam or who has not completed the course requirements and has achieved 0-49%, an instructor will assign the percentage grade achieved by the student.

N grade percentage range 50-100: In cases where a student who has not completed the exam or who has not completed the course requirements but has submitted course requirements that total

more than 49% of the total grade for a course, an instructor will assign a percentage grade of 49%.

- e. That the Faculty of Law be permitted to apply for an exemption from the approved percentage grading scale by submitting a request for exemption to Senate at its May 2011 meeting.
- f. That the changes set out in the grading scales in Appendix 8 and 9 of the report be included in the undergraduate and graduate academic calendars.
- g. That additional changes be permitted to the grade descriptions on page 26 of the graduate academic calendar.
- h. That the Faculty of Graduate Studies be permitted to apply for an exemption from the requirement to report percentage grades on transcripts by submitting a request for exemption to Senate at its May 2011 meeting.
- i. That the Faculty of Law be permitted to apply for an exemption from the requirement to report percentage grades on transcripts by submitting a request for exemption to Senate at its May 2011 meeting.
- j. With regard to grade point average:
 - 1. That the university change from a 9 point grade point average scale to a 4.33 grade point average scale.
 - 2. That the sessional and cumulative grade point average equivalencies be directly translated from the sessional and cumulative percentage averages.
 - 3. That the graduating grade point average be calculated from the percentage average assigned.
 - 4. That a statement explaining the grade point average scale be developed for inclusion in the undergraduate and graduate academic calendars and in the official transcript.
- k. That the 2005 Senate motion on comparative grading stating that:
“Transcripts will report a student’s grade and the average grade for the class (i.e. the section) in which he or she is enrolled. The class average will not be included for classes with enrolment less than 20. With the approval of Senate, a faculty may choose not to include comparative grading information on transcripts for grades in classes offered by that faculty.”

be implemented at this time with two amendments:

1. That the average grade for a class be included on the transcript for all courses rather than only for classes of 20 students or more.
 2. That the number of students in a class be listed on the transcript.
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- l. That the official transcript include the percentage grade assigned for a course as well as the letter grade equivalency for that percentage.
 - m. That all Faculties and Departments, Programs and Schools carefully consider the impact the change to the percentage grading system will have on their academic calendar entries, and that Senate request the Senate Committee on Curriculum and the Office of the Registrar to initiate a comprehensive review of all departmental and faculty curriculum submissions related to the move to percentage grading system.

CARRIED

b. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and Revised Undergraduate Awards

Dr. Monahan noted a typographical error in the terms of reference for one award. Ms. Lori Nolt confirmed a correction would be made.

Motion: (D. Baer/S. Blackstone)

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:

- Thomas and Elizabeth Mayne Scholarship in Theatre (revised)
- Henry & Marian Thiel International Business Award (new)*
- Certificate of Outstanding Academic Distinction in the Faculty of Human and Social Development (new)
- Clara Evelyn Wilson Scholarship (new)*
- Nora Lugin Shaw & Wendell Burill Shaw Memorial Scholarship (revised)*
- Robert S. Evans Memorial Scholarship (revised)*
- Estrofest/Furtado Bursary (revised)*
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Administrative Law Process (new)
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Securities Regulations (new)
- Lawson Lundell LLP Prize in Secured Transactions (new)
- LE,NONET Bursary (new)
- Charles & Ruth Haywood Memorial Bursary in Music (new)*
- Lawson Lundell LLP Entrance Scholarship (revised)

- Norah and Calvin Banks Aboriginal Leadership Award in the Sciences (new)*
- Faculty of Engineering: Dean's Entrance Scholarships (revised)

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CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

i. Appointment to the Planning and Priorities Committee

Motion: (G. Van Gyn/T. Haskett)

That Senate approve the appointment of Ali Tehranchi, graduate student senator, to the Planning and Priorities Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending on June 30, 2012, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRC)

Motion: (L. Gammon/A. Devor)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) for the period 21 April 2011 – 20 April 2016 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

CARRIED

ii. Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives

Motion: (A. Devor/P. Keller)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) for the period 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2016 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on University Budget

i. 2010/2011 Annual Report

Motion: (K. Gillis/R. Howell)

That Senate receive the 2010/2011 annual report of the Senate Committee on University Budget for information.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

a. Faculty of Graduate Studies: Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee

i. New and Revised Graduate Studies Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/M. Wilson)

That the 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 Faculty of Graduate Studies.

- James & Phillipa Kerr Scholarship (new)*
- Charles & Ruth Haywood Memorial Scholarship in English Literature (new)*
- Jim & June Young Memorial Scholarship (new)*
- Dr. Arne H. Lane Graduate Fellowships in Marine Sciences (new)*

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CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Regalia Colours – Masters of Global Business

Motion: (A. Dastmalchian/S. Blackstone)

That Senate approve that the regalia hood for the Masters of Global Business be burgundy with a mitred neckpiece and a narrow band of white velvet one inch from the edge of the hood on the outside only.

CARRIED

b. Establishment of a New Intra-Faculty Research Centre in Engineering

There were no questions or comments.

c. Elections to Senate for 2011/2012

Dr. Eastman provided a report on the elections to Senate that were underway or had recently concluded.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

April 2011 Senate Attendance

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Effective from February 23, 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)
- LAW: 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 Coccola (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) "
- Wanda Martin (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