The terms of reference of the Senate Committee on Planning are as follows:

The Committee shall:

1. study and submit recommendations to Senate concerning proposals for the creation or disestablishment of programs, faculties, schools, departments, centres and institutes, and major modifications of existing programs;
2. assist and advise Senate, after due consultation with the faculties, in the formation of appropriate academic policy; and
3. advise Senate and the President on academic issues, as required.

The voting members of the Senate Committee on Planning for 2018-19 were:

- Dr. N. Wright, Associate Vice-President Academic Planning, Chair
- Dr. V. Kuehne, Vice-President Academic and Provost
- Dr. D. Castle, Vice-President Research
- Dr. M. Engineer, Department of Economics
- Dr. S. Nam, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business
- Dr. G. McDonough, Department of Curriculum and Instruction
- Dr. N. Roy, Department of Economics
- Dr. V. Wyatt, Department of History in Art
- Dr. A. Roudsari, Department of Health Information Science
- Dr. R. St. Clair, Deans’ Representative
- Dr. R. Hicks, Faculty of Science
- Dr. M. Garcia-Barrera, Department of Psychology
- Ms. G. Calder, Faculty of Law
- Dr. D. Capson, Faculty of Graduate Studies
- Dr. D. Russek, Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies
- Dr. P. Nahirney, Medical Sciences
- Dr. J. Clarke, Division of Continuing Studies
- Dr. R. Gupta, Faculty of Engineering
- Ms. A. Kirby, Undergraduate Representative and Student Senator
- Ms. C. Osborne, Graduate Student Representative

Ex officio, non-voting members include the following additional members:

- Ms. W. Taylor, Acting, Registrar
- Ms. A. Saab, Acting, Associate University Secretary
- Ms. A. Giles, Director, Operations, Co-op. Education & Career Services

The 2018-19 Report covers the activities of the Committee in the period from its meeting October 2, 2018, through its meeting on April 2, 2019. During this period, the Committee held seven meetings.
ACTION ITEMS APPROVED BY SENATE:

1. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) for the period June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2023, as described in the memo dated March 23, 2018.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 4, 2018]

2. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the change of the name of “Theatre History” to “Theatre Studies” for the Department of Theatre’s MA program, as described in the memo dated December 5, 2017.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 4, 2018]

3. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the change of the name “PhD in Theatre History” to “PhD in Theatre”, as described in the memo dated December 5, 2017.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 4, 2018]

4. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, that the existing curriculum for the PhD in Theatre History become a stream identified as a “Theatre Studies Stream” within the PhD in Theatre.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 4, 2018]

5. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, a stream in Applied Theatre be added to the newly renamed PhD in Theatre, as described in the document “Applied Theatre PhD Stream”.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on May 4, 2018]

6. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the change of name of the “Religious Studies Program” to the “Religion, Culture and Society Program”, as described in the memorandum on the proposed name change for the Religious Studies Program dated September 3, 2018.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 2, 2018]

7. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the proposed changes to the Hispanic Studies Honors, Major, Minor, Combined Hispanic and Italian Major, and Spanish Certificate Programs, as described in the Memorandum to Propose a Major Modification to a Program dated August 20, 2018.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 2, 2018]

8. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a certificate in Indigenous Language Proficiency, as described in the document “Certificate in Indigenous Language Proficiency”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

   [Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 2, 2018]
9. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the proposed changes to first-year and second-year English Majors requirement, as described in the Memorandum to Propose a Major Change to a Program dated September 14, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 2, 2018]

10. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Neurobiology Option within the Combined Biology and Psychology Programs, as described in the document “Neurobiology Option within the Combined Biology and Psychology Programs”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 2, 2018]

11. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the proposed changes to the Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization, as described in the Memorandum to Propose a Major Change to a Program dated September 17, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on November 2, 2018]

12. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the proposal to change the names of the combined BSc programs between the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, the Department of Biology, and the Department of Chemistry from “Biology and Earth and Ocean Sciences” and “Chemistry and Earth and Ocean Sciences” to “Biology and Earth Sciences” and “Chemistry and Earth Sciences”, as described in the memorandum dated October 4, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 7, 2018]

13. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the discontinuation of the contribution of the Department of Psychology to the Neuroscience Graduate Program, as described in the memorandum dated September 21, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 7, 2018]

14. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the extension of the Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Biomedical Research until June 30, 2019, as described in the memorandum dated October 31, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on December 7, 2018]

15. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the proposal to change the name of the Software Engineering CSC Degree Option to “Software Systems”, as described in the memorandum dated November 9, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 11, 2019]

16. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Diploma in Fine Arts, as described in the memorandum dated October 16, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on January 11, 2019]

17. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to establish a Minor in Data Science, as described in the document “Minor in Data Science”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.
18. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the major program changes to the MPA Program – Thesis Option (On Campus) and Course-Based Option (Online), as described in the memorandum dated October 22, 2018.

19. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of a Professional Specialization Certificate in Visitor and Community Engagement, as described in the document “Professional Specialization Certificate in Visitor and Community Engagement”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

20. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Physical Education Minor, as described in the document “Physical Education Minor”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

21. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the proposed major modification of the Diploma in Intercultural Education, as described in the memorandum dated January 1, 2019.

22. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of a Cultural, Social and Political Thought Option, as described in the document “Addition of CSPT Option to Germanic and Slavic Studies Master’s Program”

23. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the addition of a new stream in the Politics of Global Challenges program in the existing Master of Arts in Political Science, as described in the document “New Stream in the Politics of Global Challenges in the Existing Master of Arts in Political Science”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

24. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the addition of a major research project option in the Master of Arts in Political Science, as described in the document “Major Research Project Option in the Master of Arts in Political Science”, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.
25. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to discontinue the Major and Minor programs in Mediterranean Studies, as described in the memorandum dated December 6, 2018.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 1, 2019]

26. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, discontinuation of the Entrepreneurship Certificate and Diploma programs, as described in the memorandum dated January 11, 2019.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 1, 2019]

27. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems (IESVic) for the period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2024.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 1, 2019]

28. That the Senate Committee on Planning recommends that Senate approve the extension of Approved Centre Status for the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (IALH) until October 31, 2019.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on March 1, 2019]

29. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the proposal to change the name of the Bachelor of Music Major in History and Literature to "Major in Musicology and Sound Studies", as described in the memorandum dated February 13, 2019.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on April 5, 2019]

30. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the proposal for the addition of a Cultural, Social and Political Thought (CSPT) Option within the Master of Arts in French, as described in the document “Addition of a CSPT Option within the French Graduate Program”.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on April 5, 2019]

31. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a Major in Physical and Health Education in the Bachelor of Recreation and Health Education program, as described in the document “New Major in Physical and Health Education in the Recreation and Health Education Program”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on April 5, 2019]

32. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to change the name of the Professional Specialization Certificate in Special Education to “Professional Specialization Certificate in Special and Inclusive Education”, as described in the memorandum dated January 11, 2019.

[Approved by Senate at its meeting on April 5, 2019]

33. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to change the name of the diploma in Special Education to “Diploma in Special and Inclusive Education”, as described in the memorandum dated January 11, 2019.
34. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the proposal to change the name of the Physics and Ocean Sciences (Ocean-Atmosphere Dynamics) program to “Physics and Ocean-Atmosphere Sciences”, as described in the memorandum dated January 8, 2019.

35. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the proposal to establish new Honours and Major within the existing Chemistry and Earth and Ocean Sciences combined program, as described in the document “Honours in Chemistry and Ocean Sciences/Major in Chemistry and Ocean Sciences”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the programs not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

36. That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the proposal to establish an Honours program within the existing Chemistry for Medical Sciences (ChemMedSci) program, as described in the document “Honours within the Existing Chemistry for Medical Sciences (ChemMedSci) Program”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the programs not be offered within five years of the granting of approval.

ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING REVIEW BY SENATE in 2018-2019:

1. That Senate approve the proposed major change in the Master of Arts in the Community Development Program, as described in the memorandum dated January 11, 2019.

2. That Senate approve the proposed program change to the PhD in Public Administration, as described in the memorandum dated January 11, 2019.

3. That Senate that approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, that it also approve the proposal to discontinue the Master of Arts in the Dispute Resolution Program, as described in the memorandum dated December 19, 2018.

4. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the discontinuation of the DHUM Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities, as described in the memorandum dated February 14, 2019.

5. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the name change of the Master of Arts in Indigenous Communities Counselling to “Indigenous Communities Counselling Psychology”, as described in the memorandum dated December 4, 2018.

6. That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of a Master of Engineering (MEng) program in Industrial Ecology, as described in the document “Master of Engineering (MEng) Program in Industrial Ecology”, and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be approved by the Secretariat of the Ministry of Advanced Education.

7. That Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (IALH) for the period November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2024.

8. That Senate approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Biomedical Research (CFBR) for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.
ACTION ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING REVIEW BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING 2018-2019:

There are no pending items for review by Senate Committee on Planning 2018-2019.

PROGRAM PROPOSALS FORWARD TO THE MINISTRY'S POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION PROPOSAL SYSTEM (PSIPS) FOR 30-DAY PEER REVIEW:

1. On June 26, 2018 the proposed Master of Management Degree was submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training for review and approval.

FULL PROGRAM PROPOSALS STATUS REPORT:

1. On February 22, 2018 the proposed Joint Degree Program: Juris Doctor and Juris Indigenarum Doctor was submitted to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training for review and approval. On June 9, 2018 the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training granted the University of Victoria approval to offer the Juris Doctor I Juris Indigenarum Doctor degree.
2. On March 29, 2019 the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training granted the University of Victoria approval to offer the Master of Engineering in Applied Data Science degree.
3. On January 29, 2019 the Degree Quality Assessment Board confirmed that a Decision Note has been drafted concerning the proposed Master of Management Degree. The proposal was originally posted to the Post-secondary Institution Proposal System (PSIPS) website on June 26, 2018 and is in the process of being approved by the Minister.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Quality Assurance Process Audit (QAPA) is an external review process to ensure that public post-secondary institutions periodically conduct rigorous, ongoing program and institutional quality assessment. All B.C. public institutions participate in the QAPA once every eight years. On December 11-12, 2018 the University of Victoria underwent a QAPA site-visit conducted by a panel chosen by the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) branch of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training. The response to the QAPA Panel Report was submitted to DQAB on April 12, 2019.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their careful deliberations and hard work over the last year.

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Dr. Nancy Wright
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