



## APPROVED MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on May 2, 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: (B. Clazie/R. Mitchell)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES

a. April 4, 2008

Motion: (L. Gagne/A. Monahan)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on April 4, 2008 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

Dr. Turpin informed Senate that a funding announcement had been made by Western Economic Diversification Canada, which would be investing \$600,000 in the University of Victoria Genome BC Proteomics Centre.

Dr. Turpin reported that the provincial government had recently announced five new regional universities. Dr. Turpin said that the *University Act* had been amended to reflect the announcement. He added that changes to the Act had also been made regarding the appointment of the Chancellor. Dr. Turpin explained that the changes would not affect the Chancellor election currently underway at the university.

Dr. Gagne asked if the new universities were also facing budget cuts. Dr. Turpin said it was his understanding that they were.

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

- for the first time, the university succeeded in exceeding \$100 million in research funding
- the official opening of the Mearns Centre was scheduled for the following week
- the new [uvic.ca](http://uvic.ca) website had been launched

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

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building is the Mearns Centre and that the McPherson Library is situated within that. She stated that there was no intent to reduce emphasis on the history of the building.

Economic Policy recommended by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Senate Committee on Curriculum.

**CARRIED**

c. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Dr. Mateer reported that, due to concerns with the security of the anti-plagiarism software being used by the university, a decision had been made to terminate the service. Mr. Robinson asked how many instructors were using the service. Dr. Turpin replied that approximately 55 instructors were using the service.

Prof. Cassels stated that a full report would be coming to Senate regarding course experience surveys within the next 16 months.

Motion: (T. Haskett/ P. Kostek)

That Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08 annual report of the Senate Committee on Learning & Teaching.

**CARRIED**

d. Senate Committee on the Libraries

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Dr. Mitchell commented that the inter-library loan system had dramatically improved. Dr. Turpin agreed.

Motion: (M. Swanson/ L. Gagne)

That Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08 annual report of the Senate Committee on Libraries.

**CARRIED**

e. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

i. Appointments to the 2008/09 Senate Standing Committees

Motion: (A. Lepp/ M. Kennedy)

That Senate approve the appointments to the 2008/09 Senate standing committees for the terms indicated in brackets in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

**CARRIED**





position reductions might not be distributed optimally in the first instance because vacancies might exist in areas of high priority and demand. Dr. Mitchell said he hoped an effort would be made to reallocate positions to such areas over time. Prof. Cassels said that such reallocation would take place through the annual process whereby deans prepare annual staffing plans for approval. Mr. Robinson asked if the university planned to implement additional fees, as had been done in Ontario. Professors Cassels replied that it was not the plan and that fees were regulated.

Motion: (S. Banjeree/L. Cross)

That the Senate receive with thanks the 2007/08  
Annual Report of the Senate Committee of the University  
Budget.

**CARRIED**

**7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

a. Elections to the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

Dr. Turpin announced that there were five vacancies on the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

Ms. Swanson nominated Darlene Clover. Mr. Robinson seconded the nomination.

Dr. Mitchell said that Senate should ensure the committee included representation from across the faculties. Dr. Lepp commented that an effort had been made to ensure representation across the faculties.

Mr. Robinson nominated Teresa Sims. Dr. Lepp nominated Jan Wood. Dr. Kennedy seconded the nomination. Dr. Lepp nominated Lynda Gagne. Dr. Kennedy seconded the nomination.

Dr. Mitchell said he thought it was a mistake not to have a representative from the Faculty of Social Sciences on the committee. Dr. Turpin suggested leaving one seat on the committee vacant. He asked Dr. Keller to consider a nominee.

There were no further nominations. Dr. Turpin declared Dr. Clover, Dr. Wood and Dr. Gagne acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance for three year terms beginning on July 1, 2008. He declared Ms. Sims acclaimed to the committee for a one year term beginning July 1, 2008.

b. Protection of Privacy Policy

Dr. Eastman explained that, to date, the university's policy with respect to privacy and freedom of information had been simply to comply with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. She said that the University Records Management Committee had suggested it would be helpful to have a high-level policy that articulates what the Act means within the context of the university. She added that the policy would be supported by a handbook or other detailed forms of guidance. Dr. Eastman said that, although approval of the policy was not within the jurisdiction of Senate and would be approved by the Board of Governors, feedback was being requested from Senators.

Mr. Robinson asked how the policy would affect freedom of information requests for university information. Dr. Eastman stated that, because the policy was aimed at personal information, it would not affect the process for requesting access to non-personal information.

c. Appointment Procedures for Deans and Associate Deans



Prof. Cassels informed Senators that he was planning to begin a review of the appointment procedures for deans and associate deans. He explained that there were a number of issues that would be addressed during the review, one of which was the number of procedures. Prof. Cassels said that any revisions to the procedures would be brought back to Senate.

d. Appointment of Non-Academic Associate, Vice-Presidents and Non-Academic Assistant Vice-Presidents

Professor Cassels said that a new procedure for the appointment of non-academic associate vice-presidents and non-academic assistant vice-presidents had been approved by the Board of Governors. He said that over the next six months a search for a new associate vice-president student affairs would get underway using the new policy.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned.