
MINUTES (Revised)

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on Friday, March 3, 2006 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 (R. Mitchell/L.Cross)

One item was added, 8.d): the Early Granting of a Degree. It was noted that a memo addressing this item had been distributed. The agenda was declared approved as amended.

2. MINUTES

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and gives Senate a basis for enforcement. Dr. Mitchell added that it belongs in the calendar, and the Office of the Vice-President Academic and Provost has the authority for enforcement. Ms. Maya Gislason commented that there are informal practices that don't have mechanisms but do affect how grades are assigned; for example, professors telling teaching assistants the average grade they want to have in marking students, hoping to avoid the appearance of grade inflation. Jessica Page thanked the committee for its work on the project and noted that the competitiveness of some faculties' learning environments exacerbates this problem.

Dr. Mitchell proposed that Senate amend the motion by striking the preamble statement. Ken Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was defeated by a vote of 17 to 2.

After discussion the motion was passed with one amendment, with the first word of the addition revised to read "A primary purpose" rather than "The primary purpose".

CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Curriculum

2006-2007 Calendar Submission – Faculty of Business

Motion: (R. Mitchell/R. Anthony) That Senate approve the major curriculum changes recommended by the Faculty of Business and the Committee on Curriculum for inclusion in the 2006-2007 Calendar Supplement.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Planning – J. Cassels

CARRIED

Motion: (M. Taylor/P. Keller) That Senate approve and recommend to the Board that it also approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives for the period July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011.

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. 2005-2006 Emeritus

CARRIED

Motion: (J. Cassels/J. Dower) That Senate approve the

additional 2005-2006 Emeritus list for submission to the
2006-2007 University Calendar.

b. Enrolment Projections for 2006-2007

CARRIED

Professor Cassels noted that the model for each year is constructed to predict what the strength of applications will be; the process takes into account the acceptance rate, the actual enrollment rate and other factors. Dr. Mitchell reminded Senate that UVic's standards have remained the same (67%) but as the majority of applications have a higher average than that, the 67% figure has been below the actual cut-off for some time.

Motion