

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on Friday, May 5, 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**

The agenda was declared approved as circulated.

**2. MINUTES**

a. March 3, 2006

Dr. Reg Mitchell noted that the minutes did not include a record of the amendment he had proposed to item 6.b.ii. The secretary made a note to add a record to the minutes to show that an amendment had been seconded, voted upon, and defeated.

**MOTION:** (L. Cross/I. Dawson)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on March 3, 2006 be approved as revised, 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.

As this was the last regular meeting of Senate for the year, President David Turpin extended thanks to each of the faculty and student Senators whose terms were coming to an end. He extended particular thanks to Dr. Budd Hall, Dean of Education. Dr. Turpin also thanked the Senate committee chairs who would be completing their terms as chairs on June 30<sup>th</sup>: Robert Anthony (SCAS), Ed Ishiguro (SCART), Micaela Serra (Awards), Isobel Dawson (ComCom), Reg Mitchell (Curriculum), and Geri Van Gyn (Teaching and Learning).

Dr. Turpin extended a welcomed Dr. Katy Mateer, in her new capacity as Associate Vice-President Academic Planning.

The President noted that the *UVic Annual Review* had been published, and that copies were available on the table at the back of the Senate chambers.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on the federal budget, which had included increased funding for the three federal research granting agencies and for the Canada Foundation for Innovation. \$40 million towards indirect costs of research and the allocation of \$1 billion for investments in university and college infrastructure and equipment.

Dr Turpin reported on the successful completion of collective bargaining at UVic, and also noted that the University of Victoria's Board of Governors had approved the 2006/07 budget framework at the end of March. The \$253.5-million operating budget includes a provincial operating grant of \$140.8 million, up \$7 million over 2005/06. It will provide for more student spaces, operating costs for new buildings to help ease a critical space shortage on campus, program quality improvements, and additional student financial assistance. The university will invest a further \$430,000 in student financial assistance, keeping UVic among the top 20 per cent of Canadian universities in terms of student assistance packages. Another \$400,000 will go to the library for its acquisitions budget, and \$2.4 million to support program growth. The President remarked on the construction activity on campus, observing that the projects were proceeding well.

The President reported that thanks to more than \$1 million in federal funding, the University of Victoria's Innovation and Development Corporation (IDC) is expanding its services to assist four other post-secondary institutions: Camosun College, Royal Roads University, Malaspina University-College, and North Island College.

Dr. Turpin offered congratulations to the winners of the following awards:

- Dr. Nancy Turner (Environmental Studies), Craigdarroch Gold Medal for Career Achievement in Research
- Dr. Michel Lefebvre (Physics and Astronomy), Craigdarroch Silver Medal for Excellence in Research
- Dr. Tom Fleming (Curriculum and Instruction), Craigdarroch Award for Societal Contribution
- B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources – UVic Partnership Project, Craigdarroch Award for Project Excellence
- Dr. John Lutz (History), Craigdarroch Award for Research Communication
- James deGreef and Jonathan Kerr (founders of Genologics Life Sciences Software Inc.), University of Victoria Innovation and Development Corporation Entrepreneurship Award

Dr. Turpin also noted that Dr. Andrew Weaver's weather-station network – now installed at more than 50 Victoria-area schools – had attracted an award from the BC school Superintendents' Association. The “weather network” is a tremendous outreach tool for UVic.

In a final note of congratulations, Dr. Turpin reported that University of Victoria oceanographer Dr. Chris Garrett was recently elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

b. Presentation on Project Nova - Mark Roman

Mr. Mark Roman gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Senate on the NOVA project, and answered questions about the timeline for implementation. He noted that there would be faculty consultations in the near future, which would offer opportunities for more information to be shared and for specific questions to be answered.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE - NIL**

**6. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES**

a. Committee on Awards – (R. Anthony/G. Robinson)

- i. Report on new and revised undergraduate awards as approved by email on March 27, 2006.

Motion: That Senate note that a motion of March 27, 2006, approved the following awards by email, and recommend to the Board of Governors for its approval the following awards:

Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship\*

The James Bursary\*

Norma Mickelson Legacy Scholarship\*

*\* Administered by University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

- ii. New and revised undergraduate awards

Dr. Robert Burke spoke to this motion because Dr. Micaela Serra, Awards Committee Chair, could not be present.

In discussion, Dr. Aaron Devor requested that the terms of reference for new awards specify if graduate students are eligible; he would like to see greater clarity regarding the intentions of the donor, in this regard. He recommended that if graduate students are eligible then the Awards Committee should make sure that students are informed of it.

Motion: (R. Anthony/G. Robinson)

That 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:

Benson McCallum Bursary

Hotel Association of Greater Victoria Scholarship

IEEE Pacific Rim Vijay Bhargava Scholarship\*

Colin Jones Medal in Canadian Public Policy

Leonard Laudadio Medal in Environmental Economics

Hannah Madgen Memorial Bursary\*

Arthur Taylor Memorial Award\*  
Best Western Carlton Plaza Hotel Award\*

*\*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**

b. Senate Committee on the University Budget

i. 2005-2006 Annual Report

Motion: (S. Klein/L.Cross)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2005-2006 annual report of

AMENDED Motion: (I. Dawson/R. Mitchell)

That Senate approve a change in the name of the Senate Committee on Committees to the “Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.”

**CARRIED**

d. Senate Committee on Planning – J. Cassels

i. Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

Amended Motion: (M. Taylor/A. Rippin)

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 April 21, 2006 – April 20, 2011, as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advised to the Vice-Presidents.

**CARRIED**

ii. British Columbia Institute of Co-operative Studies

Amended Motion: (M. Taylor/P. Keller)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the British Columbia Institute of Co-operative Studies (BCICS) for the period November 1, 2005-October 31, 2010, as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advised to the Vice-Presidents.

**CARRIED**

iii. Master of Arts in Environmental Studies and Master of Science in Environmental Studies

Amended Motion: (M. Taylor/P. Keller)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve the establishment of a program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Environmental Studies and Master of Science in Environmental Studies to be offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies as described in the attached document entitled “A Proposal for M.A. in Environmental Studies and M.Sc. Degree in Environmental Studies” dated February 14, 2006; and that this approval be withdrawn should the program 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**

## e. Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning

## i. 2005-2006 Annual Report

Dr. Jim Anglin observed that this would be Dr. Geri Van Gyn's last Senate meeting as Director of the Learning and Teaching Centre. He offered thanks for six and a half years of outstanding work, noting that Dr. Van Gyn had achieved a great deal to the benefit of students, faculty and the university as a whole. Dr. Mitchell strongly supported a vote of thanks for Dr. Van Gyn, which was enthusiastically provided.

With respect of the course assessment survey, Dr. Mitchell inquired whether any changes had been made, given that Senate had expressed concern over the length of the survey and incentive to complete it. Dr. Anglin reported that an e-version was being considered and that the length was average for similar instruments. In response to a question, Dr. Anglin said that the instrument would be introduced in stages, with a first phase this fall, and full implementation next year. The instrument will be tested over four years.

Motion: (P. Keller/M.E. Purkis)

That Senate receives with thanks, the 2005-2006 annual report of the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning.

**CARRIED**

**7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES**

## a. Faculty of Graduate Studies

## i. New and Revised Graduate Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/G. Robinson)

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

Dr. David Chuenyan Lai Scholarship\*

Robert Roy Brock Swailes Memorial Fund\*

*\* Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

**CARRIED**



h. Meeting of Committee Chairs

**INFORMATION**

The President reported that the Committee on Committees (now the “Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance”) would be hosting a discussion for Senate committee chairs after the Special Senate meeting on May 23, in order to discuss the composition of the Senate committees and to receive feedback and suggestions. Senate committee members were encouraged to provide ideas and suggestions to their committee chairs.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Senate was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.