

MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on Friday, November 3, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in the David Strong Building, Room C116. The Vice-Chair, Ms. Marne Swanson, was in the Chair.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. MINUTES

a. October 6, 2006

MOTION: (A. Ripplin/J. Cassels)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on October 6, 2006 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

In Dr. Turpin's absence, Jamie Cassels, Vice-President Academic & Provost provided remarks from the Chair. Professor Cassels invited Dr. Martin Taylor to give an update on the federal research front. Dr. Taylor reported that he and Dr. Turpin had recently been in Ottawa for meetings with federal officials to discuss funding of the research and in particular funding of the NEPTUNE project and made some good progress. Professor Cassels reported that the administration had made presentations at the Campus 2020 consultations in Victoria and also attended a symposium on the future of post-secondary education in Vancouver led by Geoff Plant, the Commission of Campus 2020.

Professor Cassels reported that a draft renewal of the strategic plan was distributed in the latest addition of the *Ring* and that Senate would be asked to comment on the draft plan at its December meeting. He reported on the progress of Project Nova and indicated that the Human Resource and Finance components of the project would be implemented soon and that the timeline of the student portion of the project had been extended. Professor Cassels invited Dr. Catherine Mateer to comment on the recent Leadership Retreat and Dr. Mateer reported that it had been a huge success with over 90 academic leaders participating. Dr. Taylor was then invited to provide details on the establishment of a new Office of Community-Based Research.

Professor Cassels reminded Senate of some up-coming events including: a conversation with

iii. Changes to the Undergraduate Scholarships, Medals and Prizes General Regulations

Dr. Robert Burke, Chair of the Senate Committee on Awards provided Senate with the rationale for the Committee's recommendation to change the scholarship regulations so that students registered in 12 or more units (as opposed to 15 units) would be eligible for scholarships. Dr. Burke indicated this change would enable students who carry a lighter course load because of community involvement or for personal reasons such as family responsibilities to qualify for scholarships. In addition, the change would bring UVic's regulations in line with other Canadian universities and the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

Motion: (R. Burke/A.R

A debate continued as to the merits of basing the scholarship assessment on 15-units for those students who choose to take a 15-unit course load. Dr. Miller questioned whether these students would be disadvantaged if the next year's scholarships are based on last year's performance.

Robert Burke responded that he was happy to take all of the concerns raised back to the committee for further discussion. The University Secretary confirmed that the motion could be approved at Senate's December 1st meeting and the changes could still be captured in the 2007-2008 calendar.

Dr. Mitchell proposed to table the motion until the next Senate meeting so that the Awards committee could answer the questions that had been raised.

Motion to Table: (R. Mitchell/K.Stewart)

That the motion be tabled and the matter be referred back to the Senate Committee on Awards to address the issues and concerns raised by Senate.

The motion to table the item was put and **CARRIED**.

b. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Name Change – Department of Germanic & Russian Studies

Professor Cassels introduced this matter and indicated that the new name for the department would more accurately reflect the nature of the Department's teaching offerings and bring the name in conformity with that of similar departments at other Canadian universities.

Motion: (J. Cassels/A. Rippin)

That Senate approve the change of name of the Department of Germanic and Russian Studies to the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies

CARRIED

ii. Honours BA in Medieval Studies

Motion: (J. Cassels/T. Haskett)

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to the degree of Honours BA in Medieval Studies to be offered by the Faculty of Humanities, as described in the attached document entitled "Honours in Medieval Studies in the Bachelor of Arts" dated 6 September 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

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

None

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

Dr. Annalee Lepp referred to a document that had been distributed at the meeting that recommended the appointment of the new student senate members acclaimed or elected in October to vacancies on the senate standing committees.

Motion: (A. Lepp/P. Keller)

That Senate approve the 2006-2007 committee appointments for student senators recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance as set out in the distributed document for the terms indicated in brackets.

CARRIED

b. Declaration of Vacancy on Senate

The University Secretary declared a vacant position for a representative from the Faculty of Business as Dr. Jenn Baggs was resigning from Senate as she would be on leave for the remainder of her term. Dr. Eastman indicated that a call for nominations to fill the position would be issued.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Senate was adjourned at time 4:35.