



A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on April 4, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the University Centre, Room A180.

The Chair of Senate, Dr. David Turpin, was in the chair.

Motion: (K.Stewart/A.Monahan)
That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Motion: (R.Anthony/S.Blackstone)
That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate, held on March 7, 2008, be approved as amended and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

- a. President's Report
 - i. General


Provincial Operating Budget

Dr. Turpin informed Senate that the provincial government had recently announced a 2.6% reduction in anticipated operating funds resulting in the university receiving \$4.2 million less than expected in 2008/09. He reported that at its last meeting (March 31), the Board of Governors had approved the budget framework for 2008/09 that had been developed through the integrated planning process, resulting

in a planned \$4.2 million cash deficit. This cause of action was advisable because of the very late date upon which the budget reduction had been announced and because the needs and priorities identified in th

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

- UVic had received \$4.5 million in one time funding from the provincial government for the inflationary costs associated with the building program on campus.
- the university had received the \$94.5 million announced by the province for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. The initiative is well underway and programs are beginning to unfold.
- First Peoples House: there had been a call for expressions of interest for the art component of the project. Tenders had been received for construction of the building. In 2007, UVic received \$2.4 million from the provincial government to support ther

- For the second year in a row, UVic Engineering students were winners in the innovation category at the Canadian Engineering Competition. This year's winners 

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that
it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program
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