



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on February 6, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Room A180, University Centre.

Dr. Turpin welcomed Ms. Flitton to her first Senate meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (R. Burke/T. Ho)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (S. Blackstone/T. Haskett)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on January 9, 2009 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Outcome of Election of Senators to the Committee for the Appointment of the President

With regard to the provincial budget, Dr. Turpin said the budget would be announced on February 17.

Dr. Turpin reported that he had recently participated in the BC Economic Summit. He said the theme of the importance of education and research was repeated throughout the summit.

With regard to events at the university, Dr. Turpin reported that:

Dr. Alan Pence, School of Child and Youth Care, had recently co-hosted a symposium on strengthening Africa's contributions to child development research.

Prof. Wolfgang Hofer, Professor Emeritus from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received the 2009 McNaughton Gold Medal from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

the Board of Governors approved preliminary planning and a funding feasibility

Dr. Baer provided comments on behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, which had been consulted on the proposed changes recommended by the Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer. Dr. Baer reported that some committee members were concerned about the evidence informing the decision to change the requirements, as well as the unanticipated consequences of making the change. He said that other committee members were generally in support of the change and thought the three-year review period was a good idea.

Dr. Webb expressed concern about lowering admission standards. He commented that in his experience there were already a number of students struggling with language proficiency. He asked what mechanisms would be implemented to support students.

Mr. Qian objected to lowering language proficiency standards for international students. He did not think there was currently adequate assistance on campus for international students who have English as a second language.

Dr. Turner suggested the proposal created a dilemma. She recognized the concerns being

Motion: (R. Burke/S. Blackstone)

That the Senate approve the amendments to the appeals sections of the University of Victoria's undergraduate and graduate academic calendars as set out in the attached document.

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Awards

i. New and revised undergraduate awards

Motion: (S. Lewis Hammond/M. Kennedy)

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:

Jeromy Pollard Memorial Scholarship (new)

Norah and Calvin Banks Chemistry Scholarship (new)*

Norah and Calvin Banks Science Scholarship (new)*

*Administered by the University of Victoria Foundation

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Curriculum

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Dr. Fulton thanked members of the Senate Committee on Curriculum for their hard work. He encouraged members of Senate involved in program development to submit curriculum changes to the Senate Committee on Curriculum at the same time as programs are being considered by the Senate Committee on Planning so that programs can be approved and implemented as efficiently as possible.

Motion: (D. Clover/S. Blackstone)

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

CARRIED

ii. 2009/10 Major Curriculum Changes

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES

There were none.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Ten-Year Sessional Calendar

Motion: (D. Baer/S. Blackstone)

f. Exceptions to Senate Approval Procedures for the Production of Transcripts without a Cumulative GPA

Prof. Cassels reported that, consistent with the motion passed by Senate permitting the implementation of short-term Banner related adjustments in academic policy and regulations, transcripts would be printed for a short period of time without listing a student's cumulative GPA.

There being no further business, the open meeting of Senate was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.