



MINUTES

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

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

Dr. Turpin welcomed senators to the first Senate meeting of the year.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (L. Cross/R. Mitchell)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

Dr. Turpin reported that the university was launching the second phase of an awareness campaign to continue attracting the best quality students to UVic.

He announced that the call for nominations for President's Distinguished Lectures had been circulated.

Dr. Turpin reported that a new emergency notification system was now in place. He said it was tested in August and some improvements were being implemented.

The Canada Foundation for Innovation's outcomes measurement study, conducted on May 14-15, 2008 at UVic, had been deemed a major success.

Dr. Turpin reported that University of Victoria Properties Inc. had received \$135,000 in federal funding and \$135,000 in provincial funding to conduct a feasibility study for an ocean technology park.

Dr. Turpin said the search for a director of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) was underway. He explained that the university's procedures for appointment of centre directors call for ratification of a director's appointment by the members of the centre. However, PICS did not yet have members. It was therefore not possible to conduct a ratification ballot for this initial appointment. Dr. Turpin reminded senators that a similar situation had been experienced with the Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia.

Dr. Turpin showed senators a new book, *The Lansdowne Era*, that was recently published to chronicle the life and times of Victoria College when it was located at the Lansdowne Campus.

He noted that the exhibit "Copper Thunderbird: Invention, Inspiration, Transformation" was running at the Legacy Gallery and Café downtown.

Dr. Turpin reported that the Premier had announced ten graduate fellowships for top master's and PhD students in June. He said that four of these fellowships had been awarded to UVic students.

Dr. Turpin reported that UVic's Indigenous Student Summer Camp and Indigenous Adult Orientation Programs had received a \$600,000 gift from RBC.

The Faculty of Education had received a \$500,000 donation from Mildred Shaw and Brian Gaines to support science education.

Dr. Turpin reported that Dr. Brad Anholt had been appointed director of the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre for Experimental and Applied Community Ecology.

With respect to awards and honours, Dr. Turpin announced that:

emeritus professor Angus McLaren was the recipient of the 2008 Molson Prize

Dr. Ron Lou-Poy, Dr. Hua Lin, Dr. Yuen-Fong Woon and Dr. David Chuenyan Lai had received Golden Mountain Achievement Awards
two emeritus professors, Dr. Peter Baskerville and Dr. Pat Martin Bates, were elected Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada

Dr. Chris Garrett, Earth and Ocean Sciences, won the BC Innovation Council Chairman's Award for Career Achievement

32 of the recipients of the Irving K. Barber Transfer Scholarships were at UVic or coming to UVic, more than any other BC university

emeritus professor Wolfgang Hoefler was elected to the German National Academy of Science and Engineering

Prof. David Hultsch, Psychology, was selected for the American Psychology Association Division 20 Baltes Distinguished Research Achievement Award

Dr. Geraldine Van Gyn, Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education, received the 2007/08 Dr. Branton Research Award from the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education

The Engineering and Computer Science Building was certified LEED gold status

22 UVic students, graduates and coaches participated in the Beijing Olympics and Paralympics

UVic was recognized as a "green" school in the U.S.-based "College Sustainability Report Card"

3rd year physics and mathematics student Sebastien Picard was a Killam Fellowship award recipient

ii.

on Awards as set out in the attached document:

*Martin Collis Undergraduate Bursary (new)**

*Martin Hendy Award (new)**

Charles Kint Bursary (new)

Prosecution Service of British Columbia Bursary (new)

Stikeman Elliot Prize in Contracts (new)

Melody D. Bullough Bursary (new)

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CARRIED

c. Senate Committee on Continuing Studies

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Motion: (M. MacDonald/R. Mitchell)

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

CARRIED

d. Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

i. 2007/08 Annual Report

Motion:

2008/09 Joint Senate Board Retreat Committee set out in the attached document as recommended by the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

CARRIED

e. Senate Committee on Planning

i. Minor in Social Justice Studies

Dr. Baer said he thought this was an exciting proposal. Dr. Gammon agreed.

Motion: (C. Mateer/A. Rippin)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of a *Minor in Social Justice Studies* to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Human and Social Development, and the Faculty of Humanities as described in the document entitled “Minor in Social Justice Studies” dated August 26, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined pending budget approval and consultation with the Registrar.

CARRIED

ii. Diploma in Social Justice Studies

Motion: (P. Keller/L. Gammon)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the establishment of a *Diploma in Social Justice Studies* to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Human and Social Development, and the Faculty of Humanities, in collaboration with the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the document entitled “Diploma in Social Justice Studies” dated August 26, 2008 and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval. A start date will be determined pending budget approval and consultation with the Registrar.

CARRIED

iii. 2007/08 Annual Report on Status of Academic Program Reviews

Motion: (J. Cassels/D. Greschner)
That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2007/08 annual report on Status of Academic Reviews from the Senate Committee on Planning.

CARRIED

7. PROPOSALS AND REPORTS FROM FACULTIES - NIL

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Revision of Policy 1023 – Interim Procedures for the Appointment of the Head of the Division of Medical Sciences

Dr. Mateer noted that a memo proposing an amendment to the recent procedures had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting. She explained that the amendment was proposed so that the policy would be more explicit about how members of the search committee would be appointed.

Motion: (R. Burke/J. Cassels)
That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it approve, the revisions to Policy 1023 – Interim Procedures for the Appointment of the Head of the Division of Medical Sciences, amended as per Dr. Mateer's memo of October 3, 2008

CARRIED

b. Exceptions to Senate Approval Procedures for Winter 2008 Student Intake

Prof. Cassels reminded senators that Senate had previously approved a motion to allow for exceptions for the winter 2008 student intake. Prof. Cassels said he would be happy to answers from senators about the contents of his report on these. There were no questions.

c. Searches for 2008/09

Prof. Cassels said the purpose of this item was to report on major leadership searches being undertaken in 2008/09.

