



MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate of the University of Victoria was held on May 1, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chambers, Room A180, University Centre.

The Vice-Chair of Senate, Dr. Keller, was in the chair in Dr. Turpin's absence.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: (D. Clover/J. Cassels)

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Motion: (T. Haskett/M. Purkis)

That the minutes of the open session of the meeting of the Senate held on April 3, 2009 be approved and that the approved minutes be circulated in the usual way.

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was none.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

a. President's report

Dr. Keller informed members of Senate that Dr. Turpin was in Asia on university business. Dr. Turpin sent his regrets.

Dr. Keller reported that an announcement had been made on April 8, 2009 by the federal and provincial governments that resulted in \$42.5 million in funding for the university under the knowledge infrastructure program. On April 7, 2009 the Honourable Lynne Valich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification was at UVic to announce federal funding for CanAssist.

d. Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching

i. 2008/09 Annual Report

Dr. van Gyn asked about the concerns that were brought to the committee regarding peer review. Dr. Webb responded that an inquiry had been made about a specific program for peer review. He added that the committee had not been required to make any decisions, but that further consideration of the issue might take place in the coming year.

Dr. Serra noted that her department did not use Turnitin because it was not relevant to computer science. She hoped that other programs would be incorporated into the committee's consideration of plagiarism detection software.

Motion: (D. Greschner/M. MacDonald)

f. Senate Committee on Planning

i. 2008/09 Annual Report

Motion: (A. Devor/M. Purkis)

That Senate receive, with thanks, the 2008/09 annual report of the Senate Committee on Planning.

CARRIED

ii. Institute for Integrated Energy Systems Victoria

Motion: (H. Brunt/D. Clover)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems Victoria (IESVic) for the period 1 April 2009 – 31 March, 2014 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

CARRIED

iii. Centre on Aging

Motion: (H. Brunt/J. Wood)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre on Aging for the period 1 April 2009 – 31 March, 2014 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

CARRIED

iv. Centre for Forest Biology

Motion: (A. Rippin/C. Cupples)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Forest Biology (FORB) for the period 1 April 2009 – 31 March, 2014 as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

CARRIED

v. Centre for Community Health Promotion

Dr. Turner asked why the centre was not being renewed. Dr. Brunt said the report circulated in the docket set out the reasons for the recommendation. He added that he was happy to answer any further questions regarding these reasons.

Motion:

Motion: (A. Rippin/H. Brunt)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, subject to funding, the establishment of an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program – Social Dimensions of Health (SDH). The program will be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Graduate Studies and other relevant faculties as described in the document entitled “Interdisciplinary Graduate Program – Social Dimensions of Health (SDH)”, dated April 14, 2009. Participation in the program will lead to an MA, MSc or PhD. The approval would be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. A start date will be determined after consultation with the Registrar. Once

a. Faculty of Engineering

i. Faculty of Engineering Membership

Motion: (M. Serra/P. Wild)

That Senate approve the revised membership of the Faculty of Engineering.

CARRIED

ii. Appointment of Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs

Mr. Wade asked why the procedures excluded senior instructors. Prof. Cassels responded that many of the university's appointment procedures were developed before the senior instructor designation existed. He added that some recently revised appointment procedures no longer excluded senior instructors from being considered. Dr. Serra confirmed that the procedures had been developed prior to the existence of the senior instructor designation in the faculty. She said the faculty was asking for a waiver while it considered other amendments to the appointment procedures. Ms. Turner asked if senior instructors had been excluded because they did not have a research requirement. Dr. Serra said the Associate Dean Undergraduate Programs did not have any responsibilities related to research matters. Prof. Greschner noted that the Faculty of Law had just appointed a senior instructor as one of its associate deans.

Motion: (M. Serra/V. Harrison)

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors that it also approve, a one-time waiver to the requirement under section 2.2 of the Procedures for the Appointment of the Associate Dean (Undergraduate Programs) of Engineering (policy #1042) so that reappointed Senior Instructors may be included as eligible applicants for the current search.

CARRIED

b. Faculty of Humanities

i. Faculty of Humanities Membership

Motion: (A. Rippin/C. Cupples)

That Senate approve the revised membership of the Faculty of Humanities.

CARRIED

c. Faculty of Graduate Studies: Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee

i. New and Revised Graduate Studies Awards

Motion: (A. Devor/D. Clover)

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.

- *Yvonne Allen Cancer Research Scholarship*
- *C.T.W. Memorial Fellowship for Indigenous Students*
- *Geoffrey & Alix O'Grady Scholarship in Linguistics*

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CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Elections to the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance

Dr. Keller announced that there were four vacancies on the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance, three for faculty members and one for a student. He asked for nominations to the committee.

Dr. Clover nominated Rebecca Raworth. The nomination was seconded by Dr. van Gyn. Ms. Swanson nominated Heather McKenzie. Mr. Pullman seconded the nomination. Dr. van Gyn nominated Kenneth Thornicroft. Dr. Dastmalchian seconded the nomination. Dr. Clover nominated Dr. Walker. Dr. Gagné seconded the nomination.

Dr. Keller asked for any additional nominations. There were none. Dr. Keller congratulated the nominees on being acclaimed to the Senate Committee on Nominations and Committee Governance.

b. Graduate Student Representation on the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Senate

Dr. Mateer said this item was being brought to Senate for information in order to provide a status update on a number of outstanding Senate motions and an update on other items under ongoing consideration.

Dr. Webb noted that a number of items in the memorandum addressed major academic policy matters. He thought it was important for these matters to be considered by Senate committees and asked whether this was being planned. Dr. Mateer said that consultation with a number of Senate committees was being planned.

Dr. Serra asked when the percentage grading system would be implemented. Dr. Mateer said the matter was currently under consideration by the administration and the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.