

20210401 Vancouver Senate Nominating Committee – Minutes

Present: Paul Harrison (Chair), Kin Lo (Vice-Chair), Charles Menzies (Vice-Chair), Julian Dierkes, Andre Ivanov, Angela Zhao

Regrets: Lynn Stothers, Christopher Marshall, Natasha Rygnestad-Stahl, Kate Ross

Clerk: Chris Eaton

Call to Order	Paul Harrison, Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
Adoption of Agenda	The agenda was adopted as amended.
Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Amendment: Minutes postponed to next meeting. The minutes were adopted as presented.
Academic Diversity and Inclusion	<p>The Committee welcomed former Senator Gonzalez as a guest to speak to the proposal, they outlined why a committee would be useful in helping direct the work of other committees.</p> <p>Committee members debated the benefits of a separate committee versus making this work the responsibility of all other committees of Senate. Revised terms of reference for a committee were reviewed as well as consideration of if a standing committee or a longer-lived ad hoc committee would be more useful, and if such a committee was an alternative to or could be complimentary to a structural change to imbed these considerations in the work of extant committees.. A straw poll was conducted and neither position had strong support, with a small majority of the committee supporting the structural approach rather than forming a new committee. Senator Harrison suggested that further work was required to find a way forward that addressed the concerns from both perspectives.</p>
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am