



# COUNCIL OF SENATES

MINUTES OF 28 MARCH 2019

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## Attendance

**Present:** D. Buszard (Vice-Chair), K. Ross (Secretary) B. Marcolin, R. Tees, J. Cioe, G. Wetterstand, S. Forwell, J. Gattinger, J. Jakobi, A. Kindler, P. Arthur, P. Harrison, D. Roberts, R. Yada, S. Singh, C. Comben, J. Malone, E. Lewis, S. Thorne,

**Regrets:** S. Ono, L. Gordon, A. Szeri, W. Tettey, S. Porter. C. Yaeger, M. Holmes, P. Marshall,

**Clerk:** Mr C. Eaton

## Call to Order

The Vice-Chair of the Council of Senates, Dr Deborah Buszard, called the seventh regular meeting of the Council to order at 1:00 pm.

## Adoption of Meeting Agenda

*By general consent, the distributed meeting agenda was adopted as recommended by the Council Executive Committee.*

## Council Membership

The Registrar advised that a current membership list was distributed with the meeting materials.

## Minutes of 14 October 2009

Barbara Marcolin  
Richard Tees

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*That the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 October 2009 be adopted as presented.*

Approved

## Remarks from the Vice Chair



Dr Buszard noted that she was asked by the President to chair this meeting in his absence. She noted that at 7 years, she was now the longest serving vice-president at UBC and that a lot of change happens in institutions over a decade. We have had 4 presidents and a complete turnover of all other vice-presidencies. Dr Buszard noted that the existence of a university with one board, two senates, mixed faculties, and a council of senates has enormous value for this university; the system is remarkably clever in allowing each campus to have its own system of academic integrity within one system. In closing, Dr Buszard opined that it may be beneficial to have slightly more regular meetings.

## Executive Committee

The Chair of the Council Executive Committee, Dr Paul Harrison presented.

### CHANGES TO THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE COUNCIL OF SENATES

Paul Harrison	}	<i>That the Rules and Procedures of the Council of Senates be amended as set out in the attached proposal.</i>
Jan Cioe		

Senator Harrison set out each of the proposed changes.

Senator Cioe spoke in favour of change 1: the veto power to delegated powers by a committee member.

Senator Wetterstand suggested that change 3: an acting vice chair, was based on length of service rather than skill.

Senator Cioe said that it was length of service as a committee chair and the inference was that they would have a degree of confidence in chairing a meeting.

Senator Gattinger said this rule as taken from the Okanagan Senate rules.

Senator Tees said that he appreciated the word continuous in the proposal.

Senator Forwell asked if Section 26 would still allow a meeting to be cancelled and if they were really even scheduled.

The Acting Secretary, Mr Christopher Eaton, replied that they had stopped putting holds in schedules as they were inevitably not needed and people grew annoyed by the holds. He said that it wasn't accurate to say that the meetings were "cancelled" in so much as they were planned if needed but were not expected to occur. His office automatically cancelled them if there wasn't pressing business.



*By general consent, the proposal was amended to propose replacing “Executive Committee” with “Secretary” in Section 14*

Noting the high turnover, Senator Gattinger spoke in favour of meeting every triennium

Section 48 is proposed to be amended to prohibited additional academic administrative positions from serving on the Budget Committee.

With respect to the proposed change 5 (Special Meetings), Senator Gattinger said the issues with the university act around council memberships for students, and thus 6 being a high bar for students to need to call meetings. 3 represented a reasonable bar for any constituency.

With respect to change 8 (associate deans on the budget committee), Senator Gattinger spoke in favour of the change noting that the work of associate deans on for this university was unheralded. He said that the budget process had a lot of opportunities for representatives of the senior admin to give input and feedback. The intent of the university act was to give the academic community who wouldn’t necessarily have other opportunities to provide input into the budget process.

*By general consent, changes 4 and 8 were divided out.*

Changes 1-3, and  
5-7 Approved as  
Amended

#### **CHANGE 4: CHANGES TO THE RULES AND PROCEDURES – SECTION 15- OF THE COUNCIL OF SENATES**

Paul Harrison	}	<i>That the Section 15 of the Rules and Procedures of the Council of Senates be amended to read “Rules 13 and 14 notwithstanding, the Council of Senates must meet at least once every triennium.”</i>
Jan Cioe		

Senator Cioe said that the Council could provide input back on activities that affect both campuses directly and indirectly. The Council was a useful forum for such considerations and discussions.

Senator Harrison spoke against the motion, saying that if there was business the council will meet. He agreed it was important to meet rather than not but he was not convinced this should be required.

Susan said that typically terms of reference require a minimum meeting schedule. She agreed that we should not meet without business however.

**AMENDMENT**

Susan Forwell	}	<i>That the Section 15 of the Rules and Procedures of the Council of Senates be amended to read “Any other rule notwithstanding, the Council of Senates must normally meet at least once every triennium.”</i>
Richard Tees		

Amendment  
Approved

Senator Roberts opined that she didn’t want to have a meeting for a sake of having a meeting and that the Council should only meet when it had business to consider.

Approved as  
Amended

**CHANGE 8: CHANGES TO THE RULES AND PROCEDURES – SECTION 48- OF THE COUNCIL OF SENATES**

Paul Harrison	}	<i>That the Section 48 of the Rules and Procedures of the Council of Senates be amended to include “associate dean” following “dean” and “or the equivalent of those positions” following “vice-president” .</i>
Jan Cioe		

Senator Cioe said that directors may be problematical. He said that there were so many nomenclatures around the whole system of UBC. His inference was that budget was part of the associate deans’ roles. He suggested that anyone with direct or indirect budget responsibilities should be excluded.

Senator Kindler said that the addition of associate deans singled out elected members of senate from committee eligibility. All of the other excluded roles are ex officio senators; associate deans are not ex officio, they are elected by and from academics and do not represent their deans, heads, the president, or anyone else. They are elected by their peers. As an equivalent position she was elected by the joint faculty and was urged by her colleagues to do so. She said that this would compromise the democratic process for academic to choose, who they want on the senate and for the ability of those persons to serve in various capacities. She also noted that the budget committee was advisory, not decision making. This notion would cause damage to UBC and further perpetuates the division between those with administrative roles and those who do not. Finally, she suggested that there were other roles that were much more in conflict, such as people who served on both the board and the Senate.



Senator Harrison spoke in favour of the equivalence clause but not the associate dean clause, noting that in that role he had no influence at all on the science budget. He noted that there have been moves in the past to exclude associate deans from the senate and this may further those arguments.

Senator Arthur said he agreed with Senator Kindler; elected members should have that opportunity.

#### Amendment

Anna Kindler  
Jennifer Jakobi

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*That the following motion be substituted for the proposed amendment to Rule 48: That Section 48 of the Rules and Procedures of the Council of Senates be amended to read: "Except those who are members ex officio on the budget committee, all other members of the budget committee must be elected member of their respective senates"*

Amendment  
Approved

Approved as  
amended

#### PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF THE CHANCELLOR

Paul Harrison  
Jakob Gattinger

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*That the Council of Senates call upon the Government of British Columbia to reinstate the elected model, allowing for the participation of the entire convocation, for the position of Chancellor in the province's universities; and that the Council of Senates further resolve to direct its Secretary to inform the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, of the preference of the Council of Senates for the convocation to elect, rather than the Board to appoint on the recommendation of the alumni association, the position of Chancellor, in a letter as agreed to by the Council Executive Committee.*



Senator Harrison sent out background of the change in legislation that converted the chancellorship from an office elected by the Convocation of UBC to one appointed by the Board of Governors. He noted that at the time both senates and the student union had objected to the change.

The Acting Secretary said that there was some uncertainty as to how the change came about but that it seemed related to the incumbent chancellor of the University of Northern British Columbia losing his bid for re-election the year prior. The Minister at the time stated to the Legislative Assembly that it was at the request of the research university presidents; however, Stephen Toope advised the Senate that he had not made the request.

Senator Gattinger spoke in favour of the motion. He noted that there has been a lot of change at UBC since 2008. This was now a democratic opportunity for the convocation of UBC. This increases legitimacy of the process.

Senator Ahmed spoke in favour of the spirit of the proposal. He asked if this would come better from the individual senates. He noted the then-oppositions opposition to the changes.

Senator Kindler said that this was two issues – if it should be elected, or how consultation occurs. She noted that the other universities may not be with UBC. She noted that any time the university act was amended we could be open to other changes that may not be in UBC's interests.

Senator R. Lawrence said we needed consultation and more information.

Senator Gattinger said that it could go through the senates again, but the Council had representation from both campuses and the Senates already opined when the legislation was changed. He agreed that being the only university asking for a change, but we could copy other senates on the letter and see if they would take it up as well. He noted that the government changes the University Act whenever it wants anyways.

Senator Cioe spoke in favour of the motion. He said generally elections best met the context of the moment.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor said that she felt ill-informed on this matter. She said that she was concerned if we acted without a referral from a senate or consultation. She noted that her concerns may be out of order but needed to be voiced.

Jakob Gattinger  
Paul Harrison

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*That this proposal be referred to the Council Elections Committee and that they be required to consult with the Senates as other interested parties that they may identify before reporting back to the*



*Council with what recommendations they found necessary by the next triennium.”*

Approved

#### **REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICY C2: AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING**

Senator noted the establishment of a working group to review Policy C2 and recommend any changes that may be required.

Senator Gattinger said that he appreciated the review but maintained his concern that officers of the University were signing agreements without academic approval.

#### **Adjournment**

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39.