



MINUTES
SENATE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
12 October 2023 3:05 to 4:30 pm via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Senators

Dr. Marina Adshade
Dr. Shannon Bredin
Dr. Clare Crowston
Katherine Feng (Student)
Dr. Sathish Gopalakrishnan
Kamil Kanji (Student)
Kareem Hassib (Student)
Dr. Kin Lo

Dr. Larry Lynd
Dr. Steven Pelech
Dr. Jenny Phelps
Dr. Richard Spencer

Ex Officio

Chris Eaton for Registrar
Karen Smith, Chair, Senate
Teaching and Learning
Committee

Office of the Senate

Gina DeVeaux

Regrets

Dr. C.W. Marshall
Dr. Charles Menzies
Dr. Rella Ng
Dr. Moura Quayle

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Gina DeVeaux, Academic Governance Officer delivered a Land Acknowledgement and serving as Chair until another is elected by the Committee, called the meeting of the Vancouver Senate Academic Policy Committee (the “Committee”) to order for the 2023 to 2026 Triennium.

2. Agenda

The Committee reviewed the meeting agenda and considered the motion:

THAT THE Senate Academic Policy Committee adopt the 12 October 2023 agenda as presented.

APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT

3. Member Introductions

All attendees at the meeting delivered self-introductions.

4. Academic Policy Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee received its Terms of Reference for information only.

5. Committee Elections

G. DeVeaux called for nominations from the floor for the role of Committee Chair. There were two nominations for the role of Committee Chair: Mr. Kamil Kanji and Dr. Kin Lo.

G. DeVeaux called the close to nominations for the role of Committee Chair and Senator Katherine Feng called for the close of nominations.

Each nominee provided a verbal synopsis of their interest in serving as Chair.

Chair: The members elected Dr. Kin Lo as Academic Policy Committee Chair.

G. DeVeaux called for nominations from the floor for the role of Committee Vice-Chair.

There were two nomination for the role of Committee Vice Chair: Mr. Kamil Kanji and Dr. Richard Spencer.

Dr. Richard Spencer declined the nomination.

G. DeVeaux called the close to nominations for the role of Committee Vice-Chair and Senator Dr. Sathish Gopalakrishnan \called for the close of nominations.

Mr. Kamil Kanji was acclaimed to the role of Academic Policy Committee Vice-Chair.

Dr. Kin Lo, Chair chaired the remainder of the meeting.

6. Academic Policies for Consideration in 2023/2024

The Committee discussed the academic policies and other matters that will be brought for the Committee’s consideration in 2023/2024. The list included, but will not be limited to:

Policies

1. Academic Freedom Policy
2. Senate Strike Policy
3. Parchment Policy
4. Grading Scales Policy
5. Examination Disruption Policy
6. Examination Hardships & Clashes Policy
7. V-125 Term and Formal Examination Scheduling Policy

Other Matters

1. Senate External Review
2. IRP Course Standings
3. ISP adoption
4. Health and safety requirements
5. Academic concessions

Mr. Eaton confirmed that affiliation agreements with other institutions, domestic and international, are under the purview of the Council of Senates and delegated to the Vancouver Senate Admissions Committee.

7. 2023/2024 Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2023/2024 meeting schedule and agreed to revisit the meeting schedule in January 2024 to ensure the availability of members to attend meetings on the proposed dates.

8. Committee Materials Distribution

The Committee requested circulation of meeting materials via SharePoint distribution.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on 23 October 2023.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.