



**SENATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday 17 November 2023 10:00-11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Attendance: Wendy Norman (Chair), Andre Ivanov, Gail Murphy, Chris Overall, Mitchell Prost

Regrets: Meigan Aronson, Guy Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Brenna Bhandar, Emily Jenkins, Greg Martyn, James Olson, Siddharth Rout, Amy Wang

Senate Staff: Michael Jud

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Senate Research and Scholarship Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 10:17 a.m. on 17 November 2023 by W. Norman, Chair.

ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was noted that the meeting was starting late due to lack of quorum at the original meeting start time. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF LAST MEETING’S MINUTES

The meeting minutes of 17 November 2023 were adopted by general consent.

ITEM 3: 2022/2023 ANNUAL REPORT – OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH & INNOVATION

The item was addressed by Gail Murphy, Vice President, Research & Innovation.

It was indicated that due to time constraints it would be advisable to abbreviate this item and allow Committee members to review the materials independently. The Committee agreed to invite Dr. Murphy to deliver a fulsome presentation of the report at a future meeting of the Vancouver Senate.

ITEM 4: AGENDA PLANNING FOR THE TRIENNIUM AHEAD

The Chair recommended that the Committee undertake a planning process aimed at identifying priorities and structuring the Committee’s work over the remainder of the triennium. Committee members will be given an opportunity to propose topics of interest for inclusion in the list of priorities.

A Committee member suggested examining issues pertaining to the management of the university’s campus lands. It was stated that housing affordability issues are having a negative impact on the university’s ability to recruit and retain researchers, and that making a greater portion of the university’s land assets available for housing could mitigate this issue. It was noted in response that the Senate has

already had opportunities to participate in the Campus Vision 2050 planning process and to offer input to the officials responsible for that process.

Senate staff undertook to investigate whether there are still opportunities for the Committee to meaningfully engage with this issue and report back to the Chair.

ITEM 5: PLANNING OUR PROCESS TO ENGAGE WITH THE INDIGENOUS STRATEGIC PLAN

The Chair discussed a request from the Senate Nominating Committee that each Senate standing committee reflect on opportunities to engage with the Indigenous Strategic Plan and report back on any findings. Committee members were encouraged to review the Indigenous Strategic Plan and associated documents in preparation for further discussion at the Committee's next meeting.

ITEM 6: DRAFT POLICY V-5: RESEARCH CENTRES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

Motion: *That the Committee approve and recommend to Senate for approval Policy V-5: Research Centres and Research Institutes, with an effective date of February 1.*

Carried.

ITEM 7: NEXT MEETING

The Committee's next meeting will be held on Friday 8 December 2023 from 10:00-11:30am via zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.