



OKANAGAN SENATE

MINUTES OF 31 MARCH 2022

Attendance

Present: L. Cormack (Vice-Chair), K. Ross (Secretary), R. Sadiq, P. Simpson, J. Hare, S. Tomaskova, M. Tarrant G. DiLabio, B. Traister, M. Evans, J. Cioe, T. Ebl, L. Markley, H. Berringer, J. Eikenaar, I. Parkins, K. Hodges, T. Forneris, R. Johnson, S. Hutchinson, Y. Lucet, S. Hilton, P. Arthur, J. Jakobi, S. Cherkowski, Y. Zhu, G. Gerrard, P. Lasserre, S. Willis-Stewart, M. Legault, S. O’Leary B. Marcolin, R. Lalonde, S. McNeil, M. Reeves, R. Frost, R. Herzberg, J. Lee, J. Low, A. Schatzko, B. Heerema, H. Khan, M. Arthur.

Regrets: S. Point, S. Ono (Chair), R. Sugden, J. Olson, P. Barker, R. Campbell, J. Holzman, M. Libben, J. Picault, R. Sharma, J. Anderson, R. Somal, D. Rogers, R. Sharma, L. Prakesh, M. Lunde, J. Udochi, A. Alnaar.

Clerk: C. Eaton

Call to Order

The Vice-Chair of Senate, Dr Lesley Cormack called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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| Peter Arthur | } | <i>That the Minutes of the Meetings of 24 February 2022 as corrected.</i> |
| Rob Johnson | | |

Corrections:

*Page 2: Dr McNeil’s comments should read
“there was some misinformation”*

*Minor changes in punctuation and capitalization
throughout.*

Approved

Business Arising from the Minutes

Senator Ebl asked if there was an update available on the status of the search for the Dean of the Faculty of Management.



The Vice-President Academic and Provost, Dr Rehan Sadiq said he would provide a brief update during his remarks.

Remarks from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Dr Cormack noted that the Board met earlier in the day and had approved an affordability plan for students, along with next year's budget and tuition proposals.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor further noted that there was one week to go before the end of term and she thanked and congratulated all those who contributed to our learning community in a difficult year. She said that moving forward we needed to think about how we create and re-create our connection with our community and re-animate our campus.

Remarks from the Provost

Dr Sadiq advised the Senate that the Faculty of Health and Social Development has received additional funding from the Province for Social Work student seats.

With regards to decanal searches, the Provost Advised that the Health and Social Development dean search committee was proceeding and the search for the next dean of Management was starting. He advised that in the latter case, the incumbent's term had been extended by 1 year to allow time for the process.

Dr Sadiq noted that scheduling has been a complicated endeavor on the Okanagan campus due to lack of space and with many variables in the COVID world. He expressed his thanks to Enrolment Services and others who are working on this matter. He highlighted the need for student-centered scheduling.

Senator Hutchinson said she appreciated the challenging of scheduling, but noted that some larger classes were asked to move online and as we tried to re-invigorate the campus, we need to consider those who need to teach online and how to involve them.

Senator Cioe asked what the increase was to social work and what our final number would be.

Dr Sadiq said it would go up by 10 this year and another 10 next year, so 20 overall.

Senator Zhu said that student-centered scheduling was an important concept. She asked how this was different from the past and if scheduling would focus on in-person learning or if hybrid teaching would be used.

Senator Ebl commented on senate meeting conflicts due to teaching scheduling.

Senator Berringer said that Senate meetings were taken into considering in scheduling.



Expression of Thanks to Student Senators

Principal Cormack expressed thanks on behalf of the Senate and President Ono to those student senators who were completing their terms of office.

Academic Policy Committee

The Chair of the Senate Academic Policy Committee, Dr Jan Cioe, presented.

ACADEMIC STANDINGS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DESIGNATIONS

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| Jan Cioe | } | <i>That Senate approve new and revised academic standings, as presented, effective upon implementation of Workday Student; and That Senate approve new and revised additional period honours, as presented, effective upon implementation of Workday Student.</i> |
| Tamara Ebl | | |

Senator Cioe set out the proposal.

Dr Ross said that this wasn't really about system limitations it was a matter of consistency and simplifications across programs.

Dr Cioe said that the system only allowed 5 options but that he that there was an advantage to consistency.

Approved

Curriculum Committee

The Chair of the Senate Curriculum Committee, Dr Yves Lucet, presented.

MARCH CURRICULUM PROPOSALS

See Appendix A: Curriculum Report

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| Yves Lucet | } | <i>That the new program option, new calendar entry, and new courses brought forward by the Faculties of Applied Science, Arts and Social Sciences, and Science be approved</i> |
| Jan Cioe | | |

Senator Marcolin asked if the new aerospace program would need new required courses.



Dr Sadiq said this was an option and shouldn't increase course loads.

Dr Cioe said that the student directed seminars were a long-standing Vancouver program that was being expanded to the Okanagan in Arts and Social Sciences.

Approved

Learning & Research Committee

The Chair of the Senate Learning & Research Committee, Dr Sally Willis-Stewart, presented.

Emeritus Status Recommendation Referred Back to Committee

Dr Stewart advised that the eligibility of Dr. Stephen Foster for Emeritus Status was referred back to the Learning and Research Committee by Senate at its December 16, 2021 meeting. The committee has reviewed Policy O-250 Emeritus Status and the personal circumstances of the individual and has unanimously agreed that it would not be appropriate to recommend an emeritus designation for this individual at this time; the committee, is therefore, withdrawing its December 16, 2021 recommendation. A request for emeritus status can be revisited at a future time should the individual's eligibility change. The Committee is reviewing the policy and has established a sub-committee to do so. We will work with Vancouver to try for consistency and hope to have a revised policy by fall.

Dean Traister asked why we should coordinate with Vancouver.

Dr Stewart said that it wasn't necessary but it was preferable if possible, to have consistency across the University.

Senator Reeves raised issues around consistency. She noted that AP1 allowed emeritus faculty members to be employed after retirement at UBC. She also noted the definition of Emeritus status of UBC from Faculty Relations.

Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, Dr Jannik Eikenaar, presented.

RECOMMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COURSE SCHEDULING

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| Jannik Eikenaar | } | <i>That the Senate approve the recommended terms of reference and composition of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Course Scheduling.</i> |
| Barb Marcolin | | |



Dr Lasserre asked if this review would be for the entire campus or just for Arts and Social Sciences.

Dr Eikenaar said that the motion referred was from Arts and Social Sciences but he expected that other faculties would take an interest in the outcome of the Ad hoc Committee's work.

Approved

MEMBERSHIP FOR A SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COURSE SCHEDULING

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| Jannik Eikenaar | } | <i>That Diana Carter, Rob Johnson, Ruth Frost and</i> |
| Tamara Ebl | | <i>Silvia Tomášková be appointed to the Ad</i> |
| | | <i>Hoc Committee.</i> |

Dr Marcolin asked how the committee would seek input.

Dr Eikenaar said that they wanted to give the ad hoc committee flexibility to determine who to speak with, but also to give them a deadline.

Approved

NB: SENATOR JOHNSON ABSTAINED.

COMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS

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| Jannik Eikenaar | } | <i>That Marie Tarrant be appointed to the Academic</i> |
| Tamara Ebl | | <i>Policy Committee until 31 August 2023 and</i> |
| | | <i>thereafter until replaced, to fill a vacancy</i> |
| | | <i>(Gordon Binsted);</i> |
| | | <i>and</i> |
| | | <i>That Gino DiLabio be appointed to Council of</i> |
| | | <i>Senates Representative Committee Four until 31</i> |
| | | <i>August 2023 and thereafter until replaced, to fill a</i> |
| | | <i>vacancy (Gordon Binsted).</i> |

Approved

Other Business

MOTION OF SENATOR TRAISTER



Bryce Traister
Rob Lalonde

} *Whereas the University of British Columbia has returned to a primarily face to face format for instructional delivery, thereby requiring faculty and students to undertake the business of the university “in-person” as of February 7, 2022; and*

Whereas administrative staff continue to be expected to deliver in person service in “public-facing” roles, and to adhere to approved Remote Work plans that include no less than 30% of their work performance to be in person; and

Whereas the business of the Academic Senate is currently being performed entirely through online meeting formats; and, finally,

Whereas the university now has the technical capacity to provide online participation for those members of Senate unable to attend in person meetings of the same;

Be it resolved that that the Rules and Procedures of Senate be amended to strike Sections 20 and 21, insert a new Section 20 as follows, and to renumber all subsequent and referential sections accordingly:

“20. Senators and members of committees may attend and participate in Meetings of Senate or its committees in person or, if they so request and with permission of the relevant chair, via videoconference.”

Senator Traister motivated his proposal. He noted that this was a straightforward proposal that he was making as an individual senator as the Agenda Committee did not support the matter. Dr Traister said that UBC returned to in-person learning in February and asked faculty, students and staff to return to campus and resume somewhat normal operations. He said that he could not think of a reason why the Senate itself should not follow suit with what UBC had asked of its faculty, staff, and students. He noted that a sufficiently-large room was available next month, and the motion presented enough flexibility for hybrid meetings to remain possible for those who need to attend remotely. In closing, Dr Traister said that there was no basis for the Senate to assume less risk than the rest of the campus and it was time for the Senate to return to meeting together in person.



Senator Cioe said that the Senate in December decided to extend the online meeting practice until September and to survey senators on their preferences this term. A survey has already been distributed to Senators. He asked the Clerk to advise the Senate on the status of that survey.

Dean Traister raised a point of order regarding incomplete survey results being referenced.

The Vice-Chair ruled the point not well taken, but asked the Clerk to only state the status of the survey rather than any results.

The Clerk advised that 34 out of 58 Senators had replied to date, with many students not responding, but that not being surprising as it was the end of their term.

Senator Cioe noted the issues of hybrid meetings. He noted that at the start of the pandemic the Okanagan Senate attempted to meet with people both in person and online in the only room on campus with sufficient technology, and that this meeting did not go well. He also noted the ongoing challenges Okanagan people had with videoconference meetings with Vancouver. As a result, the Agenda Committee wants time to address technological challenges. As a personal preference, Senator Cioe said he would prefer to meeting solely in person.

Senator Lucet said that he didn't understand the rush to make a decision and said that if one mode was needed, online was preferable as he had not seen hybrid work well due to insufficiently robust technology. He noted that we had collected data and we should leverage what we have learned to have better meetings. Finally, he noted that we were still in a pandemic and this seemed premature.

Senator Shatzko said that she wasn't in favour of rushing things either and that we would need to figure out how best to do hybrid.

Senator Evans said he shared the dissatisfaction with hybrid formats. He said he would favour online rather than in person. More effective and lower carbon footprint.

Senator Lalonde spoke in favour of the motion. He said that we needed to show leadership and not ask people to do what we will not do ourselves. We should be able to figure out hybrid in a month.

Senator Traister objected to the categorization of this proposal as rushing.

Senator Marcolin noted that we we already had some of this technology in use in hybrid courses.

Defeated

Adjournment



Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.



Appendix A: Curriculum Report

- a. From the Faculty of Applied Science
 - i. Aerospace Engineering – New Program Option
 - ii. ENGR 378 – New Course
 - iii. ENGR 449 – New Course
 - iv. ENGR 477 – New Course
- b. From the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
 - i. Bachelor of Arts Programs > Student Directed Seminars
 - ii. ANTH 486 – New Course
 - iii. ECON 486 – New Course
 - iv. GWST 486 – New Course
 - v. GEOG 486 – New Course
 - vi. HIST 486 – New Course
 - vii. INDG 486 – New Course
 - viii. PHIL 486 – New Course
 - ix. POLI 486 – New Course
 - x. PSYO 486 – New Course
 - xi. SOCI 486 – New Course
 - xii. 460 – New Course
 - xiii. HIST 353 – New Course
 - xiv. SOCI 246 – New Course
- c. From the Faculty of Science
 - i. BIOL 300 – New Course
 - ii. BIOL 423 – New Course