



MINUTES
SENATE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
12 September 2022 3:30-4:55 pm via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Senators

Melina Amirsharafi (Student)
Dr. Meigan Aronson
Eshana Bhangu (Student)
Dr. John Gilbert
Dr. Paul Harrison
Dr. Kin Lo (Chair)
Dr. C.W. Marshall
Dr. Shigenori Matsui
Dr. Anubhav Pratap-Singh

Prof. Karen Smith

Dr. Richard Spencer (Vice-Chair)
Dana Turdy (Student)
Dr. Hisham Zerriffi

Ex Officio

Dr. Moura Quayle

Office of the Senate

Christopher Eaton
Gina DeVeaux

Guests

Dr. Susan Porter (G&PS)
Max Read (G&PS)
Dr. Sandra Brown (Land & Food
Systems)

Regrets

Dr. Claudia Krebs
Dr. Joanne Fox
Dr. Kate Ross)
Dr. Sathish Gopalakrishnan

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Dr. Kin Lo called the meeting of the Vancouver Senate Academic Policy Committee (the "Committee") to order.

The Chair delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

The Committee reviewed the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

The Committee observed 70 seconds of silence in the memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

2. Minutes

The Committee reviewed the Minutes of the prior meeting and considered the motion:

THAT THE Senate Academic Policy Committee adopt the 25 April 2022 Minutes as presented.

APPROVED

3. Agenda

The Committee reviewed the meeting agenda and the following item was withdrawn by the proponent:

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences | Flexible Doctor of Pharmacy | Academic Regulations.

The Committee considered the motion:

THAT THE Senate Academic Policy Committee adopt the 12 September 2022 agenda as amended.

APPROVED BY GENERAL CONSENT

**4. Graduate and
Postdoctoral Studies |
Calendar Entry |
Membership**

The Committee reviewed the proposed amendments to the Membership Policy as proposed by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (G&PS).

Dr. Susan Porter and Max Reid joined the meeting and presented the item to the Committee.

The Committee considered the Motion:

THAT THE Vancouver Senate Academic Policy Committee approve, and recommend to the Senate for approval, revisions to Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies regulation on Membership.

The motion was moved and seconded.

The principal topics of discussion included:

- The proposed revisions to the Policy are intended to clarify the broad term *Professor* in the context of G&PS membership;
- The existing Policy does not determine supervisory privileges, but membership in G&PS. Membership in G&PS includes supervisory privileges. The granting of supervisory privileges does not grant membership in G&PS;
- The existing Policy indicates that Professors of Research are automatically granted membership in G&PS. Membership in G&PS includes supervisory privileges;
- The existing Policy indicates that Professors of Teaching are academic staff who are not considered members of G&PS and therefore do not automatically have graduate student supervisory privileges in G&PS. Rather, Professors of Teaching must submit a request to be granted supervisory privileges by the Dean of G&PS. Supervisory privileges does grant membership in G&PS;
- Professors of Teaching is the title given to academic staff in the Education Leadership Stream (ELS). ELS academic staff by job description does not include disciplinary research or graduate supervision, nor do they participate in the tenure and promotion process (as do Professors of Research). However, ELS academic staff who are proficient in research and supervision may request supervisory privileges from the Dean of G&PS;
- Professors of Teaching/ELS academic staff may apply to the Dean of G&PS for supervisory privileges in G&PS for one or more students at any given time. Operationally, other faculties will submit requests to G&PS on behalf of their academic staff;
- A noted decrease in tenure track positions in favour of sessional faculty to meet the need for academic staff. Sessional faculty have time limited contracts that do not make it feasible for them to serve as supervisors to students in G&PS. Additionally, sessional faculty are compensated for teaching only;
- Associate Professors may apply to the Dean of G&PS for supervisory privileges but Assistant Professors may not; and
- Consideration of adding a clause affirming the potential for ELS to be granted supervisory privileges, similar to the UBC Okanagan College of Graduate Studies policy on membership.

Dr. Susan Porter and Max Reid left the meeting.

Proposed Amendments

1. Under Membership:
 - *Strike* Faculty in the Educational Leadership stream are not eligible to be members of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
 - *Strike* (professors of teaching)

- *Add* each of the 3 teaching ranks

APPROVED

5. Faculty of Land and Food Systems | Year Promotion and Academic Standing

The Committee reviewed the Faculty of Land and Food Systems revisions Year Promotion and Academic Standing.

The Committee considered the Motion:

THAT THE Vancouver Senate Academic Policy Committee approve and recommend to the Senate for approval, revisions to the Year Promotion and Academic Standing regulations in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems.

The motion was moved and seconded.

Dr. Sandra Brown joined the meeting and presented the item.

The principal topics of discussion included:

- The primary purpose of the revisions is to align promotion criteria in the program with other faculty-level promotion criteria, scholarships and to address potential administrative limitations in Workday; and
- The sessional average for the program is 55% and is calculated at the end of each Winter Session.

Dr. Sandra Brown left the meeting.

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6. Policy Consultation Updates

The Committee received an update about ongoing consultations from the Office of the Senate.

Joint Policy – Academic Freedom

- Will be circulated for consultation via a University-wide communication on during the week of 19 September 2022 for a period of 4 weeks. The target date for consideration by the Senate is January 2023.

Policy V-131 Use of Digital Materials for Assessment

- Results of the consultation held during the summer was received and the results are anticipated to be included on the Committee's October 2022 agenda for consideration.

7. Next Meeting

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on 3 October 2022.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.