

**SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES**

May 22, 2013

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Senate Chambers (Room 1079 Administration Building)

Present:

E. Annis (Acting University Librarian), R. Bird, R. Brouwer, D. Casperson, M. Dale, A. Daniele, B. Deo, K. Guest, T. Hanschen (Secretary of Senate), K. Hutchings, G. Iwama (Chair), E. Korkmaz, J. Kormos, K. Kuo, D. Leighton-Stephens, B. McGill (Acting Dean, Graduate Programs), B. Murray, C. Myers (Recording), M. Nitz, C. Nolin (Vice Chair), D. Nyce, K. Reimer, D. Ryan, J. Safaei Boroojeny, P. Sanborn, P. Siakaluk, A. Stroet, R. Tait (Acting Dean, CASHS), S. Wagner, K. Walker, B. Wang, T. Whitcombe, S. Zahir

Regrets:

M. Archie, J. Brown, D. Burke, D. de Vries, M. Green, S. Green, L. Handfield, I. Legault, R. Tallman, R. Robinson, C. Silva

Absent:

D. Macknak

The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Iwama welcomed Senator Annis as the Acting University Librarian.

1.0 **S-201305.01**
Approval of the Agenda
Zahir

That the agenda for the May 22, 2013 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

Mr. Hanschen asked that agenda item 10.0 (Approval of Motions from the Consent Agenda) be removed from the agenda as there were no items on the consent agenda.

Motion:

Kuo

That the agenda be amended to remove agenda item 10.0.

CARRIED.

The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was also CARRIED.

2.0 **S-201305.02**
Approval of Senate Minutes
Hutchings

That the minutes of the April 24, 2013 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes of Senate *(no material)*

No business arising was identified.

4.0 President's Report **Iwama**

Dr. Iwama reported on several items, and his report is attached to these minutes as "Appendix I."

5.0 Report of the Provost **Dale**

Dr. Dale thanked all those involved in the creation of the Engineering Master's degree. He also reported on the status of recruitment for several vacant positions, as follows:

- Dean of Graduate Programs — the committee is holding videoconference interviews
- Dean of CASHS — Dr. Blanca Schorcht has been announced as the successful candidate
- Sustainability Manager — interviews will begin early in June
- University Librarian — selection of a candidate has taken place, with an announcement expected in the very near future
- Vice-Provost Student Engagement — a candidate has been selected, which will hopefully be announced in the very near future
- Athletics Director — selection of a candidate has taken place, and an announcement is expected in the very near future

6.0 Report of the Registrar **Hanschen**

The Registrar provided a brief report about Convocation, noting the number of graduands for Prince George and other locations. Mr. Hanschen also stated that, weather permitting, there would be an outdoor procession to the Northern Sport Centre this year. He also encouraged Senators to please volunteer at the ceremonies.

7.0 Question Period

A Senator asked about the status of the quality assurance act expected to come into effect in the fall. Dr. Iwama reported that the Research Universities' Council of British Columbia had prepared a position paper on this matter. Dr. Dale added that, although he did not think this matter would be abandoned by the government, he also did not think anything would happen quickly.

A Senator asked whether the position of Director of Regional Operations had been posted. Dr. Dale replied that it had not yet been posted because discussions were ongoing about the numerous recommendations arising from the external review and how the structure might be improved.

A question was raised about whether the Director of Continuing Studies position on Senate would be filled. Mr. Hanschen responded that the Steering Committee of Senate would be addressing this matter, as the Director of Continuing Studies falls under the purview of the Director of Ancillary Services.

A Senator asked about the status of the proposals with regard to the engineering degrees. Dr. Dale replied that Senate had approved, in principle, the proposals for the Bachelor of Science for Engineering, but not the Master of Science. Thus, the proposals would need to be considered by College Council, the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, and then Senate.

8.0 Removal of Motions from the Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

9.0 Committee Reports

9.1 Steering Committee of Senate **Iwama**

9.1.1 July Senate meeting

Dr. Iwama noted that, consistent with past practice, the Steering Committee of Senate decided to cancel the July Senate meeting.

9.2 Senate Committee on Nominations **Zahir**

“For Approval” Items:

S-201305.03

Membership Changes to Senate Committees *(no material)*

Deo

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Nominations, and barring further nominations from the floor of Senate, the following candidates, who have met all eligibility requirements to serve on Senate committees as indicated, be appointed as proposed.

Effective date: Immediately upon approval by Senate

Committee Chair, Senator Zahir, asked that the position on the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs be removed from this list when considering the motion.

SENATE COMMITTEE POSITION TO BE FILLED
(except as otherwise noted, all terms begin immediately)

CANDIDATE

Senate Committee on Academic Appeals

Faculty Member — Professional Program (until March 31, 2016)

Catharine Schiller

Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

Faculty Member — Professional Program (until March 31, 2016)

Catharine Schiller

SCAAF Continuing Studies Credit Committee

Faculty Member — Professional Program (until March 31, 2014)

Lantana Usman

Senate Committee on the University Budget

Faculty Member (until March 31, 2015)

Wendy Fellers

Senator Zahir called for further nominations three times, and there being none, the motion was CARRIED, with the removal of the following position on the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs:

Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

Faculty Member — Professional Program (until March 31, 2016)

Catharine Schiller

10.0 S-201305.04

Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda

That the motions on the consent agenda, except for those removed for placement on the regular agenda, be approved as presented.

This motion was removed from the agenda.

11.0 Other Business

11.1 Presentation — *UNBC at 25 years old: Identifying and Realizing Opportunities* **van Adrichem**

Vice President van Adrichem delivered a presentation, attached to these minutes as Appendix II. He also responded to questions from Senators.

In response to a Senator's question about whether UNBC's fundraising approach was integrated, Dr. Iwama noted that UNBC had hired some fundraising consultants, who had been on campus recently. Furthermore, several matters have been introduced, such as the conversations regarding priorities, the Wood Innovation and Design Centre, the Canada Winter Games, and the upcoming anniversaries of UNBC and the City of Prince George. Dr. Iwama indicated that people need to work diligently to ensure synergy between these initiatives.

A Senator suggested that Alumni be provided with ample notice of the UNBC 25th anniversary celebrations to take place in 2015. Mr. van Adrichem responded that Alumni will be involved with the University planning committee, which he suggested should be created this fall. The fall issue of "Update" will be the first major announcement of the 25th anniversary. The possibility of receiving capital projects or a physical education program, for instance, as a result of the Winter Games was questioned. Mr. van Adrichem replied that those types of projects were really legacy projects, and that influencing those conversations is challenging. He added that he would like to see the establishment of endowed scholarship funds in relation to the Games.

Senators discussed the acronym "Green," noting perceived positive and negative issues associated with it. Dr. Dale explained how the acronym came into existence and opined that "Green" has to mean more than sustainability but that the acronym also needs to be treated with caution.

11.1.1 Discussion of Academic Priorities for Fundraising

Iwama

A Senator asked how Senators' vision of academic priorities for fundraising could be determined. Dr. Iwama asked what had been conveyed to the fundraising consultants when they were on campus last week. Dr. Iwama added that this consultation was only the beginning of the conversation and that the consultants are working on a draft plan on which feedback will be sought. A Senator said he would be curious to see what Senior Administrators see as academic priorities and whether Senate agrees.

Many Senators were not aware of with whom the consultants had met, and asked how to engage with them. Dr. Iwama replied that the consultants had been invited from the east coast and Vancouver on the recommendation of the Webster Foundation, and it happened that they worked well together so have been working as a team. The consultants will be working over the summer to develop a plan. Dr. Iwama asked Ms. Scouten, Development Manager, to comment on the set priorities, and she responded that a beginning list of priorities was presented to the consultants as background information. After considering the input of donors and people external to the University, the consultants will be looking at how fundraising fits in with the stated priorities and will then produce a list of fundraising initiatives donors will support. The University is currently waiting to hear back from the consultants in this regard. Dr. Iwama asked Ms. Scouten whether it would be helpful for Senators to see the list of priorities and the people the consultants met with. Ms. Scouten responded that the consultants met with the Deans, Directors, Chairs, some staff members, and Athletics, and that they probably met with 20 to 25 people. Dr. Iwama asked if the list and upcoming report could be shared with Senate, stating that he was open to supporting Senate involvement in this process.

A Senator expressed that funding scholarships and bursaries is important, and that Senate may wish to think about which is more important, scholarships or bursaries. Dr. Iwama added that the UNBC community has also been discussing what kind of a university we want to be and what types of students we want to attract. Scholarships and bursaries will definitely be one of the categories for which the University will be asking for help from donors. When the President was asked whether he had an amount in mind for fundraising, he replied that it had not yet been set but that we need to enable ourselves and think large. When asked whether the consultants were here to help UNBC target donors or set priorities, Dr. Iwama responded that the consultants have stated that they need to talk to the community, because without support, this process will stall. Dr. Iwama added that it is important to him to know what the community wants.

12.0 Information

12.1 Report of the Harassment and Discrimination Advisor (May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013)

Dr. Iwama expressed his thanks to Senator Wagner for her report.

13.0 **S-201305.05**
Move to In Camera Session
Casperson
That the meeting move In Camera.
CARRIED.

14.0 **S-201305.12**
Adjournment
Whitcombe
That the Senate meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

APPENDIX I

President's Report
Senate meeting of May 22, 2013
Prepared by Charlene Myers

Dr. Iwama indicated that, although there is a newly-elected government now in place, the Minister and Deputy Minister of Advanced Education have not yet been named. He anticipated the announcement of cabinet to happen by June 7th. Dr. Iwama also reported that, although it was not yet official, he expected confirmation about funding for the Master of Science in Engineering. The building of the Wood Innovation and Design Centre would also begin soon, and was expected to be complete by next summer. The University will thus be re-starting discussions with the City of Prince George for a shuttle bus service between the UNBC main campus and downtown Prince George. Dr. Iwama reminded Senators of Convocation and the joint workshop of the Board of Governors and Senate coming up on May 31 and June 1, respectively. He encouraged Senators to attend both events, including the regional Convocation celebrations, but added that he realized many faculty members would be heading down to the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences being held at the University of Victoria.

UNBC at 25: Identifying and Realizing Opportunities



UNBC's 25th Anniversary – 2015

Outline for today

- **The local context**
 - Canada Winter Games – Feb 13 to March 1
 - 100th anniversary of Prince George
- **UNBC's opportunity**
 - Proposed timeframe
 - Possible theme(s)
 - Next steps

2015 in Prince George

- **Canada Winter Games: Feb 13 - Mar 1**
 - 2400 athletes, 1000 coaches and officials, 500 media
 - 2-week reading break: volunteers, campus access
 - NSC a venue for multiple sports
 - Campus to be used for multiple events, broadcast centre
 - Parent program (first-ever)
 - Connections to courses, research? Already MBA topic
 - Sustainability-related focus for courses/research
- **100th anniversary of the City: Mar 6**
 - less definition/clarity; local committee formed

2015 for UNBC

- Actual anniversary date: June 22, 2015
- Proposed timeframe: Sept 2014 – June 2015
- The opportunity: To advance UNBC during its 25th anniversary as Canada's GREEN University through the following themes:
 - Growth
 - Renewal
 - Engagement
 - Energy
 - Nature

Target Outcomes

- Increased local, regional, provincial, national profile and reputation
- Deepening relationships leading to enhanced financial capacity
- Bringing alumni and founders together as key ambassadors
- Making history permanent and tangible
- Engaging and involving the UNBC community

Next Steps

- Further university communication/consultation
- Fundraising Case development
- University Planning Committee; RFP process
- MoU with Canada Games
- History Book Project led by J. Swainger
 - Reaching out to petition-signers from the late 1980s