

**SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES**

February 29, 2012 (*moved from February 22, 2012*)
3:30 – 5:30 PM
Room 1079 Administration Building (Senate Chambers)

Present:

E. Annis, R. Brouwer, C. Carriere, D. Casperson, A. Dayanandan, J. Edwards, M. Green, C. Greening, T. Hanschen (Secretary of Senate), W. Haque, I. Hartley, K. Hutchings (Vice Chair), G. Iwama (Chair), E. Jensen, G. Johnson, A. Kitchenham, R. Lazenby, D. Macknak, B. Murray, C. Myers (Recording), A. Nitu, C. O'Callaghan, C. Pacaide, S. Wagner, E. Wale, J. Young

Regrets:

M. Archie, G. Ashoughian, M. Dale, B. Deo, G. Fondahl, K. Guest, M. Hadland, D. Leighton-Stephens, J. Li, S. McKenzie, D. Nyce, D. Ryan, P. Sanborn

Absent:

S. Beeler, L. Chen, S. Green, L. Handfield, R. Robinson

The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m.

1.0 **S-201202.01**
Approval of the Agenda
Macknak / Kitchenham
That the agenda for the February 29, 2012 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

2.0 **S-201202.02**
Approval of Senate Minutes
Jensen / Hartley
That the minutes of the January 25, 2012 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

3.0 **Business Arising from Previous Minutes of Senate**

3.1 UNBC Memberships Funded by Research Office **Fondahl**

In Vice President Fondahl's absence, Dean Hartley offered to respond to questions regarding the written information that was provided. A Senator asked about membership in some particular organizations and Dean Hartley responded. The Senator also asked whether there was a policy framework, and how decisions were taken with regard to joining organizations. Dean Hartley responded that, as far as he was aware, no policy framework existed in this regard. The Senator suggested it

might be useful to create one, and Dean Hartley offered to take this recommendation back to the Vice President Research, Dr. Fondahl.

Action: Dean Hartley to advise Dr. Fondahl of the recommendation that a policy framework be created for purposes of decision-making related to memberships funded by the Research Office.

4.0 President's Report **Iwama**

Dr. Iwama reported on the provincial budget and opportunities for UNBC (report attached to these minutes as "Appendix I").

5.0 Report of the Provost **Dale**

As Dr. Dale was unable to attend the meeting, he did not provide a report.

6.0 Question Period

A Senator asked whether, now that it has reached second reading in the legislature, UNBC planned to formulate a position with regard to Bill 18. Dr. Iwama replied that this Bill has important implications for the post-secondary sector, particularly bicameral institutions. The Bill proposes to reduce the elected members of Senate by 75%. The Research Universities' Council of British Columbia (RUCBC) has discussed the Bill and takes the view that it is unfair to target only the elected members. Dr. Iwama agreed to circulate the Bill, and some analysis by RUCBC, to Senators. He suggested that the matter could be discussed at the Senate meeting of March 21 unless it needs to be considered prior to that, in which case the information could be shared, comments gathered, and a special meeting be held to discuss the Bill.

A Senator asked whether the letter approving the establishment of the Mathematical, Computer, and Physical Sciences degree had been located, noting that he had heard the person working on this matter had left the University. Dean Hartley responded that Tim Thomas had been the contact with the Ministry's Degree Quality Assessment Board, and he has left the University. Dean Hartley offered to seek an update from the Provost in this regard and report back at the next Senate meeting.

Action: Dean Hartley to provide an update at the next Senate meeting regarding the status of locating the letter approving the establishment of the Mathematical, Computer, and Physical Sciences degree.

A Senator noted that the Chairs in the College of Science and Management had been told they should be aware of a potential 2% budget cut, and asked why this was happening. Dr. Iwama responded that the Provost was working with the Deans to anticipate what may be coming from the Ministry in terms of budget cuts, as an anticipatory measure.

**7.0 S-201202.03
Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda (no material)**
Hartley / Kitchenham

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

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning **Dale**

In Dr. Dale's absence, the report from SCAPP was presented by Dean Young.

“For Approval” Items:

S-201202.04

**Approval of New Dorset UNBC Science Foundation Program Between UNBC and Dorset College
Casperson / Wagner**

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning, the new Dorset UNBC Science Foundation Program between UNBC and Dorset College be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2012

CARRIED.

S-201202.05

Extension of Curtailment on Admissions to the BFA (Fine Arts and Creative Writing) Program

Jensen / Hartley

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning, the curtailment on new admissions to the BFA (Fine Arts and Creative Writing) Program be extended through 2012.

Effective Date: Immediately upon approval by Senate

CARRIED.

8.2 Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies

Fondahl / Hartley

“For Approval” Items:

S-201202.06

Course Deletion — CPSC 601-3

Hartley / Kitchenham

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies, the course CPSC 601-3 Software Engineering for Real-Time Systems on page 104 of the 2011/2012 graduate calendar be deleted.

Effective date: May 2012

CARRIED (consent agenda).

S-201202.07

Course Deletion — CPSC 634-3

Hartley / Kitchenham

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies, the course CPSC 634-3 Hardware Architecture on page 105 of the 2011/2012 graduate calendar be deleted.

Effective date: May 2012

CARRIED (consent agenda).

S-201202.08

Course Deletion — CPSC 640-3

Hartley / Kitchenham

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies, the course CPSC 640-3 Computer Networks on page 105 of the 2011/2012 graduate calendar be deleted.

Effective date: May 2012

CARRIED (consent agenda).

S-201202.09

Course Deletion — CPSC 643-3

Hartley / Kitchenham

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies, the course CPSC 643-3 Mobile Computing on page 105 of the 2011/2012 graduate calendar be deleted.

Effective date: May 2012

CARRIED (consent agenda).

“For Information” Items:**SCSB20120125.03****New Terms and Conditions — Rising Star Health Service Award**

Hartley / Kitchenham

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Rising Star Health Service Award be approved.

Effective Date: 2012-2013 Academic Year

CARRIED (consent agenda).

SCSB20120125.04**Revised Terms and Conditions — TD Bank Financial Group Bursary**

Hartley / Kitchenham

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the TD Bank Financial Group Bursary be approved.

Effective Date: 2012-2013 Academic Year

CARRIED (consent agenda).

SCSB20120125.05**Revised Terms and Conditions — TD Canada Trust Bursary**

Hartley / Kitchenham

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the TD Canada Trust Bursary be approved.

Effective Date: 2012-2013 Academic Year

CARRIED (consent agenda).

8.4 Senate Committee on Admissions and Degrees

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“For Approval” Items:**S-201202.10****Changes to “Advanced Placement” Description in the Admissions Section**

Jensen / Hartley

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Admissions and Degrees, the change(s) to the “Advanced Placement” description in the Admissions section, on page 29 of the 2011/2012 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2012

CARRIED.

Details of the approved calendar text are as follows (for revisions, deleted text indicated by ~~strike through~~, new text indicated by underline, and [commentary, where included, in Courier New font within square brackets]):

Advanced Placement

Students who take the College Board Advanced Placement courses in high school may be awarded transfer credit upon receipt of the official exam results from the College Board. Courses completed with a grade of four or above will be awarded transfer credit. Students who have completed AP courses with a grade of three may be considered for Advanced Standing ~~in a first year course~~. Advanced Standing allows a student to register in a higher level course without the required prerequisite. However, as credit is not awarded advanced standing will not reduce the number of credits that a student must accumulate to obtain a UNBC degree. As a result a student must make up this credit by completing another course to be used towards their degree requirements. A listing of acceptable AP courses for transfer credit is available ~~in the~~ on the BC Transfer Guide’s website at <http://bctransferguide.ca/guides/ap> ~~(available online at <http://www.bccat.ca/>).~~

8.5 Senate Committee on Nominations

Kitchenham

Dr. Iwama expressed his thanks to all Senators on this list for their service to Senate.

For Information of Senate:

Senators Elected for Terms of Office Commencing April 1, 2012:

Faculty Senators (until March 31, 2015):

Eleanor Annis (CASHS)
Kevin Hutchings (CASHS)
Kuo-Hsing Kuo (CASHS)
Jalil Safaei Boroojeny (CASHS)
Shannon Wagner (CASHS)
Baotai Wang (CASHS)
David Casperson (CSAM)
Elie Korkmaz (CSAM)
Catherine Nolin (CSAM)
Todd Whitcombe (CSAM)
Saif Zahir (CSAM)
Rick Tallman (At Large)

Student Senators (until March 31, 2013):

Jordan Crosina (Undergraduate)
Kael Walske (Undergraduate)
Patrick Hickey (Undergraduate)
Fakhar-UI Islam (Graduate)
Dean McDonald (Graduate)
Waqar Younas (Graduate)

9.0 Other Business

S-201202.11

Discussion of the Senate Special Session on the Budget (*no material*)

Casperson / Annis

That Senate strongly recommend that, consistent with historical practice, Senators be given complete draft budget documents in preparation for the March special meeting of Senate to consider the Budget. Effective date: Immediately upon approval by Senate

This motion was discussed. A Senator noted that historical practice was for Senators to receive the draft budget documents, and that this was necessary in order to facilitate informed Senate discussion. Concern was expressed that Senate may be attempting to do the work of the Senate Committee on the University Budget (SCUB). A Senator also articulated that the motion could be viewed as distrustful of SCUB and the Board of Governors. Another Senator stated that, if Senators have issues with the budget, they should be discussing their concerns far in advance of the Senate meeting on March 21.

CARRIED.

9.1 Presentation — International Partnership Agreements

Russell

Ms. Russell delivered a presentation regarding International Partnership Agreements (attached to these minutes as "Appendix II." In her presentation, Ms. Russell made a recommendation that a "Senate Task Force on International" be created, with terms of reference to "recommend to Senate policies and/or actions that will shape the university's international education strategy." After the presentation was complete, Ms. Russell responded to Senators' questions.

9.2 Report of the Registrar (*no material*)

Hanschen

The Registrar reported that a request had been made to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning (SCAPP) and the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies (SCRGS) to merge the two committees, and that he had been asked to look into this request. He planned to provide information to the next meetings of SCAPP and SCRGS for discussion, and invited Senators to provide feedback in this regard to himself or Ms. Myers. Mr. Hanschen noted that the proposal, if approved by

SCAPP, SCRGS, and the Steering Committee of Senate, would come to Senate for consideration in the near future.

10.0 Information

There were no items for information. A Senator asked, however, whether Senate would follow up on Ms. Russell's recommendation and create the task force on international. Dr. Iwama responded that this recommendation would be considered by the Steering Committee of Senate and then brought to Senate.

**11.0 S-201202.12
Move to In Camera Session**

Kitchenham / Pacaide
That the meeting move In Camera.
CARRIED.

**12.0 S-201202.16
Adjournment**

Pacaide / Wale
That the Senate meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.

APPENDIX I

President's Report
Senate meeting of February 29, 2012
Prepared by Charlene Myers

Dr. Iwama reported that last week's provincial budget created a strong response from the Presidents of the provincial post-secondary sector. A letter was signed by twenty-six Presidents and then sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education as an expression of the Presidents' concerns. He noted that the concern lies with the fact that institutions have been advised of a budgetary increase of 0% this year and cuts of 1% next year and 1.5% in the following year to the post-secondary institutions. He stated that the announced cuts are to the sector as a whole, thus theoretically if funding could be reduced elsewhere in the sector, the cuts to individual institutions could be smaller than these amounts. The Deputy Minister has created a Working Group to examine the matter. Dr. Iwama stated that the need for training in the north is acute, and UNBC and the northern Colleges must stress the point that this financial challenge comes at a most inopportune time, when increased investment in training is needed. Dr. Iwama noted that this information about forthcoming cuts is a recent and important development which coincides with UNBC moving to formulate the budget in the coming month.

Dr. Iwama reported that UNBC continues to be approached with opportunities, a situation which will be part of UNBC's position going forward with regard to the budget. There is an active group interested in establishing a professionally-based school in Whistler, oriented towards both the international and domestic markets. UNBC's "Green University" is attractive to the group and they have thus approached UNBC. Dr. Iwama has had a couple of conversations with the group about exploring possibilities of mutual interest. He added that these discussions are in the very early stages, but provided this information as an example of the types of partnership opportunities that UNBC is approached with because of what we do and who we are. Dr. Iwama concluded that these types of opportunities need to be kept in mind as we move forward through this challenging financial period.

International Partnership Agreements

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Senate Presentation

Carolyn Russell, Director Student Success &
International Operations



Types of Agreements

- Exchange – Bilateral & Multilateral
- Cooperation
- ELS
- Degree cooperation

Data

- 34 active bilateral exchange agreements
- 6 active multilateral exchange agreements
- 4 active cooperation agreements
- 4 active ELS agreements

Concerns:

- Reciprocity, number of programs, type of programs



International Partnerships Policy

- Guides international partnership program
- Last reviewed in 1999
- Requires revision to align with current institutional priorities



Recommendation

- Create a Senate Task Force on International Terms of reference:
- Recommend to Senate policies and/or actions that will shape the universities international education strategy.

International Recruitment - Trends

- Provincial Government Strategy
- Importance of international student enrolment – diversity, program specific recruitment, international profile
- Significant competition



THANK YOU!
Questions??

