

# SENATE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 10:00-11:20 AM

Main Boardroom / Online via Zoom webinar

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Trish Kelly (Vice Chair)	Chris Jones
Diyan Achjadi	Justin Langlois
Eugenia Bertulis	Pierre Leichner
Cybèle Creery	Kyla Mallett
Sophie Gaur	Celeste Martin
Mimi Gellman	Danielle Zandvliet
Jenie Gao	Suzanne Rackover
Louise St. Pierre	Rachelle Sawatsky

Regrets: Carleen Thomas, Gillian Siddall, Ishika Tripathi, Isabella Dagnino, Kashish Hukku Jani, Kevin Bird, Cameron Cartiere, Ben Reeves  
Support: Heather Sanford, Alex Muir (technical support)

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Trish Kelly, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the agenda.**

**Carried.**

- Request to remove item 8, Chair's Report under II. Business, as the President is absent.
- Request to postpone item 1. Technology challenges under III. Business Arising, to a future meeting of Senate when the CIO is available to speak to Senate.

3. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Oct. 26, 2022 Senate Minutes**

**Carried as amended.**

Louise St. Pierre noted that the minutes incorrectly record that she left the meeting.

Typo noted in the spelling of Henry's Tseng's name in the Nominations Committee Report (Tseng, not Tsang).

There is an error in the membership of the Executive Committee. The Support Staff Senate Member should be Cybèle Creery.

## II. BUSINESS

### 1. Nominations Committee Report

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the new and renewed nominees for appointment to Senate Committees as recommended by the Nominations Committee.** **Carried.**

T. Kelly reported that the Nominations Committee met recently to review and approve additional nominees to populate vacant seats on Senate Committees and referred to the list of nominees in the materials.

### 2. Academic Planning + Priorities Committee Report

The Vice-Chair referred to the written report in the materials and invited any questions or discussion.

### 3. Curriculum Planning + Priorities Committee Report

The Vice-Chair referred to the report in the materials and invited questions or discussion.

### 4. Governance Committee Report

S. Rackover, Governance Committee Chair, provided highlights of the Governance Committee report included in the materials including:

- alternates for student Senate Committee Members
- caucusing during Senate meetings
- adding the Vice-Provost Students to some Senate Committees

There was discussion of the process for changing Committee Terms of Reference and Committee membership. The Governance Committee Chair reviewed the process which will include research and input from Governance, review, and input from each of the Committees effected and approval of Senate. The need to consider the balance of representation between academic and administrative on committees was noted.

### 5. Research Advisory Committee Report

J. Langlois, Research Advisory Committee Chair, provided highlights of the Research Advisory Committee report included in the materials.

The Committee is currently focused on two main projects:

- Strategic Research plan and recommendation for a permanent standing committee.

## 6. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Report

M. Gellman, Aboriginal Advisory Committee Chair, noted that she had not been able to attend the most recent meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and had not yet received the minutes.

She reported that the feedback that she has received so far on the new Indigenous Presence course has been overwhelmingly positive.

## 7. Alumni Association Report

P. Leichner provided highlights of the Alumni Association Report included in the materials.

There was discussion and questions re: opportunities to strengthen connections between students and Alumni and how to better tap into the potential.

It was noted that there is a staff position in the ECU Advancement office to facilitate the liaison between the Association and the University, and that regular meetings were occurring but need to be reinitiated.

**Action Item:** Re-start regular meetings between ECU Advancement and the Association.

## 8. Report of the Vice-President, Academic + Provost

T. Kelly, Vice-President, Academic + Provost

Before speaking to her report, the Vice-Chair noted two issues from the President:

- The Senate Budget Committee meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday November 24 at 10:00am.

Concerns were expressed that the Senate Budget Committee meeting should occur in the Senate timeslot (Wednesday morning) so that faculty can attend, and there was a suggestion that, in the alternative, an evening time slot be considered.

**Action Item:** The Senate Budget Committee meeting be re-scheduled, and the Interim University Secretary will report back to Senate as soon as possible with a new date and time.

- Caucusing during Senate Meetings – the Vice-Chair noted the caucusing that occurred during the last regular meeting of Senate and clarified that the concern is not with caucusing as general principle, but with caucusing during

senate meetings. She noted that the Governance Committee will review this issue and will make recommendations for Senate's consideration.

Vice-Provost Reported:

- Work on the Quality Assurance Audit is on track and as part of that process ECU will have external visitors on site in January. The provost will communicate further details with faculties and Programs as ore is known.
- There are seven upcoming faculty hires. These will not be "restricted" hires" but the ongoing work related to EDI will inform the searches and process.
- There will be an internal audit related to previous restricted hires.

### **III. OPEN FORUM**

1. A Senator raised the issue of the Deficit Mitigation plan, specifically the impact of ECU's designation as a Special Purpose Teaching University.

**Action Item:** There was a request to add this as a topic for discussion at a future Senate meeting. Specifically, that the Chair review with Senate her advocacy with Government in relation to the designation.

### **IV. BUSINESS ARISING**

2. Plan to Address ECU technology challenges.

The Provost noted that this item has been postponed to a Senate meeting when the CIO is able to attend.

### **V. NEXT MEETING:** November 30, 2022

**MOTION to move in-camera to approve list of graduands.**

**Carried.**

In-Camera proceedings recorded separately.

Meeting re-convened at 11:12am

### **VI. MOTION: ADJOURN** — The meeting adjourned at 11:13am