

SENATE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 10:00-11:20 AM

Main Boardroom / Online via Zoom webinar

Trish Kelly (Chair)	Chris Jones
Diyan Achjadi	Justin Langlois
Eugenia Bertulis	Kyla Mallett
Kevin Bird	Celeste Martin
Cameron Cartiere	Rachelle Sawatsky
Sophie Gaur	Louise St. Pierre
Mimi Gellman	Danielle Zandvliet
Ishika Tripathi	Jacqueline Turner
Vanessa Kam	Kamila Bashir
C. Fears	
Su Yamur Kucukakyuz	

Regrets: Carleen Thomas, Laszlo Hollander, Pierre Leichner, Ben Reeves

Guests: Lori Macdonald

Support: Natasha Himer, Nicole Shin, Rosie McGee (scrutineer), Jacob Hrajnik (technical support)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order – Trish Kelly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

- Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda.** **Carried.**
- Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the May 3, 2023 Senate Minutes as circulated.** **Carried.**

II. BUSINESS

1. Senate Chair's Opening Remarks

T. Kelly welcomed new Student Senators: K. Bashir, C. Fears, Y. Kucukakyuz and thanked I. Tripathi for returning to her third year as a Senator. She also introduced J. Turner, Interim Dean, Faculty of Culture + Community and mentioned L. Hollander as the new appointed staff Senator who was unable to attend the meeting.

K. Bird noted that a Special Senate meeting is expected to be called sometime in October to approve the November 2023 graduand list.

2. Election of Vice Chair of Senate

K. Bird, Registrar and Secretary to Senate, outlined the role of Vice Chair of Senate and T. Kelly, also shared additional notes on its importance to Senate, including that the Vice Chair chairs the Senate Budget Committee.

The Registrar called for Nominees to serve as Vice Chair of Senate. D. Achjadi and Y. Kucukakyuz were nominated. Both candidates accepted the nomination and provided a few words, an overview of their experience and interest in the position.

The Registrar conducted a confidential balloted election, scrutinized by R. McGee. I. Tripathi was asked to share her vote with N. Shin via zoom to be written on the ballot and handed to R. McGee.

D. Achjadi left the meeting.

D. Achjadi was elected as Vice Chair of Senate. K. Bird to notify D. Achjadi of the result.

3. Senate members for Senate appointments to Senate committees

The Registrar called for nominees from Senate to serve on Senate committees.

The following individuals were elected by acclamation:

- Executive Committee
 - 1 Member-at-Large: Yagmur Kucukakyuz
 - 1 (of 2) Faculty member: Mimi Gellman
 - 1 (of 2) Faculty member: Cameron Cartiere
 - 1 Dean: Kyla Mallett
 - 1 Support Staff member: Danielle Zandvliet
 - 1 Student Senate member: Kamila Bashir

- Nominations Committee
 - 1 (of 2) Faculty member: Rachelle Sawatsky

It was reported that Cameron Cartiere has stepped down from the committee and R. Sawatsky has stepped into the role.

- Governance Committee
 - 1 (of 5) Senate-appointed members – Administration: Celeste Martin
 - 1 (of 5) Senate-appointed members - Student: C. Fears
 - 1 (of 5) Senate-appointed members - Dean: Justin Langlois
 - 1 (of 5) Senate-appointed members - Staff: Danielle Zandvliet

In response to a question, it was indicated that the Librarian is considered an Administrator and does not have an *ex officio* position within a Senate Sub-committee. T. Kelly noted that the Senate Governance Committee should bring this forward as an item to be discussed further.

- Curriculum Planning + Review (CPR) Committee
 - 1 (of 3) Senate-appointed members - Faculty: Sophie Gaur
 - 1 (of 3) Senate-appointed members - Faculty: Cameron Cartiere
- Academic Planning + Priorities (APP) Committee
 - 1 Senate appointed member: Chris Jones

K. Bird noted that there is one additional name to be added as the Graduate APP member. The Graduate student nominated by students is Sabid Ali.

- Aboriginal Advisory Committee
 - 1 Senate appointed member: Mimi Gellman
 - 1 Dean: Jaqueline Turner

It was noted that since M. Gellman was already a member of the committee as the Aboriginal Faculty member, that position will be brought back to Faculty as a vacancy, and they will need to fill the position.

- Appeals Committee
 - 1 Senate appointed member: C. Fears
- International Development Committee
 - 1 Senate appointed member: Yagmur Kucukakyuz
- Senate Budget Committee
 - Vice Chair of Senate: Diyan Achjadi

4. Appointments to Senate Committees

Moved / Seconded: That Senate approves the new and renewed nominees for appointment to Senate Committees as recommended by the Nominations Committee with the addition of the Graduate student named and nominated to APP.

Carried.

5. Presidential Search Update

N. Himer provided a brief update regarding the Presidential Search. She reported that L. St. Pierre has been selected by Senate as the Senate representative on the Presidential Search Committee. N. Himer read the membership of the final committee indicated that it will also be posted on the Presidential Search webpage. There will be regular updates to Senate as the search process progresses and regular updates will also be shared on a webpage dedicated to the Presidential Search. She encouraged members of Senate to check the website for updates.

6. Course Change Proposals

H. Tsang, Chair of CPR was unable to attend the meeting and C. Martin reported out on his behalf.

As part of program review and implementation process, the first set of proposals will align learning outcomes and objectives to ECU's framework. They were passed unanimously by CPR at the April 5, 2023 meeting.

The second part of the proposals were approved May 3, 2023 at CPR. It is also work that emerges out of the program review and the implementation of an action plan for a new course and a new minor both in the BDes ecological practices.

Moved/Seconded: That Senate approve the following course change proposals as recommended by the Senate Curriculum Planning + Review Committee:

- **Course Change: COMD 204, COMD 224: Communication Design Studio Courses**
- **Course Change: INDD 203, INDD 204, INDD 213, Industrial Design Studio Courses**
- **Course Change: INTD 217, INTD 218, INTD 219, INTD 316: Interaction Design Studio Courses**

Carried.

C. Martin informed Senate that the new course and design minor in ecological practices has been a part of the trajectory within BDes. It is a curricular space that has the potential to expand. Many different stakeholder groups were consulted as part of the process.

It was also noted that CPR discussed reviewing minors more broadly at ECU and the need to implement a better framework for minors.

Moved/Seconded: That Senate approve the following new course and new minor as recommended by the Senate Curriculum Planning + Review Committee:

- ***New Course Proposal: DESN 3XX: Ecological Practices in Design***
- ***New Design Minor Proposal — Ecological Design Literacy and Practice***

Carried.

I. Tripathi left the meeting.

7. Program Review Action Plan Report for Ian Gillespie Faculty of Design Dynamic Media (DDM)

C. Martin presented a PowerPoint presentation to Senate on the following:

Design Program Review Update

External Review – Spring 2021

Response to External Review and Action Plan – Spring 2022

The implementation of Action Plan:

- Mapping BDes core curriculum learning outcomes;
- Developing new course and minors; and
- Direct Entry model: articulation of first year core studio learning outcomes in relation to BDes framework.

2023-24 Priorities:

1. Mapping Learning Outcomes: 200-400 level electives.
2. Curriculum development: Design Studies.
3. Program articulation documentation: mission, goals, outcomes.

Dynamic Media Program Review Update

External Review – Spring 2022

Response to External Review and Action Plan – Fall/Spring 2023

The implementation of Action Plan:

- Developed year level learning outcomes for each major;
- Completed revision of mnemonics for program cohesion;
- Animation program growth;
- Direct Entry model: articulation of first year core studio learning outcomes in relation to Dynamic Media frameworks; and
- Land acknowledgements in course outlines.

2023-24 Priorities:

1. Mapping Learning Outcomes to 200-400 core and required courses.
2. PRW and course structure review.

C. Martin also reported that additional 2023-24 priorities involve developing a multi-year DDM hiring plan proposal, as well as, collaborating with Communications/IT teams to advocate for improving website infrastructure in relation to program representation and faculty website presence.

8. Senate Chair's Report

T. Kelly provided the following highlights:

- Thanked K. Bashir for bringing forward the idea of hosting a welcome week for students, which was highly successful;
- The draft strategic plan is progressing and key priorities will be shared with the Board and Senate at a later date for further conversations before the plan is finalized. The plan is expected to be complete by the end of the year with an action plan that will hold us accountable to implementing goals and priorities;
- The university created an Accessibility Advisory Committee to develop an accessibility plan for the institution. The committee will look for ways to accommodate people with disabilities by providing a framework to identify, remove and prevent barriers to accessibility in accordance with the Accessibility BC Act. Updates regarding the accessibility plan will be posted on the website;
- Continuing to connect with external stakeholders, donors and government and have conversations about our financial situation, EDI, student housing and international students;
- The Totem Pole Unveiling taking place on Friday, September 28, 2023 with all three Master Carvers: Dempsey Bob (Tahltan-Tlingit), Stan Bevan (Tahltan-Tlingit and Tsimshian) and Lyonel Grant (Māori and Pakeha); and
- In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, she welcomed Senators to attend an ECU community gathering at the Caf at 12:00pm on Friday, September 29th where T. Kelly will share a few words and take a moment to reflect on how we can each commit to advancing the necessary work of reconciliation.

T. Kelly thanked K. Bird as this is his last Senate meeting before retiring. She expressed her gratitude for his 22 years of services to the university over which he helped to foster a collaborative community and recognized his unwavering dedication.

9. Interim Vice-President, Academic + Provost Report

Due to a scheduling conflict D. Achjadi needed to leave the meeting early and was unable to provide a verbal update.

III. OPEN FORUM

IV. NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2023

V. MOTION: ADJOURN — The meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.