

# SENATE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 10:00-11:20 AM

Main Boardroom / Online via Zoom webinar

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Gillian Siddall (Chair)	Kashish Hukku Jani
Trish Kelly (Vice Chair)	Chris Jones
Diyan Achjadi	Justin Langlois
Eugenia Bertulis	Pierre Leichner
Kevin Bird	Kyla Mallett
Cameron Cartiere	Celeste Martin
Cybèle Creery	Ben Reeves
Isabella Dagnino	Rachelle Sawatsky
Jenie Gao	Louise St. Pierre
Sophie Gaur	Danielle Zandvliet
Mimi Gellman	

Regrets: Carleen Thomas, Suzanne Rackover, Ishika Tripathi

Guests: Heather Fitzgerald, Marcia Guno, Chelsea Hug, Lori Macdonald, Viktor Sokha

Support: Heather Sanford, Christen Downie, Rosie McGee (scrutineer), Alex Muir (technical support)

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order – Gillian Siddall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

The Chair welcomed back former Senator Mimi Gellman and welcomed new Senators Cameron Cartiere, Isabella Dagnino, Jenie Gao, Kashish Hukku Jani and Ishika Tripathi.

**1. Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda. Carried.**

A Senator requested the addition of an agenda item under Open Forum, to discuss the “crisis of technology” at Emily Carr.

**2. Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the May 2, 2022 Senate Minutes as circulated. Carried.**

## II. BUSINESS

### 1. For approval: Adjustments to the Academic Calendar – Fall 2022

T. Kelly, VP, Academic + Provost introduced a proposed adjustment to the Academic Calendar to add an optional make-up day for the fall 2022 term.

**Moved / Seconded that an optional make-up day be scheduled for December 8, 2022, as a result of the unexpected federal and B.C. government holiday on Monday, September 19, 2022.** **Carried.**

### 2. Election of Vice Chair of Senate

K. Bird outlined the role of Vice Chair of Senate and Trish Kelly, current Vice Chair of Senate, provided a brief overview of the position and its importance to Senate.

A Faculty Senator called a caucus for faculty senators for a requested 15 minutes.

*Faculty senators departed the meeting at 10:18 a.m.*

A student Senator called a caucus for student Senators for a requested 15 minutes.

*Student senators departed the meeting at 10:20 a.m.*

*Student senators returned to the meeting at 10:35 a.m.*

*Faculty senators returned to the meeting at 10:45 a.m.*

*The Senate meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.*

The Registrar called for Nominees to serve as Vice Chair of Senate. Trish Kelly and Jenie Gao were nominated. A Senator requested a few words from each candidate; both candidates provided an overview of their experience and interest in the position.

The Registrar conducted a confidential balloted election, scrutinized by Rosie McGee. Trish Kelly was elected Vice Chair of Senate.

Senators inquired about the caucus called and associated procedures. H. Sanford, Interim University Secretary, reported that the Senate bylaws do not provide for caucusing during Senate meetings, but that the Governance Committee and Executive Committee could be asked to review the practice.

### 3. Nominations Committee Report

i. Election of new and renewed nominees for appointment to Senate Committees

T. Kelly reported that the Nominations Committee met recently to review and approve the list of nominees for appointment to Senate Committees and that a complete list of committees, nominees and vacancies is included in the Senate materials. It was noted that additional names brought forward during this meeting as nominees for appointment to Senate Committees will be brought back to the next Senate meeting after verification by the Nominations Committee.

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

**Carried.**

ii. Election of Senate members for Senate appointment 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: Pierre Leichner
  - 1 (of 2) Faculty member: Mimi Gellman
  - 1 (of 2) Faculty member: Cameron Cartiere
  - 1 Dean: Celeste Martin
  - 1 Support Staff member: Danielle Zandvliet
  - 1 Student Senate member: Jenie Gao

It was reported that Rachelle Sawatsky will step down from the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee as of September 2022 and will be replaced by Eugenia Bertulis.

**4. Presentation on Quality Assurance Process Audit**

T. Kelly, C. Martin, H. Fitzgerald and C. Hug presented on the Quality Assurance Process Audit, timeline and next steps. T. Kelly provided an overview of government's compliance requirements for public institutions in relation to academic program review and thanked those who participated on previous quality review teams.

**5. Reports from Committees**

There was not time to discuss reports from committees.

**6. Chair's Report**

The Chair reported briefly on the following:

- The funding formula review process is underway. Don Wright and Rachel Franklin have met with all post-secondary institutions. At ECU, they met with

members of the President's Executive Committee and ECU Faculty Association. ECU presented the case that the university is significantly underfunded; recommendations from the Peter Lockie report will not be considered until completion of the funding formula review process, anticipated in summer 2023.

- The budget process is well underway. A town hall session will be held soon for information.
- ECU's strategic planning is moving into the next consultative, collaborative phase.
- Meymey'em, the international Indigenous art gathering held for 10 days in July was an amazing event. The Chair thanked Brenda Crabtree and the Aboriginal Gathering Place team for implementing the successful event.

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

There was not time for the Vice-President, Academic + Provost report. The Provost thanked staff, faculty, students and support for preparing for the fall term.

### **III. OPEN FORUM**

1. A Senator raised for discussion the “crisis of technology” and noted concerns with some issues with technology at ECU, including Moodle, blogs, emails, interfaces in classrooms. Student anxiety in relation to these challenges was noted.

**ACTION:** The Chair and Vice Chair will come back to Senate with information in relation to these issues.

2. A Senator inquired about cancellation of Student Senate orientation sessions. The Interim University Secretary noted that the sessions were cancelled due to no registration; but indicated that additional sessions will be offered for those interested.

### **IV. NEXT MEETING:** October 26, 2022

### **V. MOTION: ADJOURN** — The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.