

SENATE MINUTES – OPEN SESSION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

10:25 - 11:20 AM

Main Boardroom / Online via Zoom webinar

Trish Kelly (Chair)	Alex Phillips
Diyan Achjadi	Adriana Jaroszewicz
Jacqueline Turner	Helene Day Fraser
Celeste Martin	Mimi Gellman
Kyla Mallett	Haig Armen
Justin Langlois	Anoushka Nair
Cameron Cartiere	Micaela Kwiatkowski
Laszlo Hollander	Kathryn Verkerk
Shawn Choi	Mark Johnson
Ishita Arora	Stuti Gulati
Beth Howe	Vanessa Kam

Regrets: Carleen Thomas

Support: Natasha Himer, Nicole Shin (Recording Secretary), Alexander Muir (technical support)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order – Trish Kelly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

1. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda with additional amendments as mentioned.** Carried.
2. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the May 1, 2024 Open Senate Meeting Minutes as circulate.** Carried.

II. BUSINESS

1. Senate Chair's Remarks + Report

T. Kelly announced that the 2024-2030 Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Governors, and will be rolled out this fall. She also thanked the Strategic Plan Advisory Group who co-created the plan in consultation with the community and the Board over the last two years. The strategic plan reflects a new vision, mission and values for the university, while also embodying the integrity, aspirations and lived experience of us all.

T. Kelly noted that the countdown to the centennial celebration has begun. ECU will be reflecting on a century of achievements, celebrating influential alumni and faculty, and highlighting the groundbreaking contributions that have helped shape a better world through art and design. T. Kelly will provide updates to Senate in the lead up to the celebrations.

T. Kelly announced that Brenda Crabtree is a 2024 appointee to the Order of British Columbia. Brenda is the former Director of Aboriginal Programs and Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Initiatives at ECU. She was recognized as an enduring champion for Indigenous artists and for the development of groundbreaking Indigenous art programs.

T. Kelly also reported that Minister of IRCC Marc Miller announced changes to the International Student Program and the Post-Graduate Work Program, effective for 2025 and 2026. The International Student Program cap will decrease by 10% over 2025 and with no plans for further reduction in 2026.

T. Kelly provided further updates, including the following:

- The search for the VP, Academic + Provost will begin this fall. Senate will select a Senator to serve as a member of the search committee. Details to come via email.
- The university will hold a community gathering in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 27.
- There will be a Clothing Swap on Tuesday, October 8-10, sponsored by the ECSU.
- Elections BC will be providing advanced voting on October 10 at ECU on the main floor by the Mezzanine.

2. Interim Vice-President, Academic + Provost Report

D. Achjadi reported that on November 16, ECU will be hosting National Portfolio Day. This is one of the largest recruitment events for art and design institutions in North America and is attended by prospective applicants from across the lower mainland and beyond. We will be hosting colleagues from 18 institutions across Canada, the US, and Europe.

D. Achjadi also reported that this fall, ECU welcomed approximately 522 first year students and 60 new graduate students. There were a lot of campus events happening the first week of September to welcome students. In response to a question, it was noted that further

details regarding enrollment targets within specific program areas will be shared for information with the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee and then to Senate.

3. Election of Vice Chair of Senate

T. Kelly referenced materials in the meeting package and outlined the role of the Vice-Chair of Senate, including that the Vice-Chair, chairs the Senate Budget Committee and chairs meetings of the Senate in the absence of the Chair of Senate.

The Registrar called for nominees to serve as Vice-Chair of Senate. Diyan Achjadi was nominated and accepted the nomination. As there were no other candidates, D. Achjadi was elected as Vice-Chair by acclamation.

4. Election of Senate Members for Appointment to Senate Committees

Before the election process began, it was clarified that Vanessa Kam as University Librarian is eligible to sit on the sub-committees as a “support staff member” as per the Senate Bylaws.

- Executive Committee
 - 1 Member-at-Large: Shawn Choi
 - 1 (of 2) Faculty member: Cameron Cartiere
 - 1 (of 2) Faculty member: Mimi Gellman
 - 1 Dean: Kyla Mallett
 - 1 Staff member: Vanessa Kam
 - 1 Student member: Stuti Gulati
- Governance Committee
 - 1 Faculty member: Alex Phillips
 - 1 Staff member: Laszlo Hollander (one year term to fill vacancy)
 - 1 Student member: Ishita Arora
- Curriculum Planning + Review (CPR) Committee
 - 1 Faculty member: Mimi Gellman (one year term to fill vacancy)
 - 1 Senate member: Adriana Jaroszewicz
- Academic Planning + Priorities (APP) Committee
 - 1 Senate member: Alex Phillips
- Appeals Committee
 - 1 Senate member: Haig Armen (one year term to fill vacancy)
 - 1 Dean: Kyla Mallett
- Financial Awards Committee
 - 1 Senate member: Beth Howe

- International Development Committee
 - 1 Senate member: Helene Day Fraser

There was a question raised regarding filling vacancies on the Senate sub-committee and why the newly appointed member has to fill the vacancy term first instead of starting a new full term. N. Himer noted that she will take this question back as it may be addressed in the Senate Bylaws and/or the Election policy.

5. Appointments to Senate Committee

MOTION: That the Senate approve the new and renewed nominees for appointment to Senate Committees as recommended by the Nominations Committee.

Moved/Seconded

Carried.

[Secretary's Note: N. Himer, at the request of a Senator, has reconfirmed with R. Sawatsky that she will continue on the Nominations Committee as a faculty member.]

6. Senate Bylaws

N. Himer gave notice to Senate of the proposed amendment to the Senate bylaws to reflect the frequency/timing of meetings from monthly to every 5-6 weeks. She will bring forward to the Senate Governance Committee before it comes back to the Senate for approval.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

N. Himer also reported that N. Shin, the Associate University Secretary, will be leaving the ECU to pursue other opportunities. N. Himer and Senators shared words of thanks and best wishes to N. Shin in these future endeavours.

T. Kelly closed the meeting with a note of gratitude to all Senators and shared that the Future Worldings conference will be hosted by ECU on September 28 in the Reliance Theatre – underscoring the importance the work towards imagining decolonial futures.

IV. OPEN FORUM

There was no open forum.

V. NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2024

VI. MOTION: ADJOURN — The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.