

# SENATE MINUTES – OPEN SESSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

10:00-11:20 AM

Main Boardroom / Online via Zoom webinar

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C. Fears	Laszlo Hollander
Cameron Cartiere	Louise St. Pierre
Celeste Martin	Mimi Gellman
Danielle Zandvliet	Marcia Guno
Eugenia Bertulis	Pierre Leichner
Ishika Tripathi	Rachelle Sawatsky
Jacqueline Turner	Sophie Gaur
Justin Langlois	Yagmur Kucukakyuz
Kamila Bashir	Trish Kelly ( <b>Chair</b> )
Kyla Mallett	Vanessa Kam

Regrets: Ben Reeves, Carleen Thomas, Diyan Achjadi, Chris Jones

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

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## *LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT*

### **I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Call to Order – Trish Kelly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

- Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda.** **Carried.**
- Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the November 1, 2023, Open Session of Senate Minutes as circulated.** **Carried.**

## II. BUSINESS

### 1. Senate Chair's Opening Remarks

T. Kelly welcomed Senators and those joining via zoom in open session of the Senate meeting.

### 2. CRP Recommendations

Jacqueline Turner presented the CPR report and recommendations on behalf of Henry Tsang, Chair of the Senate Curriculum + Planning Review Committee.

It was reported that the following Foundation course proposals are being presented as a group as part of overall curriculum development in response to Direct Entry.

**MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the following new eight Foundation core courses.**

**FNDT 1XX (want 173) Core Studio in Visual Arts**

**FNDT 1XX (want 174) Core Studio in Illustration**

**FNDT 1XX (want 175) Core Studio in NMSA and Photo**

**FNDT 1XX (want 180) Core Studio in Communication Design**

**FNDT 1XX (want 181) Core Studio in Industrial Design**

**FNDT 1XX (want 182) Core Studio in Interaction Design**

**FNDT 1XX (want 184) Core Studio in Film + Screen Arts**

**FNDT 1XX (want 185) Core Studio in Animation**

**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**

The second motion is for approval of three Foundation elective course changes and one new elective course change that aligns with the express aims of Direct Entry in Foundation.

**MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the following three Foundation elective course changes and one new elective course as presented.**

**FNDT 129 3D Design to Industrial Design: Methods & Processes**

(name + description change, adding learning objectives)

**FNDT 130 Graphic Design to Communication Design: Type & Image**

(name + description change, adding learning objectives)

**FNDT 133 Media Arts**

(description change, adding learning objectives)

**FNDT 1XX (request 156) Interaction Design: Interactions & Behaviours**

**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**

A third resolution/motion was brought forward from CPR to Senate. It was explained that CPR is seeking guidance from Senate and potential direction on the appropriate group to review the course change/new course proposal forms that are used by CPR. CPR is of the view that the forms warrant a fresh review and, should Senate approve, CPR is looking for direction on whether a working group or CPR might lead review of the forms. CPR was uncertain if Senate needs to approve the motion for CPR to move forward with a working group.

N. Himer noted that it was appropriate for CPR to bring this question to Senate and seek direction. N. Himer will take the question away and report back on past practice, options and guidance.

The motion was supported and actioned as follow up item for the University Secretary to bring forward a briefing to Senate at one of the next meetings.

**MOTION: That the Senate Curriculum Planning + Review Committee recommend that Senate provide clarity and consultation on a way forward for a working group to review and reassess the new course proposal form.**

**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**  
**S. Gaur abstained.**

3. Alumni AGM of December 5, 2023

P. Leichner provided a verbal update regarding the Alumni AGM that was held on December 5, 2023. He reported that:

- Patrick Christie has stepped down from the role of President, and is moving out of province;
- In lieu of a president the ECUAA currently holds Samantha Burnet as Chair and Zoran Dragelj as Vice Chair;
- Sydney Pickering was introduced as a new Alumni Board member and is also currently the Aboriginal Program Coordinator at ECU; and
- The Alumni Board approved the gallery project guidelines.

In response to a question regarding the “Snap Survey”, T. Kelly informed Senate that once the Institutional Research team has reviewed the survey results, a briefing can be provided to Senate.

4. Presidential Search Update

N. Himer informed Senate that the Presidential Search Committee has endorsed the Candidate Profile for the President + Vice Chancellor search and the search firm has commenced recruitment steps. The profile can be found on ECU’s Presidential Search webpage. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for December 13.

5. Senate Chair's Report

T. Kelly provided the following highlights:

- The Accessibility Committee has extended a call for new membership, specifically to ensure more fulsome student and alumni participation. Individuals with lived experience, or involved in the disability justice community, are prioritized. Community outreach is expected in the coming months, both to communicate the plan outwards, and to further consult on what may be missing. The intention is to use this plan to prioritize true inclusion for all community members. Once the plan has been updated, it will be brought forward to Senate for information.
- Looking into developing a policy and guidelines regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the implication of AI in the work of art and how it relates to Intellectual Property and privacy.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual student art sale took place on November 23-25, and was an incredible success. Approximately 200 emerging artists and designers participated. Total sales exceeded \$100.000, with over 500 individual customers. T. Kelly thanked the many areas of the University community that came together to support the sale.

There was discussion on the topic of AI. Some Senators made note of related work on aspects of AI being considered through policy development, from technology use policies to academic policies and it was noted that there is and will be attention to coordinating these related streams. A number of Senators also expressed their interest in potential forums for discussion, such as a townhall style meeting, to discuss implications of AI and related.

6. Interim Vice-President, Academic + Provost Report

A written report was provided to the Senate as D. Achjadi was unable to join the meeting. No questions or comments were raised on the report.

On a separate note, C. Cartiere requested further information regarding the Search for the Canadian Research Chair and the committee composition.

It was actioned that J. Langlois and/or T. Kelly would follow up with C. Cartiere.

**III. NEXT MEETING:** January 24, 2024

**IV. MOTION: ADJOURN** — The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.