

# SENATE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

10:00 - 11:20 AM

Main Boardroom / Online via Zoom webinar

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

Regrets: Carleen Thomas, Ishika Tripathi

Resource: Henry Tsang (CPR, Chair)

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 10:04 a.m.

1. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda.** Carried.
  
2. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the December 13, 2023, Open Session of Senate Minutes as circulated.** Carried.

It was noted that the draft Senate Closed Session minutes of December 13, 2023 will be circulated via email for approval.

## **II. BUSINESS**

### **1. Senate Chair's Opening Remarks**

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

T. Kelly acknowledged the Federal Government's announcement of the 2-year cap on limiting international student permits. Further updates to come once the province decides on how permits are distributed among universities and colleges.

### **2. Academic Planning + Priorities Committee Report**

J. Turner noted that a generative AI sub-committee group has been established through APP. The group will work on the generative AI policy and guidelines. Regular process updates will be brought forward to Senate through the APP reports.

### **3. Curriculum Planning + Review Committee Report**

No questions or concerns were raised regarding the CPR report.

### **4. Curriculum Planning + Review Committee Recommendations**

Henry Tsang, Chair of the Senate Curriculum + Planning Review Committee presented the CPR recommendations. There are two items coming forward from CPR, 6 resolutions on course changes and 2 resolutions on new courses.

T. Kelly reminded Senators that although the motion is brought forward in an omnibus motion, Senators can request to pull out a course(s) for further information/discussion before being called to vote.

**MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the following course change proposals:**

**SOCS 201 Intro to Cultural Theory**

(name and description change, adding learning objectives)

**DESN 307 3D Rendering and Visualization for Design Presentation I**

(name, description, learning objectives, and prerequisite)

**DESN 407 3D Rendering and Visualization Projects**

(name, description, learning objectives, and prerequisite)

**DESN 317 3D Rendering and Visualization for Design Presentation II**

(name, description, and learning objectives)

**FNDT 127 Ceramics**

(description change, adding learning objectives)

**FNDT 146 Introductory Photography**  
(description change, adding learning objectives)

C. Cartiere highlighted the development process of SOC 201 that involved extensive consultation and noted this as an exemplary process.

**Moved / Seconded** **Carried.**

**MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the new course proposals for FMSA 3XX Core Studio: Drama Lab and FMSA 3XX Core Studio: Rethinking Documentary as presented.**

A Senator asked if students will be required to complete all 4 courses. C. Martin noted that students will be asked to fulfill 2 of the 4 courses.

**Moved / Seconded** **Carried.**

5. Option for Review of CPR New and Course Change Forms

N. Himer reminded Senate that at the December 14, 2023, Senate meeting she was to report back on past practice and potential options for a working group of the CPR to review the new course and course change proposal form(s). She reported that any course changes or new course proposals are vetted by the CPR, and recommendations are brought to Senate for approval. The forms were last reviewed and approved by Senate in fall 2016.

N. Himer presented two possible options for Senate's consideration, a proposed resolution, and potential next steps.

**PROPOSED MOTION: That Senate hereby direct that:**

- i. the current course change and new course change proposal forms, which were last reviewed and approved in 2016, be reviewed anew;
- ii. [CPR or working group consisting of x members] be tasked with leading the review and reporting back to Senate on any recommended changes for Senate to consider;
- iii. Other...specific time frame or any specific questions for the scope of review?

Only the first part of the proposed motion was moved and seconded.

**MOTION: That Senate hereby direct that:**

- i. the current course change and new course change proposal forms, which were last reviewed and approved in 2016, be reviewed anew;

After further discussion, Senate made the following amendments to the motion.

**AMENDED MOTION: That the Senate hereby direct that:**

- i. the current course change and new course change proposal forms, which were last reviewed and approved in 2016, be reviewed anew;
- ii. the CPR be tasked to form a working group that will lead the review; and
- iii. The working group provide an outline of scope and then a recommendation for Senate to consider.

**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**

An additional motion was put forward to clarify that although CPR (+ working group) is tasked with updating the form, it should focus on curricular matters.

**MOTION: That the Senate tasks CPR with reviewing the new course change proposal forms with a focus on curricular considerations exclusively.**

**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**

**6. Alumni Association Update**

P. Leichner provided a verbal update regarding the outgoing ECU Alumni Association President's report. The following were noted:

- Inclusion of Student Representatives;
- Alumni Participation in Projects;
- Incorporation of Alumni in On-Campus Roles;
- Leeway Enhancement; and
- Global Alumni Engagement.

C. Cartiere requested a copy of the report. It was noted that permission needs to be granted by the ECU Alumni Association before sharing the report.

**7. Presidential Search Update**

N. Himer informed Senate that the Presidential Search is actively underway, and the Committee will be meeting later in January but nothing further to report at this time.

**8. Senate Chair Report**

T. Kelly noted that the federal government's announcement of the cap on international student admissions accounts for a 35% reduction of international student study permits. The cap will be in place for two years. Each province and territory will be allotted a portion of the total, distributed according to population. Provinces and territories will be left to decide how permits are distributed among universities and colleges in their jurisdictions.

It was also noted that current ECU international students and graduate students are not affected.

T. Kelly provided the following highlights:

- ECU is looking into a partnership with four Canadian Art Institutions that builds a stronger advocacy for Art Institutions.
- T. Kelly recognized ongoing work coming out of the Quality Assurance Process Audit review process and report;
- The Strategic Plan is moving forward with the Board and once it has been approved, the plan will come back to Senate to discuss implementation strategies; and
- Emily Carr's 100th anniversary's date is October 1, 2025.

**9. Interim Vice-President, Academic + Provost Report**

D. Achjadi provided the following highlights:

- Heather Fitzgerald is working on drafting a new program review policy and procedures;
- Announcement of Kathryn Verkerk who is the new Registrar + Director of Enrolment joining ECU on February 12;
- Sue Dorey has taken the position of Interim Director, Student Engagement, Retention + Success;
- The Wellness Programming will move from Health + Wellness to Student Services; and
- Discussions are taking place regarding timetable changes to better utilize rooms, campus space and accommodate community-based activities.

In response to a question, D. Achjadi noted that a change to the timetable is being discussed at APP and would be brought forward to Senate at the appropriate time.

Due to time constraints, Senators were asked to follow up with D. Achjadi if they have any further questions regarding the report.

**III. NEXT MEETING:** February 28, 2024

**IV. MOTION: ADJOURN** — The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.