

# SENATE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

10:00 - 11:20 AM

Main Boardroom / Online via Zoom webinar

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C. Fears	Kyla Mallett
Cameron Cartiere	Laszlo Hollander
Chris Jones	Louise St. Pierre
Danielle Zandvliet	Mimi Gellman
Diyan Achjadi	Pierre Leichner
Eugenia Bertulis	Rachelle Sawatsky
Ishika Tripathi	Sophie Gaur
Jaqueline Turner	Trish Kelly ( <b>Chair</b> )
Justin Langlois	Vanessa Kam

**Regrets:** Carleen Thomas, Celeste Martin, Ben Reeves, Yagmur Kucukakyuz, Kamila Bashir

**Support:** Natasha Himer, Kathryn Verkerk, Nicole Shin, Rosie McGee, Alexander Muir  
(technical support)

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Call to Order – Trish Kelly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

1. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda with additional amendments as mentioned.** Carried.
2. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the February 28, 2024 Senate Meeting Minutes as circulated.** Carried.

## II. BUSINESS

### 1. Senate Chair's Opening Remarks

T. Kelly welcomed Senators and guests and those that are joining via webinar.

### 2. ECU Graduating Class of 2024

K. Verkerk and R. McGee presented a list of confidential candidates for graduation at the 2024 convocation. Senators that were joining the meeting via zoom were emailed the confidential list.

In response to a question, it was noted that the approval of the graduands come forward for approval by Senate as prescribed by the *University Act*.

**MOTION: That Senate approve the ECU Graduating Class of 2024: The following candidates are presented to the Senate of Emily Carr University for the conferral of their respective Emily Carr University degrees following successful completion of all required coursework.**

**Moved/Seconded**

**Carried.**

R. McGee collected copies of the confidential documents. Those that received the list via email were asked to refrain from downloading the document and to delete the email from their inbox.

### 3. Research Ethics Policy

J. Langlois reported on updates to Policy 5.1 since the February Senate meeting:

- The addition of section 1.2, how the University recognizes that research involving Indigenous peoples requires additional ethical considerations;
- The addition of section 2.5 researchers who conduct research with and in collaboration with Indigenous communities; and
- The addition of section 2.6 how to document, and the expectations of, engaging with animals and/or more-than-human species in a responsible way.

The motion was deferred to allow for:

- Further clarifications around the language in section 2.5. J. Langlois to connect with M. Gellman and C. Cartiere
- Section 2.6 edit spelling to LibGuides

**MOTION TO DEFER: that Senate endorse revised Policy 5.1: Research Administration, Ethics, and Conduct and refer to the appropriate Board Committee and Board of Governors for review and final approval.**

**Moved/Seconded**

**Carried.**

4. Curriculum Planning + Review Committee Report

No questions or concerns were raised regarding the CPR report.

5. Curriculum Planning + Review Committee Recommendations

It was requested that an asterisk be included beside “Open Electives” to be consistent with other PRWs and to be more clear for students that are enrolled in the off semester. The asterisk will be referenced at the bottom of the PRWs, mentioning that “\*Students may take Co-op or Internship in years 3 and 4, to a maximum of 9 credits.”

**AMENDED MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the following ART program requirement worksheets (PRW) change proposals and cover sheet with the understanding that an asterisk (for ILUS, NMSA and PHOT) be included on the PRWs:**

**COVER SHEET for Program Requirement Worksheets**

**ILUS PRW Changes (include asterisk)**

**NMSA PRW Changes (include asterisk)**

**PHOT PRW Changes (include asterisk)**

**VIAR PRW Changes**

**Moved/Seconded**

**Carried.**

**MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the new course proposal NMSA 3XX (requesting 320) Special Topics in NMSA as presented.**

**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**

6. Motions from the February 28 Senate Meeting

Senate was reminded that due to time constraints two motions were tabled and to be brought to the March Senate meeting. As previously mentioned, the current approval process of the PRWs is under review, and until further guidance is provided the PRWs will continue to come to Senate for approval.

**MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the following 6 program requirement worksheets as presented:**

**2D ANIM PRW Changes**

**3D ANIM PRW Changes**

**COMD PRW Changes**

**FMSA PRW Changes**

**INDD PRW Changes**

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**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**

**MOTION: That Senate, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Planning + Review Committee, approve the CRCP PRW changes as presented.**

**Moved / Seconded**

**Carried.**

7. Alumni Association

T. Kelly, joined by Sára Molčan, Manager, Engagement, Donor + Alumni presented on the SNAAP, BC Student Outcomes Publications and Alumni survey results. It was explained that the SNAAP gathers, analyzes and reports on survey data (2022, 2021, 2015) from graduates of arts and design schools and colleges to understand the professional success, educational satisfaction, and personal fulfillment of arts alumni. It was reported that in comparative data to other institutions, ECU shows up well with most alumni feeling good about their institutional experience.

The SNAAP survey is comprised of the schools that are part of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design (AICAD) in North America and out of those are only four Canadian public institutions.

Areas where ECU exceeded AICAD average:

- Overall quality of instructors;
- Take courses across different artistic or design disciplines;
- Opportunities to integrate practice with topics our students find interesting outside of art and design;
- Learn about creative practices from cultural backgrounds different from their own; and
- Learn about matters of racial justice or social inequity.

From the SNAAP results it showed that while ECU ranked high in critical thinking, creative thinking and problem-solving, communication, research, change adaption and collaboration, ECU ranked lower in technology, and artistic technique.

Moving forward:

- We have a lot of data, need to better analyze and understand areas of concern;
- Audit alumni relations and support at the institution;
- Add more context to better understand ways to create more support; and
- Center response to student experience and alumni feedback as an institutional priority.

8. Presidential Search Update

N. Himer informed Senate that Presidential Search is in the final stages of the process.

9. Senate Chair Report

T. Kelly reported on the Food & Community student exhibition from March 22 - 27 that was in partnership with the City of Vancouver's Resilience Office and the

Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks. Students were paired with local community organizations/initiatives that promote and cultivate food security within the city.

T. Kelly also noted that ECU is hosting its annual Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, *Kindred* featuring work from the 2024 cohort of MFA full-residency degree candidates. The exhibition is from March 25 – April 9. She also mentioned that there are student tours of the grad show.

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

D. Achjadi reported that there are number of ongoing faculty searches nearing the final stages for DDM and CAC. A number of communications went out to the community regarding candidate presentations.

There is also a new Education Developer role in the Teaching and Learning Centre. It is a teaching Faculty role that helps with curriculum development and teaching strategies.

D. Achjadi also noted that the first round of acceptance letters was sent out to domestic and international students this week.

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

N. Himer informed Senate that several Senators have terms that are ending on July 31, 2024. Senators will be notified if their terms are ending and there will be communications with a call for nominations and elections. The goal is to begin an early start to the nomination/election process before the end of May so that there is adequate time for orientation and onboarding before the September Senate meeting.

**IV. OPEN FORUM**

**V. NEXT MEETING:** May 1, 2024 (Final Senate meeting of the academic year)

It was noted that the Senate meeting will begin with breakfast and start an hour earlier to allow for an informal working session of Senate to round out the 2023/2024 meeting cycle. Further communications to follow closer to the date.

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