

# SENATE MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022, 10:00-11:20 AM

Online via Zoom webinar

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Gillian Siddall (Chair)	Chris Jones
Trish Kelly (Vice Chair)	Justin Langlois
Diyan Achjadi	Pierre Leichner
Eugenia Bertulis	Kyla Mallett
Kevin Bird	Celeste Martin
Melanie Camman	Ben Reeves
Hélène Day Fraser	Rachelle Sawatsky
Sophie Gaur	Danielle Zandvliet
Mimi Gellman	

Regrets: Kristina Fiedrich, Cybèle Creery Suzanne Rackover, Stephanie Schneider, Charles Simon, Louise St. Pierre, Ishika Tripathi

Guests: Mark Douglas, Marcia Guno, Tiffanie Ting

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

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Gillian Siddall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda.** Carried.
  
3. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the February 28, 2022 Senate Minutes as circulated.** Carried.

The Chair commented on the reference in the February 28, 2022 minutes in relation to how decisions are made about courses that come forward to Senate for approval. It was emphasized that this falls within the purview of Senate, per the *University Act 'Powers and duties of faculty'* [University Act, RSBC 1996, c 468, s 40.], and Senate requires a clear understanding of how faculties are making decisions. It was reported that the VP Academic + Provost is working on this with Deans and this will come back to Senate at a future meeting.

**1. Approval of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 two-year academic calendar**

Kevin Bird, Registrar, referred to the circulated two-year academic calendar and noted two required changes to the 2022-2023 academic calendar:

- A shift in dates in November 2023 to accommodate CUPE collective agreement requirement for a day off in lieu on the Monday following a statutory holiday that falls on a Saturday (e.g., November 11, 2023).
- Removal of extra days in December 2023 and shift in dates to accommodate accurate start of term date.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approves the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 two-year academic calendar as amended.**

There was discussion, including:

- Concerns with dates in the 2023-2024 academic calendar, including back-to-back make-up days.
- Explanation regarding the challenge for faculty in having to compress curriculum to accommodate days off in lieu that are the same as class days being made up.
- Inquiry about potential flexibility with CUPE in relation to when days off in lieu can be taken.

A Senator proposed an amendment to sever the 2023-2024 academic calendar from the motion to allow for discussion with CUPE regarding days off in lieu for the 2023-2024 academic year.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approve severing the 2023-2024 academic calendar from the motion as presented.**

**Carried.**

One Senator abstained.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approves the main motion as amended.**

**Carried.**

The Chair noted that more work will be done on the 2023-2024 academic calendar year before it is brought forward to Senate. The VP Academic + Provost and AVP, HR will work with the Registrar to meet with CUPE and bring forward the 2023-2024 academic calendar at a future meeting.

**2. Academic Planning + Priorities (APP) Committee Report**

Trish Kelly, VP Academic + Provost, provided highlights of the APP report for Kristina Fiedrich, APP Chair, including:

- Direct entry option is progressing; motion anticipated to be brought forward at next meeting of APP and Senate.
- MDes Program review was brought forward to APP.

- Much work anticipated in upcoming APP meetings in relation to Program Review and Direct Entry.

### 3. Curriculum Planning + Review (CPR) Committee

On behalf of Ingrid Koenig, CPR Chair, the Provost noted the Committee's concerns regarding the level of faculty consultation and collaboration on curriculum development that occurs prior to proposals coming to CPR.

CPR recommended establishment of a new curriculum development committee, similar to a previous committee at ECU over 10 years ago, which functions like a faculty council. CPR is working to better understand the role of Senate in actioning that work in the faculties.

### 4. Governance Committee

Suzanne Rackover, Governance Committee Chair, reported that Governance Committee has not met since the last Senate meeting and there is, therefore, no Committee report.

The Interim University Secretary provided an overview of proposed updates to the Board + Senate + Committee meeting schedule for 2022-2023.

### 5. Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Justin Langlois, Chair of RAC, reported that additional consultation is underway with undergraduate faculties on the 2022-2027 Strategic Research Plan executive summary, following which a revised outline and executive summary will be brought forward to Senate.

### 6. Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Mimi Gellman, Aboriginal Advisory Committee Chair, reported on a variety of AGP initiatives, including:

- 10-day Indigenous symposium in June 2022 will run concurrently with Indigenous History Month.
- The two totem poles that are being currently carved in the school will be completed in June with an installation date that has yet to be determined.
- Aboriginal Students Awards over \$32,000 to 27 students.
- Updates on various other symposiums, exhibitions, grants, workshops, conferences.

### 7. Alumni Association Report

Pierre Leichner referred to the circulated Alumni Association report and provided highlights of three events the ECUAA hosted in March. He also commented on the positive progress on the Leeway networking platform (connects alumni, students,

staff and faculty) since it launched last fall. Organization is underway for an upcoming meeting about the governance structure of ECUAA.

The VP Academic + Provost requested an opportunity to discuss the Badges program with the Alumni Association to ensure there is clarity about the program for students and alumni.

#### **8. Chair's Report**

Pandemic – The Chair reported on ECU's continued response to the pandemic. It was noted that proof of vaccination will no longer be required for public events on campus as of April 8, 2022, in alignment with the B.C. Provincial Health Officer (PHO). Although wearing masks in public indoor settings is no longer a requirement of the PHO, ECU will continue to encourage the wearing of masks on campus until the end of term.

Budget – The Chair reported that ECU has yet to have confirmation of one-time funding from the Province for the upcoming budget year. Once known, the budget will be finalized then brought before Senate Budget Committee (SBC) for consideration. It is unknown whether the budget will be ready for the next SBC meeting on April 25, 2022; however, if not, the focus of the meeting will be to discuss ECU's financial situation and proposed deficit mitigation and revenue generation strategies.

Visit from SSHRC – Ted Hewitt (President) and Darlene Moll (Senior Advisor) of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), met recently with ECU President, VP Academic + Provost and J. Langlois, Interim Associate Vice-President Research + Dean of Graduate Studies, during SSHRC's tour of universities in B.C. SSHRC met with ECU's Research team and toured a number of spaces on campus, following which they noted how impressed they were with scope of knowledge production happening at ECU.

VP, Finance + Administration position – The Chair reported the search process for ECU's new VP, Finance + Administration is concluding and an announcement is expected next week.

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

The Vice-President, Academic + Provost, provided highlights of the Libby Leshgold Gallery survey results. It was reported that of the 299 survey responses, two thirds of respondents were members of the ECU community; however, few visit the gallery regularly. Themes included desire for: greater connection to the university; connection to a sense of place, i.e., obligation regarding gallery being on unceded territory; broader range of media displayed at the gallery; and greater presence and marketing of the gallery. It was noted that the posting for a permanent Gallery Director will be posted this week.

Development and standardization of a Program Review action log is underway and will be brought forward to Senate for review after final approval from APP.

Academic schedule planning has commenced. It was reported that the majority of courses are expected to be in person in Fall 2022; however, APP is looking at how to meet demands for continued online and/or hybrid learning and to reduce barriers in relation to program delivery for students.

The Provost and Executive Director, Financial Services, are planning an additional presentation open to the ECU community, in relation to the budget and proposed deficit mitigation strategies.

It was reported that at least two faculty searches will be opened likely for January and that a priority focus will be connection to Indigenous material practice in B.C.

## **II. OPEN FORUM**

1. A Senator commented on a gallery in the U.S. that has asked its security staff to curate a show at the gallery.

## **III. MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA**

2. **Moved / Seconded to move the Senate meeting in camera.** **Carried.**

*The meeting moved in camera. Guests departed the meeting at 11:22 a.m.*

3. Approval of the ECU Graduating Class of 2022

The Registrar presented on screen the confidential names of the ECU Graduating Class of 2022.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the ECU Graduating Class of 2022: 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.**

**Carried.**

4. The Registrar presented on screen the confidential names of the CDM Graduating Class of 2022.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the CDM Graduating Class of 2022: The following candidates are presented to the Senate of Emily Carr University for the conferral of their respective jointly credentialled (UBC, SFU, BCIT & ECU) Master of Digital Media Degrees following successful completion of all required coursework.**

**Carried.**

The Chair reported that ECU is on track for an in-person convocation this year scheduled for May 11, 2022. It was further reported the installation ceremony for ECU's new Chancellor Carleen Thomas will also be held that morning. All Senators will be invited to attend both events.

The meeting moved back into the Regular Session.

**IV. NEXT MEETING:** May 2, 2022

**V. MOTION: ADJOURN** — The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.