

SENATE MINUTES

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

Online via Zoom webinar

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

Regrets: 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)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Gillian Siddall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the updated Agenda.** **Carried.**

The Chair requested the addition of a motion to approve the *Presidential Review for Reappointment Policy + Procedures* to agenda item II. Business, 3. Governance Committee.

3. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the January 24, 2022 Senate Minutes as circulated.** **Carried.**

II. BUSINESS

1. Academic Planning + Priorities (APP) Committee Report

Kristina Fiedrich, APP Chair, referred to the circulated report and provided highlights on: APP's discussion regarding ECU's approach to online learning post-COVID; that information regarding Direct Entry and Academic Program Review will be forthcoming; upcoming review of the APP Terms of Reference; and requested review of the revised Senate Committee meeting schedule for Academic Year 2022-23.

2. Curriculum Planning + Review (CPR) Committee

Trish Kelly provided a brief summary of the CPR report for Ingrid Koenig, CPR Chair, including an overview of course change proposals and new course proposals coming forward from the Faculties of Art, Community + Culture and Design and Dynamic Media.

There was discussion. It was noted that as more proposed courses come forward that fulfill ECU's Equity, Diversity + Inclusion mandate, procedures relating to who decision-makers are in determining courses to be replaced, faculty to be displaced or supported, for example, and how to ensure transparency, consultation and collective problem-solving throughout the process need to be considered. The FNDT 101 (Indigenous Presence) course is currently proposed as an elective to allow time to address these questions.

The Chair recommended Senate discuss at a future meeting of Senate how the process for proposed curricular changes are brought forward to Senate, including how faculties make decisions about curriculum and how to ensure due process has occurred.

Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the new course proposals, course change proposals and program requirement worksheets as presented.

Carried.

3. Governance Committee

The Interim University Secretary provided an overview of proposed changes to the Governance Committee Terms of Reference. It was noted a process is underway to amend the terms of reference for each Senate Committee for clarity and consistency.

Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the proposed amendments to the following Senate committee terms of reference as presented: 2.1.2 Governance Committee.

Carried.

It was reported that the Board approved the *Presidential Review for Reappointment Policy and Procedures* at the February 17, 2022 Board meeting. It was further reported that, at an ad hoc meeting of Senate Governance Committee on February 18, 2022, Governance Committee approved the recommendation for Senate to approve the policy.

Moved / Seconded that, on recommendation of Senate Governance Committee, Senate approve the *Presidential Review for Reappointment Policy and Procedures* as presented.

Carried.

The Chair reported that Senate Governance Committee has discussed proposed

changes to the Senate and Senate Committee meeting schedule for the next academic year, including a proposed change to a Wednesday morning block for meetings. The Interim University Secretary is finalizing a draft schedule to bring forward to Senate upon completion.

4. Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Justin Langlois, Chair of RAC, reported that an outline and summary for the 2022-27 Strategic Research Plan is expected to be brought forward at the next Senate meeting on March 28, 2022 for Senate's initial review and feedback.

There was discussion. Senators inquired about mental and physical health and art as a research area, as well as potential opportunities for faculty input to the outline and summary. More details will be shared at the next meeting of Senate.

5. Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Mimi Gellman, Aboriginal Advisory Committee Chair, reported that Xwalacktun has completed carving the house post that, along with the totem pole carved by Dempsey Bob, Stan Bevan, and Lyonel Grant, will be raised in a ceremony in September. Senators were invited to view the house post and the totem pole and other carvings that will be set into the pole, which are currently on display at the Aboriginal Gathering Place. An Indigenous making symposium will be held in June. The growing engagement with land-based pedagogy and differing positions about who conducts this research was noted.

6. Alumni Association Report

Pierre Leichner reported that he and ECU's President + Vice-Chancellor, VP Academic + Provost, President of the Alumni Association and Alumni Association trustee continue to meet to determine how to bolster Alumni Association membership. Senators were encouraged to reach out to alumni they know who may be interested in joining the Alumni Association Board.

7. Chair's Report

The Chair reported a working group has been struck to consider lessons learned from online learning during the pandemic, including opportunities and barriers in relation to curriculum design and delivery, as we plan for a post-pandemic environment. It was reported that surveys of students in Canada indicate students desire more access to online learning in combination with access to an on-campus community.

It was reported the proposed 2022/23 tuition increase was approved by the Board at the February 17, 2022 Board meeting. The Executive Director, Financial Services, will proceed with development of ECU's budget. The President and Chair of the Board will meet with the AEST Deputy Minister this week to discuss ECU's budget and response to Peter Lockie's report.

Senate will be kept informed about how to engage in the strategic planning process. Results of ECU's 100th anniversary feasibility study are expected soon.

8. Report of the Vice-President, Academic + Provost

Trish Kelly, Vice-President, Academic + Provost, provided an update on program reviews happening in April. An action log to move forward with work that came out of the last cycle of program reviews will be shared with Senate at the next Senate meeting.

An academic program review audit committee is being established in preparation for the Quality Assurance Process Audit. The committee will bring forward new policy for academic program review for the university.

A survey on next steps for the Libby Leshgold Gallery received 300 internal and external responses. The Provost will report on the survey results at the next meeting of Senate. It was reported a permanent posting for the role of Gallery Director will be posted soon.

III. PRESENTATION

Tiffanie Ting, Executive Director, Continuing Studies presented to Senate on current activity and goals of the Continuing Studies department. Materials circulated as a separate attachment.

IV. OPEN FORUM

No discussion.

V. NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2022

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