

# SENATE MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 2, 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 Lechner
Eugenia Bertulis	Kyla Mallett
Kevin Bird	Celeste Martin
Melanie Camman	Suzanne Rackover
Kristina Fiedrich	Ben Reeves
Hélène Day Fraser	Rachelle Sawatsky
Sophie Gaur	Danielle Zandvliet
Mimi Gellman	

Regrets: Cybèle Creery, 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 10:05 a.m.
2. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the Agenda.** **Carried.**
3. **Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the March 28, 2022 Senate Minutes as circulated.** **Carried.**

### II. BUSINESS

1. Information on Chancellor Installation + Convocation

The Chair encouraged all Senators to attend the in-person Chancellor installation and convocation at UBC's Chan Centre on May 11, 2022.

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

Kristina Fiedrich, APP Chair, noted that the previous (March 2022) APP report had been submitted mistakenly and included in the agenda package.

It was reported Academic Program Review has been completed for BDes degree program areas in DDM (Industrial Design, Interaction Design, Communication Design), MDes program in Grad Studies; BFA programs in ART (Visual Art, Illustration and Photo) and the BMA program in ART (NMSA). Trish Kelly, VP, Academic + Provost, proposed that faculties present respective action plans from Program Reviews in an annual update to Senate, the purpose of which would be to educate and enable Senate to prioritize related work.

Marci Guno, Vice Provost, Students, presented on strategic enrollment management and direct entry. It was reported that strategic enrollment management is aligned with ECU's institutional planning documents and helps inform the university's recruitment and retention initiatives. It was further noted it is also anticipated to enhance student experience by enabling students to enter directly into their chosen field.

There was discussion, including:

- Students' desire for flexibility and increased time for completion of degrees.
- Inquiry how internships fit with direct entry.
- Inquiry about Foundation year and students' shared experience of core common curriculum in the first-year.
- Inquiry about undeclared major status.
- Continued importance of Foundation year in the first year of a four-year program.
- Need to consider desired type of data to gather as we implement this process.
- Goal that direct entry model will help limit requested changes to majors in the second year of study.

**Moved / Seconded that APP recommends to Senate that for the Fall 2023 admission intake the University implement a new direct entry admission process that will replace the current first year admission process.**

**Carried.**

There was one abstention.

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

The VP, Academic + Provost, provided highlights of the CPR Committee report on behalf of Ingrid Koenig, CPR Chair. It was reported that the Committee will review CPR's terms of reference and its role. The Committee will also explore with Deans and faculties the creation of a cross-faculty committee for consultation prior to bringing forward new or revised curriculum to CPR.

## 4. Governance Committee

Suzanne Rackover, Governance Committee Chair, referred to the circulated Governance Committee report. Public posting of Senate materials and written Senate reports was highlighted as an ongoing discussion at the Committee,

particularly in relation to ensuring non-Senators are fully informed about the business of Senate. The Committee will discuss the issue further in the new academic year.

It was reported that work on the amended Senate Nominations Committee terms of reference has concluded. The Governance Committee Chair and Interim University Secretary were commended on development of the new template for Senate Committees' terms of reference.

There was discussion. Senators inquired about abstentions and quorum.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approve the following Senate committee terms of reference as amended: 2.1.1 Nominations Committee**

**Carried.**

**5. Research Advisory Committee (RAC)**

Justin Langlois, Chair of RAC, reported on recent consultation with faculties in relation to the 2022-2027 Strategic Research Plan. More work is required prior to bringing forward the 2022-2027 Strategic Research Plan executive summary to Senate for approval, anticipated in the fall. It was also reported that the Committee will commence work on the terms of reference for a related standing committee.

**6. Aboriginal Advisory Committee**

Mimi Gellman, Aboriginal Advisory Committee Chair, reported on a variety of AGP initiatives, including: completion of research projects, including the multi-year Health Design Lab research project; feature article on ECU's Sydney Pickering and her work on The Researchers in Residence: Arts' Civic Impact Initiative; 2022 Meymey'em Gathering, the upcoming Indigenous artists gathering in June 2022; and completion of the totem pole currently being carved in the Aboriginal Gathering Place.

**7. Alumni Association Report**

Pierre Leichner reported on meaningful conversations about the relationship between the Alumni Association and the university. It was also reported that progress continues on development of the Leeway networking platform, which connects alumni, students, staff and faculty.

**8. Chair's Report**

The Chair reported that the Ministry has provided ECU with \$3 million in one-time funding, which will enable the university to meet its cash flow obligations for the fiscal year, but will not be enough to allow the university to implement its deficit mitigation strategies.

The Chair further reported:

- The draft 2022/23 All Funds Budget will be reviewed at the upcoming Senate Budget Committee meeting on May 16, 2022.
- Victor Sokha will join ECU on May 9, 2022 as ECU's new VP, Finance + Administration.
- The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of BC, will visit the university to tour our research areas and meet with members of the President's team and students.
- Work of the Climate Action Task Force has been progressing and the committee will soon recommend action items.

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

The Vice-President, Academic + Provost, reported on the following:

- The Degree Quality Assessment Board has commenced the Quality Assurance Process Audit (QAPA), a review of our academic program review policies and processes. A committee for self-study will be struck.
- A message will be sent to faculty soon in relation to EDI course work for the next year.
- Feedback received from the ECU community at the Senate Budget Committee meeting on April 25, 2022 is being considered. Next steps are being developed for an idea generation forum for faculty, students and staff in relation to deficit mitigation and revenue generation strategies for the university.

**III. OPEN FORUM**

1. The Chair thanked outgoing student Senators Melanie Camman, Stephanie Schneider and Charles Simon for their service on Senate over the past year.

**IV. NEXT MEETING:** This is the last scheduled Senate meeting of the 2021/22 Academic Year. The next meeting of Senate is September 28, 2022.

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