

SENATE MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021, 10:00 AM

Online via Zoom

Gillian Siddall, Chair	Mimi Gellman
Trish Kelly, Vice Chair	Mark Igloliorte
Geoff Plant	Suzanne Rackover
Keith Kerrigan	Martin Rose
Kevin Bird	Danielle Zandvliet
Ruth Beer	Kyla Mallett
Keith Doyle	Celeste Martin
Heather Fitzgerald	Cybèle Creery
Steven Lam	Erick Jantzen
Kajill Aujla	Jacob Brennan
Hélène Day Fraser	Louise St. Pierre

Regrets: Cissie Fu, Jorma Kujala

Guests: Michael Clifford, Tiffanie Ting, Alia Hijaab Ebayed, Lori MacDonald

Support: Carina Clark, Philippa Mennell, Christen Downie

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Gillian Siddall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. **Motion:** That Senate approve the Agenda as circulated.

Keith Kerrigan, Board Representative, requested to add “Search for new Chancellor update” after the Vice-Chair’s report.

Moved / Seconded to approve the updated Agenda.

Carried.

3. **Motion:** That Senate approve the November 30, 2020 Senate Minutes.

Moved / Seconded to approve the circulated Minutes.

Carried.

II. BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Master of Digital Media Graduands for December 2020.

Kevin Bird, Registrar, referred to the circulated, confidential list of recommended MDM Graduands December 2020. Senate unanimously approved the list as recommended.

Moved / Seconded to approve the candidates as presented to the Senate for the conferral of their jointly credentialed (UBC, SFU, BCIT & ECU) Master of Digital Media Degrees following successful completion of all required coursework.

Carried

2. Curriculum Planning + Review (CPR) Report.

CPR Chair

Trish Kelly referred to the circulated CPR Committee report on behalf of Ingrid Koenig, Chair, CPR. CPR met on December 7, 2020. Senate had no questions about the report.

Recommendations from CPR.

Motion: That Senate approve the course change proposals as presented.

- a) 2DAN-310 Course Change proposal.
- b) 2DAN + 3DAN PRW Coversheet.
- c) 2DAN PRW Change Proposal.
- d) 3DAN PRW Change Proposal.
- e) MFALR PRW Coversheet.
- f) MFALR PRW Change Proposal.

Trish Kelly reported that there was a fulsome discussion at the CPR meeting on December 7, 2020, and full support for all presented proposals. There was a brief discussion. Senate unanimously approved the course change proposals and coversheets as presented.

Moved / Seconded to approve the course change proposals as presented.

Carried.

3. Academic Planning + Priorities (APP) Report.

APP Chair

Heather Fitzgerald, Chair, referred to the circulated APP Committee report. APP met on December 7, 2020. Senators had no questions about the report.

4. Governance Committee Report

Governance Committee Chair

Suzanne Rackover, Chair, referred to the circulated Governance Committee report. The Governance Committee met on December 14, 2020.

The Committee is discussing revisions to the 3.1 Policy framework, which guides all policies across the University. The University Secretary is currently researching policy frameworks from other post-secondary institutions with a particular focus on frameworks that foreground anti-racist and decolonial principles in policy-making. The committee will investigate adding guiding principles around anti-racism to the policy framework.

Suzanne presented the recommendation from the Governance Committee to Senate for a survey regarding the Budget Committee. Draft survey questions were included in the Senate agenda package. Senate unanimously approved the recommendation as presented.

Moved /Seconded that the Governance Committee conduct a survey of all current Senate Budget Committee members through the Office of the University Secretary in January 2021, and the results of this will be reported back to Senate by March 8, 2021.

Carried.

5. Aboriginal Advisory Committee update – Mimi Gellman, Chair, AAC referred to the circulated Aboriginal Advisory Committee Draft Minutes of Dec. 1, 2020. Senators had no questions about the report.
6. Chair's Report – The President reported she is very happy to welcome Marcia Guno to the Vice Provost Students role, and that she is very excited about the vision and experience Marcia brings to this role.

The President reported that the Climate Action Taskforce has been activated. There has been one meeting of the Taskforce, with another planned for January 25th. The Taskforce is being co-chaired by two faculty members, Craig Badke and Julie Andreyev, and a student, Erick Jantzen. They have developed a survey for the Taskforce members to help to bring focus to their work and to the experience and vision each member brings to the group.

The President is in the process of developing a summary of what she heard in the listening sessions held in October and November to share with the university community. They were very generative and productive sessions, and she is deeply grateful to all those who attended. The themes that emerged from those sessions will form the basis of subsequent larger community consultation sessions.

The President reported that the EDI action plan on the website is being updated with timelines and progress reports. The goal is to have the updates on the website by the end of January.

The President reported that planning is underway for convocation this year. It will not be possible to have an in-person convocation this year; we will plan for a virtual convocation that is far more robust than we were able to do last year.

The President reported that she will be launching a search for a Chief Information Officer (CIO) in early February, and will be establishing a search committee for that fairly soon.

The President reported that our interim CIO, Sandeep Sidhu, has been working with Trish Kelly to establish a Digital Transformation Council to identify and prioritize digital initiatives. This council addresses a gap in our processes that has caused some frustration in the past about how we decide what digital initiatives we take on, how we make sure that IT and Academic Affairs are in communication with each other, and that we are resourcing priorities appropriately.

7. Vice Chair's report – Vice President Academic and Provost, Trish Kelly reported on a pending Special Program application with British Columbia's Office of the Human Rights

Commissioner for a restricted 7-line Faculty search. If the application for a restricted search is approved, the postings will be published by end of January.

Academic Program Review – All faculties in program areas are working on their self-studies, which should be completed in the next few weeks. The external review will commence in the spring, and be completed in the fall. Organization of external review committees are underway. The Academic Program Review process must be completed by the end of this calendar year. ECU will be audited by the Government's Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) in 2022. Previous program review reports and processes will be reviewed as part of this audit. ECU will have the opportunity to observe DQAB's audit of another school in late 2021.

A well-attended community-wide meeting regarding the direction for the new gallery hire was held in December. Discussions included whether the search should be restricted; whether the director position should be a faculty line; whether the director and the curator should be one and the same role; and how equity and diversity will be addressed in the search process. A process of external consultation will be finalized soon, and internal conversation will continue.

8. Search for new Chancellor update – Keith Kerrigan, Board Representative, provided some information on the Chancellor search, the guiding policy (1.12 Selection of Chancellor), and an update on the status of process currently underway. The call for nominations was emailed to the ECU community on Dec. 14th 2020. Nominations can be submitted through the ECU website until January 31, 2021. The Alumni Association and the Board Executive Committee will review candidate nominations and develop a shortlist. There was a discussion about the process for consulting Senate. The consensus was that Senate as a whole should be consulted instead of the Senate Executive. A special in camera Senate meeting will be scheduled for this consultation, date to be confirmed.

III. PRESENTATION

1. Unit Plan - Kyla Mallet, Dean, Audain Faculty of Art, presented the Unit Plan presentation for the Faculty of Art. Following her presentation, the Dean introduced Mark Igloliorte to provide an update on the collaboration between the Aboriginal Gathering Place (AGP) and Audain Faculty of Art to host a series of conversations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous faculty, as well as Indigenous artists from the community. Further information about this will be emailed to faculty soon.

IV. DISCUSSION

1. Curriculum Reform in context of Indigenization, decolonization, anti-racism

Gillian Siddall reported that the Senate Executive Committee is having ongoing discussions about how Senate can contribute to the process of reviewing and revising curriculum to reflect the calls to action of the Anti-Racist Initiative petition as well as other calls to action from the university community. The circulated document, *ECU Course Overview & ECU Courses led by Indigenous Instructors*, was presented to Senators as a possible model for beginning the work of curricular review and revision.

Mimi Gellman provided some background on the document, which provides a list of courses with Indigenous content as well as a list of courses taught by Indigenous faculty. She noted that this document is dynamic and in progress. The student who prepared the list was not able to access a full list of university courses and it would be necessary to provide that information. Additionally, faculty will be consulted to see if anything has been misrepresented or forgotten.

She reported that a subcommittee of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be formed to continue the work around mapping and documenting ECU's Indigenous curriculum. She also reported that an Indigenous course is currently under development. The course will introduce local cosmologies and nations, include interviews and more, and intends to establish a foundation for all students in Indigenous knowledge. This new course should be ready for review by CPR, and review and approval by Senate, later this semester.

Trish Kelly reflected on the EDI action plan, which is currently under development, and noted that Senate can charge Academic Affairs to spearhead the curriculum reform. Academic Affairs can work with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Faculties to provide space and resources, and to ensure accountability, visibility and a university-wide understanding of the value of developing a diverse and equitable curriculum.

V. OPEN FORUM – there were no further discussions

VI. NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2021

VII. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.