



MINUTES – OPEN SESSION

SENATE MEETING

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

ECU Boardroom (D2315) and MS Teams

PRESENT:

Amory Abbott, Diyan Achjadi, Haig Armen, Lyana Ayesha Azneil, Shawn Choi, H el ene Day Fraser, Mimi Gellman, Beth Howe, Adriana Jaroszewicz, Mark Johnsen, Vanessa Kam, Trish Kelly (Chair), Justin Kramchynsky, Celeste Martin, Sara Osenton, Alex Phillips, Mia Roxas, Jaiden Su, Jacqueline Turner, Kathryn Verkerk

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Natasha Himer, Gabriel Liosis, Jacob Hrajnik

REGRETS:

Michaela Kwiatkowska, Justin Langlois, Carleen Thomas

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order – T. Kelly, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Senate approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

3. Approval of Minutes

A senator asked if their name could be removed in the minutes under Business item 8 (Enrolment Processes and Procedures).

A senator also asked if the motion that was ruled out of order could be added to the minutes.

It was agreed that both changes would be made to the minutes.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Senate approve the May 14, 2025 open session meeting minutes, as amended.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

4. Approval of Minutes

D. Achjadi requested that a typo in their report be corrected.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Senate approve the September 24, 2025 open session meeting minutes, as circulated.

CARRIED.

II. BUSINESS

1. Chair's Remarks + Report

The Chair reported that she recently returned from Ottawa after attending a Universities Canada meeting, and where she met with Canada's four other art and design institutions. These institutions are working on combined advocacy efforts.

The Chair reported that ECU's *100 Years in the Making* celebrations have kicked off with a series of events, including the Open House, a visit by the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, a proclamation from Vancouver City Council, and a speaker series talk with John Vaillant.

With the release of the 2025 federal budget, the federal government confirmed significant reductions to the number of new international student study permits. At this time, it is not yet clear what this will mean for universities and further time will be needed to understand the implications.

The Chair acknowledged the Emily Carr Students' Union for their spectacular Halloween Party held last week.

2. Vice President, Academic + Provost's Report

The Vice President, Academic + Provost thanked everyone who signed up to participate in National Portfolio Day taking place this Saturday. This is the second time ECU is hosting National Portfolio Day on campus, and they thanked the Student Services team for all their work in organizing the event.

The Vice President, Academic + Provost reported that the decanal searches for the Faculty of Culture + Community and the Faculty of Art are underway, and that the intention is to complete these searches by Reading Week in March.

3. APPROVAL: Appeals Committee Appointment

Moved/Seconded

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Senate appoint Amory Abbott to the Appeals Committee.

CARRIED.

4. INFORMATION: Nominations Committee Report

D. Achjadi, Nominations Committee Chair, referred to the report in the agenda package. No questions were raised.

5. APPROVAL: Nominations Committee Recommendations

No questions were raised.

Moved/Seconded

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, that Senate approve the new and renewed nominees for appointment to Senate committees.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION: Governance Committee Report

C. Martin, Governance Committee Chair, referred to the report in the agenda package. No questions were raised.

7. APPROVAL: Governance Committee Recommendations

C. Martin, Governance Committee Chair, introduced the Senate Committee Operating Guidelines Policy.

During discussion, a senator proposed an amendment to the Senate Committee Operating Guidelines under the section "Attendance and Observers." Following further discussion, Senate agreed to refer the Policy back to the Governance Committee for further consideration, with the intention of bringing a revised version forward to the next Senate meeting, subject to the Committee's capacity and timelines.

Moved/Seconded

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Senate, on the recommendation of the Governance Committee, approve the Senate Committee Operating Guidelines Policy, as circulated.

REFERRED TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

8. INFORMATION: Academic Planning + Priorities Committee Report

J. Turner, Academic Planning + Priorities Committee Chair, referred to the report in the agenda package. No questions were raised.

9. INFORMATION: Curriculum Planning + Review Committee

D. Achjadi referred to the report in the agenda package. No questions were raised.

10. INFORMATION: Appeals Committee Report

K. Verkerk, Appeals Committee Chair, referred to the report in the agenda package. No questions were raised.

11. INFORMATION: International Development Committee Report

K. Verkerk referred to the report in the agenda package. No questions were raised.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair noted that this is M. Gellman's last Senate meeting and thanked her for her contributions while serving on Senate.

A question was raised regarding recent news about the University partnering with another organization in relation to the University's former campus. The Chair explained that ECU, in partnership with The Narrow Group, has been shortlisted to potentially return to its former North Building on Granville Island to develop an "arts and innovation hub". While this remains at the expression-of-interest stage, the process has been narrowed to two proponents. The

Chair noted that, should ECU proceed with this partnership, it would be contingent on securing external funding and other contingencies, noting the Senate would be appropriately engaged, as applicable.

IV. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.