



SENATE MEETING
 Tuesday, March 4, 2014 4:00 pm LB322

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- PRESENT:** Kris Bulcroft (Chair), Tammy Towill, Carol Aitken, Stephen Atkins, Jean Bennett, Don Bentley, Chris Bottrill, Brent Calvert, Leighan Crowe, Julia Denholm, Graham Fane, Rick Gale, Brandon Hofmarks, Violet Jessen, David Kirk, Reini Klein, Clay Little, Nanci Lucas, Grace Makarewicz, Karen McCredie, Paul McMillan, Jennifer Moore, Natahsha Prakash, Joanne Quirk, Emma Russell, Sandra Seekins, Sharka Stuyt, Daniel Yasinski, Secretary: Mary Jukich
- REGRETS:** Brittany Barnes, Darin Feist, Kim McLeod, Devon Gregory, Cherry Itty, Brent Leigh, Peter Ufford
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #5a Student Elections and an Information Item were added to the agenda.

Graham Fane moved and Natahsha Prakash seconded that:
The amended agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

Under Item 1 Approval of Agenda, the word “by” should read “be”.

Grace Makarewicz moved and Brandon Hofmarks seconded that:
The amended minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR’S REPORTS

Chair’s Report

Senate was informed that a task force was formed to explore student housing.

Kris acknowledged, and thanked, the campus community for their work on the budget reduction submissions.

The campus community was also acknowledged and thanked for their participation in the academic planning process.

Vice-Chair’s Report

Emma Russell assumed voting rights as Kim McLeod was absent from the meeting.



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Members were reminded of the May 6th Special Meeting of Senate. The meeting was called to review only the budget and allow sufficient time for Senate to provide its recommendations to the Board, prior to the Board's May 13th meeting.

The regular Senate meeting will continue, as previously scheduled, on May 13th.

At the April 1st Senate meeting, notice will be given that budget information may be distributed as an addendum to the agenda.

Tammy Towill announced that she will be on leave for the 2014/15 academic year. A by-election will be called for a faculty representative for the Faculty of Global & Community Studies.

4. APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE

Bachelor of Arts (Environmental Stewardship)
 Bachelor of Science (Environmental Stewardship)
Presented by: Paul McMillan

Senate was informed that the proposed Approval in Principle would not be dealt with until completion of the Academic Plan.

5. BY-ELECTION

Presented by: Karen McCredie

As a result of Tammy Towill's leave for the 2014/15 academic year, a by-election was called for the Faculty of Global and Community Studies. This is a voting seat for a one year term.

5a STUDENT ELECTIONS

Due to lack of nominations, the student elections for Senate and Board have been extended until March 11th. Members were encouraged to have conversations with students about student representation on both Senate and the Board. Senators were reminded that when promoting the positions it is important to note that students members must be available not only to attend all monthly Senate meetings but to actively participate in at least two sub-committees of Senate.

Notification of the open Senate and Board student positions will also be posted on social media.



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6. TRIBUTES COMMITTEE

Presented by: Chris Bottrill

Senate was requested to approve a revision to the Senate Tributes Committee Mandate and Structure policy to include the addition of non-voting resource members, as required.

Chris Bottrill moved and Jean Bennett seconded that:

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| 14/13 The revisions to S2009-02 Senate Tributes committee Mandate and Structure be approved by Senate. | CARRIED |
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7. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Presented by: Jean Bennett

(a) Resolutions

The resolutions brought forward from the February 21st, 2014 Senate Curriculum Committee meeting were presented to Senate. Acknowledgement was also given to the quality of work brought to SCC from program areas.

Jean Bennett moved and Natahsha Prakash seconded that:

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| 14/14 SCC resolutions, 14/05, 14/07 – 14/17 and 14/19 – 14/24, be endorsed by Senate. | CARRIED |
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Jean Bennett moved and Karen McCredie seconded that:

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| 14/15 SCC resolution 14/06, final approval of the 2D Animation Diploma, be endorsed by Senate. | CARRIED |
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Jean Bennett moved and Brent Calvert seconded that:

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| 14/16 SCC resolution 14/18, final approval of the 3D Animation for Film and Games Diploma, be endorsed by Senate. | CARRIED |
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Jean Bennett moved and Jennifer Moore seconded that:

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| 14/17 SCC resolution 14/26 final approval of the Waterfront Leadership Program, be endorsed by Senate. | CARRIED |
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An update was provided on the progress of having the SCC agendas distributed electronically, and this is anticipated to be in place for the March SCC meeting.



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8. BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Presented by: Nanci Lucas

Members reviewed the fiscal 2014/2015 draft all-funds budget at February 7, 2014 that was presented to the Board in February. It was noted that there were still numerous unknowns which could ultimately affect the final numbers of the budget.

The Committee met on February 28th in an all-day session to review the 5% budget reduction suggestions and a summary of the suggestions will be posted shortly.

As various themes became evident during the review of the rationales for cuts that were submitted from the areas across the University, draft parameters were compiled and presented at Senate as follows, in no particular order:

Degree of Impact On:

1. Overall academic student experience for the majority of students.
2. Possibilities for interdisciplinary and/or laddering opportunities.
3. Academic integrity of the institution.
4. Experiential learning for students.
5. Overall student experience beyond the classroom.
6. Long term financial sustainability of the institution.
7. Long-term academic sustainability of the institution.
8. Changing demand/needs of the internal and external community.

A larger discussion will be undertaken on the suggestions on budget cuts as well as on the proposed parameters at the March 13th Budget Forum.

9. ACADEMIC PLANNING & PROGRAM ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Presented by: Paul McMillan

The Committee reported that work continues on meeting the requirement of the NWCCU to report by August 2015 that the University has completed a cycle of assessments. To date, only 11 programs have completed a cycle of reporting, 55 have some type of reporting on file and 33 have never completed an assessment report.

Dates for forums will be tentatively scheduled for early June.

The Committee received a formal request from the Budget Advisory Committee requesting information on key performance measures, themes/priorities/rationales stemming from the collected academic plan information or any other information



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that could be relevant to the budget. It was reported that, after consideration, the Committee felt that it was not yet in a position to provide any information for the purposes of the budget.

10. ACADEMIC PLAN

Presented by: Rick Gale

The first draft of the Academic Plan is now posted on the website, and two forums were held with approximately 50 attendees at each forum. The notes gathered at the forums are being transcribed, and it is anticipated that a second draft of the Academic Plan will be available within the next three weeks.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Information Item #1 – Gathering of First Nations Voices

Members were invited to attend the Gathering of First Nations Voices at the Blue Shore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, March 5th.

There being no further business, and on motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2014
