



SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 4:00 pm
VIA ZOOM

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Present: Paul Dangerfield (Chair), Joel Cardinal, Pardis Daneshyar, Iana Dokuchaeva, Lara Duke, Ted Gervan, Kyle Guay, Bridget Stringer-Holden, Nazmi Kamal, deb Jamison, Pouyan Mahboubi, Anthea Mallinson, Lauren Moffatt, Corey Muench, Alea Rzeplinski, Debbie Schachter, Dennis Silvestrone, Laureen Styles, Michael Thoma, Robert Thomson, Diana Twiss, Mark Vaughan, Kyle Vuorinen, Stephanie Wells, David Weston, Stephen Williams, Sonny Wong, Recorder: Mary Jukich

Regrets: Theo Abbott, Miranda Huron, Ramandeep Kaur, Brad Martin, John Molendyk, Judy Snaydon

Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the unceded lands of Lil'wat, Musqueam, Squamish, Sechelt and Tsleil-Waututh people on whose territories our campuses are located.

1. Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The Chair recognized the students, faculty and staff who are working with the Nations in Mount Currie, and that within that community there are people who have contracted Covid-19, and the impact to the community with limited resources, and the challenges facing the First Nations and communities.

In the absence of John Molendyk, Robert Thomson assumed voting rights for the Faculty of Business and Professional Studies.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Paul Dangerfield moved and Michael Thoma seconded:
To adopt the agenda.

CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes

Paul Dangerfield moved and Diana Twiss seconded:
To adopt the amended December 1, 2020 minutes.

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4. Correspondence Received

No correspondence was presented.



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5. Business Arising

5.1 Academic Continuity

Presented by: Laureen Styles

Laureen Styles, VP Academic and Provost, provided an update on academic continuity, which included the following highlights:

- The University continues in an adapted delivery mode and planning is underway for the summer. The intention for the summer is for a similar state with the additional opportunity of more mixed mode at the Lonsdale location with appropriate physical distancing in place.
- The University will continue in a modified state and attending to where direction may be going, but no new information is available at this time. In moving forward for the next academic year the approach for mode of delivery will be determined in the context of the post-secondary framework and guidelines which are governed through legislation.
- There continues to be regular meetings on academic continuity with provosts across the province and the Ministry, as well as other ongoing conversations to ensure the University is well informed about issues that may be emerging over the next few months.
- In terms of procedure, the processes that were used in the fall in terms of adaptations for courses will continue in that a summary is prepared and brought forward as a package to SCC.

5.2 Approach to Academic Continuity During Covid-19 – Survey Results

Presented by: Robert Thomson

A brief survey was developed to gather feedback from Senators on the University's commitment to keep Senate informed on how the University would move forward in a pandemic environment and the decision making.

Senate was informed that 16 responses to the survey were received and the responses were all positive. The comments in the survey also indicated a convergence of opinion from the participants and this was an encouraging statement to the people involved in continuity. Consistent themes in the



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recommendations were to continue to keep the University informed and the need to consult with students.

The Senate Chair indicated he will continue to work with the Vice-Chair of Senate, and the Chairs of the Senate Committees to look for ways to continue to improve and move forward, and make adjustments if necessary.

As Chair of Senate, and President of the University, Paul Dangerfield acknowledged and expressed appreciation to both Senators and the campus community for their good work.

6. New Business

6.1 Graduates

Presented by: Kyle Vuorinen

The Registrar submitted a list of 702 graduates, verified by the Registrar's Office, to have met the graduation requirements of their program. It was noted that this number was a significant increase from the 469 students who graduated last January.

Kyle Vuorinen moved and Deb Jamison seconded:

21/01 Senate approve the students from the five Faculties for their respective credentials for graduation.

CARRIED

6.2 Academic Plan

Presented by: Laureen Styles

Senate was provided with a presentation on the development of the draft 2030 Academic Plan. The development of the Academic Plan was shared work across the University and appreciation was noted for everyone involved.

In going forward, in addition to Senate advice, additional consultations are planned with Faculty Councils, and Senators were encouraged to provide any additional feedback.



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6.3 Program Discontinuance – *Request from Board for Senate Advice*

Presented by: Paul Dangerfield

At the November 24, 2020 Board of Governors meeting this item was brought forward by the Vice President Academic & Provost for the proposal of the discontinuance of the Business Administration Advanced Certificate, and the Board passed a motion to refer the recommendation to Senate.

Senate was informed that due to the low enrolment, the School of Business determined that the discontinuance of the Business Administration Advanced Certificate was in the best interest of the Department and University, and that only a total of 36 students have enrolled in this program in the last 8 years.

Paul Dangerfield moved and Ted Gervan seconded:

21/02 Senate recommends to the Board of Governors the discontinuance of the Business Administration Advanced Certificate.

CARRIED

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Academic Planning and Program Review Committee

Presented by: Lauren Moffatt

The Committee met with the Academic Plan Advisory Group on December 8, 2020 to review and provide feedback on the first draft of the Academic Plan.

At the meeting on December 16, 2020, the Committee reviewed two stage 1 proposals, the Bachelor of Science with a Major in Life Sciences with Concentrations in Biomedical Sciences, Environmental and Organismal Biology, and Human Health and the Environment, and the Bachelor of Science with a Major in Applied Clean Technology. It was noted that with respect to the Life Sciences proposal, while consultation with post secondary institutions was included, there were some outstanding letters of support that had not been received from the consulting institutions.

At the meeting on January 4, 2021, the Committee met with the Academic Plan Advisory Group to review and provide feedback on the second draft of the Academic Plan and to also review the stage 1 proposal for Bachelor of Environment and Society.



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It was noted that the Faculty of Arts and Sciences has developed, and is implementing, a new Academic Model that influenced the three stage 1 proposals presented. In this regard, the Dean of Arts & Sciences provided Senate an overview of the three proposals.

- 7.1.1 Stage 1 - Bachelor of Science with a Major in Life Sciences with Concentrations in Biomedical Sciences, Environmental and Organismal Biology, and Human Health and the Environment

Lauren Moffatt moved and Lara Duke seconded:

21/03 That Senate recommend the Stage 1 proposal for the Bachelor of Science with a Major in Life Sciences with Concentrations in Biomedical Sciences, Environmental and Organismal Biology, and Human Health and the Environment be sent to the Board for approval with the understanding that outstanding in-progress post-secondary consultations be added to the Stage 1 proposal prior to submission to the Ministry. **CARRIED**

- 7.1.2 Stage 1 - Bachelor of Science with a Major in Applied Clean Technology

Lauren Moffatt moved and Anthea Mallinson seconded:

21/04 That Senate recommend the Stage 1 proposal for the Bachelor of Science with a Major in Applied Clean Technology be sent to the Board for approval. **CARRIED**

- 7.1.3 Stage 1 - Bachelor of Environment and Society

Lauren Moffatt moved and Dennis Silvestrone seconded:

21/05 That Senate recommend the Stage 1 proposal for the Bachelor of Environment and Society be sent to the Board for approval. **CARRIED**



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7.2 Bylaw, Policy and Procedure Committee

Presented by: Stephen Williams

The Committee met on January 12, 2021, and Corey Muench was elected as the new Chair of the Committee.

7.3 Curriculum Committee

Presented by: Deb Jamison

7.3.1 Resolution Memorandum

The resolutions brought forward from the December 11th, 2020 Senate Curriculum Committee meeting were presented to Senate for approval.

Deb Jamison moved and Stephanie Wells seconded:

21/06 SCC Resolution 20/55 to 20/61 be approved.

CARRIED

7.4 Teaching and Learning Committee

Presented by: Stephen Williams

The December 15, 2020 meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021.

7.5 Budget Advisory Committee

Presented by: Michael Thoma

The Committee met on December 14, 2020 and reviewed the Integrated Planning Budget Update and provided with a verbal report on the Quarter 3 forecast. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2021.

8. Other Reports

8.1 Senate Chair

Paul Dangerfield provided the Chair's report, including the following highlights:



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- In terms of academic continuity and the authority to the Senate Chair to work with the Vice President Academic & Provost, the EOC and Senate to work outside of the cycle of normal monthly meetings and be able to, if necessary, make decisions on short notice will probably continue for the spring semester. However, consideration is underway for the University to transition out of this model towards the middle or end of this semester. Although we are not out of the pandemic, the University is out of the crisis component and waiting to understand what will happen around vaccines and how to respond.
- There is a modest increase of some of the in-person delivery at the Lonsdale campus and the preparations to deliver some of the courses at Lonsdale is positive. However, in the context of convocation, under the current circumstances, the winter convocation will not be in-person, but virtual, and ideas are being developed to celebrate the graduates, as well as to move forward with the Honorary Degree recipients Derek Lee and Susan Point.
- This fiscal year, the University will be taking forward a modest deficit in the range of \$1 million to \$2 million. Although government will be delaying the announcement for their budget to April/May, the University will continue with its processes and meeting the same timelines and anticipating to have a Board approved budget by the end of March.
- The Senate Chair, and Board Chair will be meeting shortly with Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training. Minister Kang has a [mandate letter](#) from the Premier which has been reviewed by the University. The mandate letter covers off some of the things that the University is moving forward with and shows the work that is being done at the University is aligned with society. It is anticipated that the key themes noted in the Minister's mandate letter will be the same in the University's mandate letter.

8.2 Senate Vice-Chair

Stephen Williams noted that the departure of Marnie Findlater has left a noticeable gap in the governance process as she was involved in most of the Senate Committees and her staff perspective and voice will be missed.



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All Senators, as well as non-Senators who are involved in the Senate process were encouraged to honour Marnie's dedication and service by valuing and making room for all voices that make up the decision making process.

8.3 VP Academic and Provost

Lauren Styles reported that work continues under Aurelea Mahood on the integrated learning project initiative.

8.4 Board Report

A report was not presented as the next Board meeting is on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

9. Discussion Items

No discussion items were presented.

10. Other Business

No other business were presented.

11. Information Items

The Registrar reported that the timelines for Senators' terms who will be ending at the end of this academic year will be coming forward to the February Senate meeting.

There will be some follow up with the Ministry to determine whether the University can get an out of cycle process so that all Senators' terms do not end at the same time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2021
