

MINUTES
Senate
Monday, December 12, 2011
Surrey Campus Board Room

Present

Androsiuk, Mary
Au, Jennifer
Bains, Harpreet
Coren, Art
Crowe, Christine
Cserepes, Dana (Vice Chair)
Cunnin, Betty

Davis, Bob Deisman, Wade (Vice Chair) Fung, Maggie Hoogbruin, Amanda Hughes, Kenneth Kozak, Romy Lavack, Anne MacDonald, Cathy McKendry, John (Chair) Michaels, Kari Mumford, Robert Pearce, Nikki Penhorwood, Jan Petrillo, Larissa Pikios, Christina Scanlan, Lori Stadnyk, Pamela Rankin, Graham Royal, Wendy Tebb, Wayne Wade, Tally Wood, Robert

Guest

Gord Schoberg

University Secretariat

Klassen, Sandi Thompson, Kerry

Regrets

Adamoski, Robert Ash, Kristan Bubber, Arvinder Freeman, Tru Girodat, Christopher Guirguis, Mazen Hensley, Robert Kampschuur, Marc

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:08pm.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Moved by Wendy Royal, seconded by Bob Davis THAT the agenda be confirmed as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes (November 28, 2011)

Moved by Art Coren, seconded by Jennifer Au THAT the minutes of the November 28, 2011 Senate meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business to report.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair introduced Gord Schoberg, Chair, Board of Governors, and Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC). Mr. Schoberg reported that a decision was made by PSAC at the December 2, 2011 meeting to adjust the search process schedule. This is due to a potential revision of the position by the ministry. An approximate 6 week delay is anticipated and will not affect current candidates. PSAC is hopeful that the original deadline for completing the search will remain as targeted for June or July 2012. The ministry has been made aware that the timing of their decision has implications on the presidential search timelines.

6. New Faculty Update

Report on the new Faculty was presented, including actions taken to date. A web site will be available early in 2012. The timeline for the implementation of the new Faculty may be revised as necessary.

7. Board Senate Task Force on Bicameral Governance (No Report)

8. Senate Executive Committee (No Report)

9. Senate Standing Committee on the University Budget (No Report)

The committee is in the process of hearing presentations from deans and service areas regarding budget requests.

10. Senate Governance Committee

10.1 Senate Standing Committee Membership/Mandate Review

In consultation with the members of senate standing committees, a review of committee mandates and memberships has been completed. It was noted that at the inception of Senate in 2008, the mandate and membership of already established committees was not altered significantly.

Principle revisions include streamlined wording, timing for election of members, time periods for service, minimum number of Senators per committee and the addition of the Vice Chair of Senate as ex-officio to all standing committees. The Senate Standing Committee on Policy Articulation has decided that the name will change to the Senate Standing Committee on Policy Review.

It was agreed that all standing committee membership/mandates should contain a set of standard operating principles.

Moved by Ken Hughes, seconded by Cathy MacDonald THAT Senate approve the revised memberships and mandates for the Senate Standing Committees as follows:

Executive Policy Articulation
Governance Program Review

Nominating Tributes

Curriculum University Budget

Library

Moved by Bob Davis seconded by Robert Wood THAT Senate defer voting on the mandate and membership to the next Senate meeting, with the exception of the Senate Standing Committee on Tributes.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Dana Cserepes, seconded by Art Coren that Senate approve the revised mandate and membership of the Senate Standing Committee on Tributes.

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION: Senators are asked to provide feedback by email to the Vice Chair.

ACTION: The Vice Chair will incorporate feedback and guiding principles into each of the standing committee mandates and memberships for review at the individual standing committees, and the item will return to Senate in January 2012.

ACTION: The Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Governance will notify Senators of the date for the next Governance meeting.

10.2 - Election for New Senators

Senate discussed the impact the dissolution of the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences and the creation of a new Faculty will have on the upcoming Senate elections for positions with terms ending on August 31, 2011. Currently there are 4 positions which will become 2.

Concern over the loss of 2 Senate positions due to the creation of a new Faculty was raised. Noted that Senate positions represent the university as a whole, and are not specific to a given Faculty.

11. Senate Nominating Committee

Moved by Mary Androsiuk, seconded by Dana Cserepes THAT Senate approve the following as members of Senate Standing Committees:

Senate Standing Committee on Tributes – Amandah Hoogbruin, Faculty of Community and Health Studies

Task Force on Academic Rank & Advancement – Dorothy Barenscott, Faculty of Humanities MOTION CARRIED

12. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities

Wade Deisman, Chair SSCAPP distributed a written report at the meeting.

13. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum

13.1 Program Revision: Bachelor of Design in Product Design

Moved by Dana Cserepes, seconded by Ken Hughes THAT Senate approve the revision to the Bachelor of Design in Product Design, Year 1.

MOTION CARRIED

13.2 Access for People with Disabilities Variance Extension

Moved by Dana Cserepes, seconded by Ken Hughes THAT Senate approve the extension to the curriculum variance for the Access Program for People with Disabilities.

MOTION CARRIED

14. Senate Standing Committee on the Library

It was noted that the library has had issues with students conducting research, which can potentially harass students using the library for study purposes. There is now a policy in place for conducting research in the library.

15. Senate Standing Committee on Policy Articulation

15.1 Academic Schedule 2012/2013

Senate reviewed 2 options presented for the 2012/2013 academic schedule. A new statutory holiday (BC Family Day) will be introduced in February 2013 and the implications on the reading break for Spring semester were discussed.

Version 1 of the schedule would involve a holiday Monday, followed by 2 days of classes, followed by 2 days of reading break. Version 2 would allow for a straight 5 day break (including the weekend and the new statutory holiday falling on the subsequent Monday).

Moved by Bob Davis, seconded by Wendy Royal THAT Senate approve Version 2 of the Academic Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

16. Senate Standing Committee on Tributes (No Report)

17. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review

Ken Hughes, Chair SSCPR distributed a written report at the meeting.

18. Approval of Graduates

Moved by Dana Cserepes, seconded by Wayne Tebb THAT Senate approve the graduates to December 12, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED

19. Items for Discussion

The School of Business is holding its annual holiday celebrations on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 3:00pm. Art Coren, Dean, School of Business extended an invitation to Senators.

20. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.