



SENATE

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2019

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

MS Teams Online

Voting Member Quorum 16 members		Non-voting
Marti Alger Aimee Begalka David Burns (Vice-Chair) Carlos Calao Natasha Campbell Steve Cardwell Bob Davis Robert Dearle Harleen Deol Harjit Dhesi Paola Gavilanez Andhra Goundrey Rebecca Harbut Stephanie Howes	Robert Ironside Andre Iwanchuk Amy Jeon Tahir Joseph Mansi Brian Moukperian Todd Mundle Diane Purvey Catherine Schwichtenberg Waheed Taiwo Randal Thiessen Chris Traynor Sandy Vanderburgh Tom Westgate Elizabeth Worobec	Zena Mitchell (Secretary) Farhad Dastur
		Voting
		Alan Davis (Chair)
Regrets:	Senate Office	Guests:
George Melville Harshdeep Singh Ranpal Sandhu Guramritpal Singh	Meredith Laird Rita Zamluk	Marc Kampschuur Lori McElroy

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and outlined meeting procedures.

2. Approval of Agenda

Carlos Calao moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, March 23, 2020

Harleen Deol moved the minutes be accepted as circulated.

The motion carried.

4. Chair's Report

Alan Davis, Chair of Senate, gave a brief verbal report.

4.1. President's Report to Senate

The President provided his report.

4.1.1. KPU2050 Campus Planning Process

Brent Elliott, Campus and Community Planning, briefed Senate on the draft KPU2050 campus master plan. He reported on past and future consultations, emerging themes, vision, and principles, initial draft plans for each campus, COVID-19 implications, and future steps.

Senate discussed preservation of green spaces, enacting the wellness principle, commuting between campuses, impacts of meeting and teaching online, campus security, digital consultations, drivers for change in Richmond, space for social events, and engaging the broader community.

4.1.2. Senate Effectiveness Survey 2020

David Burns announced the Senate Effectiveness Survey and encouraged Senators to participate.

4.1.3. Fall 2020 Registration Add/Drop Deadlines

Zena Mitchell introduced and overviewed the topic of extending the deadline for a week. The change is administrative and does not require Senate approval but the Chair requested input from the Senate.

Senate discussed applying the new deadlines to online learning as well as in-person learning, the role of instructor permission, the timing of enacting the change, and distinguishing between the changes to the drop deadline and to the add deadline.

4.2. Provost's Report to Senate

The Provost provided a verbal report. He updated Senate on academic planning during COVID-19, planning for Fall 2020, his work with Human Resources and Kwantlen Faculty Association to adapt to changes, the activities of the COVID-19 Action Committee, and the search on the Associate Vice-President, Academic.

4.2.1. COVID-19 Update

David Florkowski overviewed the report. He highlighted the number of new cases, the lack of big spikes in the infection rates, the capacity of the BC health care system, successful flattening of the curve, and current modeling. Post-secondary Institutions are an essential service. He discussed a phased approach to reopen while keeping physical distancing and monitoring outbreaks. He reviewed the recent current outbreaks, knowledge, testing techniques, and timing of reopening KPU.

The Senate discussed a second outbreak in the Fall, possible restrictions on international travel for students, and isolation plans for recently arrived international travelers. David Florkowski reviewed the development of immunity and vaccines.

4.2.2. Research Continuity

Sandy Vanderburgh introduced Deepak Gupta, Associate Vice-President, Research. He updated Senate on current projects, new opportunities for research resulting from COVID-19, and resources available for researchers.

4.2.3. Scenario for Best Guess for Fall 2020

Sandy Vanderburgh discussed a Fall 2020 scenario. The President also reported on the plans of other institutions to deliver asynchronous formats, and the strategy and timeline for making decisions.

Senate discussed approaches for managing the second wave, the ability of different programs to meet the physical distancing requirements, being proactive in planning, the response of faculty members to meet the needs of students, working collectively, continuity planning if instructors become ill, and using the summer semester as a pilot for planning.

The President acknowledged the team effort of the faculty, the Deans, and IT at all different levels. He also commended the work of the Provost, Sandy Vanderburgh, Vice-President, External Affairs, Marlyn Graziano, and Special Advisor to the President on COVID-19, David Florkowski.

5. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum

5.1. Consent Agenda

David Burns moved that Senate approve the attached list of new, revised and discontinued courses.

The motion carried.

5.2. Program Changes

5.2.1. Minor in Counselling

David Burns moved that Senate approve the program changes to the Minor in Counselling program, effective September 1, 2020.

The motion carried.

5.2.2. Bachelor of Science, Major and Honours in Health Science

David Burns noted a recent change in the wording of the calendar language regarding the credits.

David Burns moved that Senate approve the Bachelor of Science, Major in Health Science and Bachelor of Science (Honours), Major in Health Science program changes with an effective date of September 1, 2020.

The motion carried.

5.2.3. Minor in Indigenous Community Justice

David Burns moved that Senate approve the program changes to the Indigenous Community Justice Minor, effective September 1, 2020.

The motion carried.

5.2.4. Certificate in NGO/Non-Profit Studies

David Burns provided a brief introduction, overview of the changes and consultation undertaken.

David Burns moved that Senate approve the program changes to the NGO/Non-Profit Studies Certificate, effective September 1, 2020.

The motion carried.

5.2.5. Bachelor of Arts, Major in Applied Geography

David Burns moved that Senate approve the program changes to the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Applied Geography, effective September 1, 2020.

The motion carried.

5.2.6. Minor in Geography

David Burns moved that Senate approve the program changes to the Minor in Geography, effective September 1, 2020.

The motion carried.

6. Senate Executive Committee

6.1. Report of Actions:

6.1.1. Aegrotat Grading during COVID-19 Pandemic

Alan Davis, Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, introduced the topic. Zena Mitchell reported on the number of AEG grades submitted to date. The Registrar also noted the use of AEG is a one-time only occurrence.

The Senate discussed the power given to the Senate Executive Committee, the need and timing for the committee to make immediate decisions, alternate approaches that could be used, asking the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee to review the timeline for making decisions, and creating or adjusting existing policies to include emergency preparedness.

Action:

Consider a discussion for a “P” grade and a review of the grading policy.

Ask the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee to review the timeline for decisions made by the Senate Executive Committee.

Carlos Calao moved that Senate ratify the Senate Executive Committee decision to declare the COVID-19 pandemic an “other circumstance” under Policy AC4 that permits the use of AEG for the Spring 2020 term, and affirm the attached policy interpretation for use in carrying out this grading.

The motion carried.

6.1.2. English Language Proficiency Assessment: Temporary Alternative for Non-Native English Speakers

Alan Davis introduced the topic. The Vice-Chair of Senate described the procedures followed to reach the decision.

Aimee Begalka, Dean, Faculty Academic and Career Advancement reported on the extensive consultations with the ELST co-chairs.

David Burns moved that Senate ratify the decision of the Senate Executive Committee to approve the use of the Duolingo English Test, taken with the last two years prior to the admission term, as an approved English assessment test for Admission and ELST course placement, effective immediately, on a temporary basis until in-person Senate-approved testing resumes.

The motion carried.

7. Senate Governance and Nominating Committee

No report

8. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities

8.1. Institutional Recognition: Boucher Naturopathic Institute of Medicine

Natasha Campbell, Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities, reviewed the key points. David Burns noted that, while the Boucher Institute identifies as a graduate institute, KPU will recognize their courses are conferring undergraduate credit.

Natasha Campbell moved that Senate approve intuitional recognition for Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine effective September, 2020.

The motion carried.

9. Senate Standing Committee on University Budget

No report

10. Senate Standing Committee on the Library

No report

11. Senate Standing Committee on Policy

11.1. AC14 KPU Credential Framework

Zena Mitchell, the Registrar, overviewed the intention and scope of the policy. Sandy Vanderburgh, discussed the requirement for an English course for transfer students with 60 credits. Robert Dearle reported on the report and recommendations the Senate Subcommittee on Writing Intensive Courses (SWIC). David Burns commended the consultation process used to develop the policy and overviewed the next steps for implementation.

Senate discussed English requirements for KPU and transfer students, differentiating university writing instruction from writing-intensive requirements, and practices of comparable universities.

The President thanked the policy developers.

David Burns moved that Senate approve Policy and Procedure AC14 KPU Credential Framework, effective Fall 2023.

The motion carried.

12. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review

No report

13. Senate Standing Committee on Research

David Burns reported that the Committee has elected Daniel Bernstein as Chair.

14. Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning

No report.

15. Office of the Registrar

15.1. Approval of Graduate on April 27, 2020

Rebecca Harbut moved that Senate approve the list of graduates to April 27, 2020.

The motion carried.

15.2. Senate and Board of Governors Election Report

Zena Mitchell provided the report.

SENATE ELECTION RESULTS, APRIL 2020

FACULTY RESULTS

Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement

Melissa Swanink (acclaimed)

Term: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2023

Faculty of Trades and Technology

Tom Westgate (acclaimed)

Term: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2023

Faculty of Health

No candidates

Representative will be sought during the fall by-election

School of Business

No candidates

Representative will be sought during the fall by-election

Wilson School of Design

No candidates

Representative will be sought during the fall by-election

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

Melissa Krahn (elected)

Term: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2022

15.3. Election of Vice-Chair of Senate

The term of office is from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

Zena Mitchell, University Registrar, conducted the election and called for nominations:

First call: Rebecca Harbut nominated David Burns. David Burns accepted the nomination.

Second call: no nominations

Third call: no nominations

David Burns was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair. He will continue his position as Vice-Chair of Senate for a one-year term ending August 31, 2021.

16. Items for discussion

Sandy Vanderburgh announced he has completed his first year as Provost, expressing thanks to everyone for the experience.

17. Adjournment to the Senate Closed Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.