

SENATE MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

March 27, 2024
3:30 – 4:30 PM
Senate Chambers

Present: J. Bankole, C. Brown, R. Budde, R. Camp II, L. Chen, L. Daukas, B. Deo, B. Durau, R. Fonda, K. Fredj, T. Fuson (non-voting), T. Fyfe, M. Gehloff, M. Groulx, N. Hanlon, J. Hirt, C. Hofsink, H. Kazemian, N. Koper, A. Kranz, D. McIntosh, D. Nyce, B. Owen (non-voting), A. Parent (Recording Secretary), G. Payne (Chair), K. Read (Secretary of Senate), D. Roberts, R. Robinson, W. Rodgers, P. Siakaluk (non-voting), F. Somani, R. Somani (non-voting), K. Standish (non-voting), K. Stathers, M. Tipler (non-voting), F. Tong, E. Ukut, T. Whitcombe, E. Wilson, P. Wood-Adams, J. Zhou

Regrets: J. Allen, A. Constantin, D. Desai, P. Gangani, C. Ho Youngusband, J. King, T. Klassen-Ross, P. Lakchani Denagamage, S. Linton, A. Palmer, D. Pandya, G. Potter (non-voting), K. Rennie, R. Schiff, P. Winwood (non-voting),

The Senate Meeting began at 3:33 pm.

1.0 Acknowledgement of Territory

The Chair acknowledged that he is joining the meeting from the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh and welcomed other Senators to acknowledge the ancestral and traditional territories of their locations.

2.0 S-202403.01

Approval of the Agenda

Whitcombe

That the agenda for the March 27, 2024, Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

S-202403.02

Approval of the Minutes

Kranz

That the Minutes for the February 28, 2024, Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Applications

Rodgers

4.1.1 Update on the AI Task Force

Rodgers

4.2. Privileged Access Management Update

Rodgers

The Provost reported on the Privileged Access Management response and working group. The working group was comprised (D. Roberts, N. Koper, C. Ross, D. Kubert, L. Haslett, P. Wood-Adams, T. Fuson,

M. McKinnon, J. McNeill, B. Owen, E. Jensen, S. Hossein). A targeted email address was also created to collect information (pamfeedback@unbc.ca).

Two town hall style meetings were conducted: Mar 6 – which was Webinar and the second hybrid town-hall style meeting was March 21, and the discussion continued with over 20 participants.

The group broadly agreed that the highest priority was to ensure any faculty members ‘stuck’ with a computer that was not supporting their research and teaching should be assisted asap. A PIA was completed for the InTune software.

The group discussed the need for cybersecurity.

The main recommendations are to adopt a computer-user classification approach. The approach will be monitored as a trial period for about 4 months and revised as necessary. It may be necessary to reconvene an expanded response group to evaluate the success of this approach.

Category1: standard device – pre-serviced by ITS – no local administrative rights – full ITS support & management.

Category 2: high-risk mixed use – elevated administrative access permissions to install applications with actively accepted defined responsibilities/expectations – ITS operating system patching & network security.

Category 3: Research only. Complete user control with defined responsibilities/expectations. May not connect to any institutional systems or data. ITS support minimal set-up, network security.

Teaching labs: - may not directly store or process university data.

ITS support: collaboration, maintenance, network security.

Specialized Equipment: ITS works with users for set up & connectivity. Starting September, a new ITS policy working group will be struck to develop necessary policies to support such activities in future. These will use existing governance processes.

Senate discussed the presentation (attached as appendix A). Senator Siakaluk indicated that faculty are unable to download basic software that colleagues from other institutions can.

5.0 President’s Report

Payne

The President reported on Senate acclamations and thanked outgoing Senators Constantin, Zhou, Dauksas, Ukut, Desai and Palmer.

Acclaimed Senators - April 1, 2024 – March 31 2027		
Faculty Member — Faculty of Business and Economics	Karima Fredj	3/31/2027
Faculty Member – Faculty of Environment	Neil Hanlon	3/31/2027
Faculty Member – Faculty of Human and Health Sciences	David Litz	3/31/2027
Faculty Member – Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities	Jessie King	3/31/2027
Faculty Member – Faculty of Science and Engineering	Allan Kranz	3/31/2027
Faculty Member at Large	David Casperson	3/31/2027
Faculty Member at Large	Maik Gehloff	3/31/2027
Faculty Member at Large	Clarence Hofsink	3/31/2027
Faculty Member at Large	Tammy Klassen-Ross	3/31/2027
Faculty Member at Large	Todd Whitcombe	3/31/2027
Faculty Member at Large	Susie Wilson	3/31/2027

The President reported that there are three Faculty Members at Large positions that remain vacant for April 1, 2024.

The President reported on:

- the UNBC Scholars
- the CNC – Indigenous History month
- visiting students in the classroom
- Sustainability at UNBC- Green Day
- Allyship & Interrupting Privilege: Walking Together Toward Truth and Reconciliation Workshop

6.0 Report of the Provost

Rodgers

The Provost reported on:

- the University Librarian Search
- the International Student Strategy
- the refresh of the Academic Plan

Senator Groulx asked about the timeline of the academic plan and if there would be consultation period for the plan. The Provost reported that this is not an entirely new plan but a refresh of the previous plan. Senator Hanlon indicated that there was little context provided in the communication that went out. The Provost reported that there be further opportunities for consultation and moving forward there will be further documentation for consideration.

7.0 Report of the Registrar

Read

The Registrar reported on

- Summer registration
- International attestation letters and International registrations
- Enrolment

Senator Groulx asked about the focus on conversion. The Registrar reported that D. Stark would be able to provide further details but the numbers are positive.

8.0 Question Period (10 minutes)

8.1 Written questions submitted in advance:

“According to academic regulations concerning undergraduate course load, as outlined in section VII, item 5 of the undergraduate calendar, ‘[not more than 21 credit hours may be attempted in a semester except by permission of the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is majoring or has indicated an intention to complete a degree.’ This threshold to register without any oversight is high, especially considering that 9 credit hours is sufficient for an undergraduate student to be considered enrolled in fulltime study and 15 credit hours is deemed to be a full load. May we take appropriate steps to reconsider this regulation and insist that students obtain permission to register for more than 15 credit hours of study in a semester?” – **Neil Hanlon, Faculty Senator**

Senate discussed that it is in favor of continuing the discussion on the academic regulations concerning course load and referred the item to the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs for further consultation.

8.2 Questions from the floor

Senator Siakaluk asked about the recent changes to the Office of Research and Innovation and the creation of two new positions and how they were appointed. The VPRI reported that the positions are term-limited and interim for a period of 15 to 18 months and the approval is at the

authority of the President. They are not approved as permanent and if the pilot is successful and they do become permanent they will follow the appropriate search procedures. Senator Siakaluk asked how the need for these positions were assessed. The VPRI reported that is about creating efficient and effective organization within the sector. The VPRI reported on the initiatives within the office that are supporting the community and growth of the office.

9.0 Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda Payne

S-202403.03

Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda

Kranz

That the motions on the consent agenda, except for those removed for placement on the regular agenda, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

10.0 Committee Reports

10.1 Senate Committee on Student Appeals Klassen-Ross

No report.

10.2 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Rodgers

For Approval:

An Executive Summary of GEOG Motions was included in the meeting package.

Items .04 - .09 were moved as omnibus motion.

S-202403.04

Change(s) to Program Requirements – BA Geography

Hanlon

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the change(s) to the Upper-Division Requirement of the BA Geography, on page 140 of the 2023/2024 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2024

CARRIED

Upper-Division Requirement

300 Level

ENPL 319-3 Social Research Methods
or GEOG 324-3 Community-Based Research

Five of the following:

GEOG 300-3 Intermediate GIS

~~GEOG 301-3 Cultural Geography~~

GEOG 305-3 Political Ecology: Environmental Knowledge and Decision-Making

GEOG 306-3 Critical Development Geographies

GEOG 307-3 Changing Arctic: Human and Environmental Systems

GEOG 308-3 Health Geography

GEOG 332-3 Community Development

GEOG 333-3 Geography Field School

S-202403.05

Change(s) to Program Requirements – Joint Major in Anthropology and Geography BA

Hanlon

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the change(s) to the Upper-Division Requirement of the Joint Major in Anthropology and Geography BA, on page 56 of the 2023/2024 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2024

CARRIED

Upper-Division Requirement

ANTH 315-3 Anthropological Theory
or ANTH 325-3 Archaeological Theory
ANTH 460-3 Anthropology Capstone

One of the following:

ANTH 300-3 Qualitative Methods
ANTH 301-3 Archaeological Lab Methods
ANTH 310-3 Practicing Anthropology
ANTH 312-3 Human Adaptability and Environmental Stress

Three upper-division Anthropology courses (9 credit hours) excluding ANTH 499-(3-6)
Independent Study

Four of the following:

~~GEOG 301-3 Cultural Geography~~
GEOG 305-3 Political Ecology: Environmental Knowledge and Decision-Making
GEOG 306-3 Critical Development Geographies
GEOG 307-3 Changing Arctic: Human and Environmental Systems
GEOG 308-3 Health Geography
GEOG 324-3 Community-Based Research
GEOG 332-3 Community Development
GEOG 333-3 Geography Field School

S-202403.06

Change(s) to Program Requirements – Joint Major in Geography and Political Science

Hanlon

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the change(s) to the Upper-Division Requirement of the Joint Major in Geography and Political Science, on pages 140-141 of the 2023/2024 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2024

CARRIED

Upper-Division Requirement

POLS 303-3 Democracy and Democratization
POLS 320-3 Canadian Politics and Policy
POLS 370-3 Political Philosophy: Early Modernity to Post-Modernity

Four of the following:

~~GEOG 301-3 Cultural Geography~~

GEOG 305-3 Political Ecology: Environmental Knowledge and Decision-Making
GEOG 306-3 Critical Development Geographies
GEOG 307-3 Changing Arctic: Human and Environmental Systems
GEOG 308-3 Health Geography
GEOG 324-3 Community-Based Research
GEOG 332-3 Community Development
GEOG 333-3 Geography Field School

Three of the following:

GEOG 401-3 Tenure, Conflict, and Resource Geography
GEOG 403-3 Indigenous Geographies of Climate Resilience
GEOG 416-3 Mountains
GEOG 420-3 Environmental Justice
GEOG 424-3 Northern Communities
GEOG 426-3 Geographies of Culture, Rights and Power

Three additional credit hours of POLS courses at the 300 level. **Note:** POLS 332-3 may be used to fulfill this requirement only if GEOG 332-3 has not been taken.

Nine additional credit hours of POLS courses at the 400 level.

S-202403.07

Change(s) to Program Requirements – Minor in Human Geography

Hanlon

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the change(s) to the upper-division requirements of the Minor in Human Geography, on page 148 of the 2023/2024 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2024

CARRIED

Three of the following:

~~GEOG 301-3 Cultural Geography~~
GEOG 305-3 Political Ecology: Environmental Knowledge and Decision-Making
GEOG 306-3 Critical Development Geographies
GEOG 307-3 Changing Arctic: Human and Environmental Systems
GEOG 308-3 Health Geography
GEOG 324-3 Community-Based Research
GEOG 332-3 Community Development
GEOG 333-3 Geography Field School

S-202403.08

Course Deletion – GEOG 301-3, Cultural Geography

Kranz

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the change(s) to GEOG 301-3, Cultural Geography on page 256 of the 2023/2024 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2024

CARRIED

S-202403.09

New Course Approval – GEOG 332-3, Community Development

Hanlon

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the new course GEOG 332-3 Community Development be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: January 2025

CARRIED

How can communities develop politically, economically, and socially, in ways that serve their needs and are appropriate to their environment, culture, and expectations? This course explores the nature and interpretations of community development, using experiences from Canada, the Circumpolar North, and the Asia-Pacific region.

Preclusions: POLS 332-3

Course Equivalencies: POLS 332-3

S-202403.10

Motion to Park Courses

Kranz

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the proposed list of courses be excluded from the parking list (Table 1) and parked (Table 2).

Effective Date: May 1, 2024

CARRIED

Process for Parking Courses was included in the meeting package *for information*.

S-202403.11

MOU between UNBC and TRU

Hirt

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the Memorandum of Understanding between UNBC and Thompson Rivers University related to graduate education be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Upon signature of all parties

Item was postponed to the April meeting.

10.3 Steering Committee of Senate

A verbal report was provided.

Payne

10.4 Senate Committee on Nominations

S-202403.12

Recommendation of Senate Committee Members to Senate

Durau

None.

10.4.1 List of Senate Committee Vacancies was included in the meeting package.

10.5 Senate Committee on Curriculum and Calendar

Read

10.6 Senate Committee on Admissions and Degrees

Read

S-202403.13

Changes to Admission Requirements – MScN Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Camp

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the changes to the admission requirements for the MScN Family Nurse Practitioner Program on pages 92-93 of the PDF 2023-2024 UNBC Graduate Calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2024

CARRIED

S-202403.14

**Changes to Calendar – MScN Program
Camp**

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs the changes to the MScN Program – Thesis or Project Option on page 93 of the PDF 2023-2024 UNBC Graduate Calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2024

CARRIED

- 10.7 Senate Committee on Indigenous Initiatives** **Payne**
A verbal report was provided.
- 10.8 Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Forms of Recognition** **Payne**
No report in open session.
- 10.9 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries** **Wood-Adams**

For Information

SCSB20240228.03 *(approved)*

DMC and CPAEF Bursary

That the NEW Terms and Conditions for the DMC and CPAEF Bursary be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.04 *(approved)*

DMC and CPAEF Scholarship

That the NEW Terms and Conditions for the DMC and CPAEF Scholarship be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.05 *(approved)*

CPAEF Award

That the NEW Terms and Conditions for the CPAEF Award be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.06 *(approved)*

Magnifying Black Voices Bursary

That the NEW Terms and Conditions for the Magnifying Black Voices Bursary be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.07 *(approved)*

Pacific Blue Cross Indigenous Health Award

That the NEW Terms and Conditions for the Pacific Blue Cross Indigenous Award be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.08 *(approved)*

Rosemary & Irving Fox Memorial Award

That the NEW Terms and Conditions for the Rosemary & Irving Fox Memorial Award be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.09 *(approved)*

UNBC Master of Engineering Award

That the NEW Terms and Conditions for the UNBC Master of Engineering Award be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.10 *(approved)*

UNBC Master of Engineering Prize

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the UNBC Master of Engineering Prize be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

SCSB20240228.11 *(approved)*

**Spectra Energy Bursary for Aboriginal Students with name change to
Enbridge Indigenous Bursary**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Spectra Energy Bursary for Aboriginal Students
with a name change to Enbridge Indigenous Bursary be approved.
Effective: 2024-2025 Academic Year

10.10 Senate Committee on University Budget

Gehloff

SCUB had a good meeting and a budget presentation in the closed session.

11.0 Information

12.0 Other Business

13.0 S-202403.15 (40 minutes)

Move to the Closed Session

Gehloff

That the meeting move to Closed Session.

CARRIED

The meeting moved into closed session at 4:59 pm.

14.0 S-202403.19

Adjournment

Whitcombe

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.