

## **SENATE MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

September 28, 2022  
3:30 – 5:30 PM  
Senate Chambers/Zoom

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**Present:** J. Bankole, L. Chen, A. Constantin, B. Deo, D. Desai, B. Durau, K. Fredj, T. Fuson (non-voting), T. Fyfe, M. Gehloff, C. Ho Youngusband, D. Huber, R. Jafari, H. Kazemian, J. King, T. Klassen-Ross, A. Kranz, K. Lewis, K. Long, B. Menounos (non-voting), Nicole Neufeld, D. Nyce, A. Parent (Recording Secretary), G. Payne (Chair), K. Read (Interim Secretary of Senate), P. Reiners, K. Rennie, D. Roberts, R. Robinson, W. Rodgers, R. Schiff, J. Suazo, K. Stathers, F. Tong, C. Walsh, T. Whitcombe, E. Wilson, J. Zhou, S. Zogas (Vice-Chair),

**Regrets:** S. Akram, J. Allen, C. Claassens, R. Camp II, N. Hanlon, C. Hofsink, L. Haslett, A. Palmer, N. Shah, R. Somani (non-voting), P. Winwood (non-voting),

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The meeting commenced at 3:35 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Neufeld as the acting officer at Senate for the Director of Continuing Studies, Lisa Haslett (voting member) and Colleen Smith as the acting officer at Senate for the Vice President, Finance and Administration, Rahim Somani (non-voting).

The Chair reported one vacancy for a Faculty Member at Large and one vacancy for a Student from the Faculty of Environment.

The Chair welcomed new and returning student Senators and our new Vice President, Academic and Provost to Senate. The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Senate of the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

### **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 online to acknowledge the ancestral and traditional territories of their locations in the chat.

### **2.0 S-202209.01 Approval of the Agenda †**

Zogas

That the agenda for the September 28, 2022 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

### **3.0 Presentation: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion** *Aman Litt, Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion*

The Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion reported on the activities of the Office of Equity Affairs and discussed with Senate: her reflections from her first six months in the role; safe disclosures; EDI's role in the strategic plan; succession planning and institutional accountability; policy and procedures; institutional opportunities and priorities; institutional accountability; a student-centric approach.

### **4.0 Approval of the Minutes**

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## **S-202209.02**

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Zogas

That the Minutes for the June 22, 2022 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

### **5.0 Business Arising**

None.

### **6.0 President's Report**

**Payne**

The President reported that his external and community activities continue to increase as his focus shifts to be more University wide and externally focused with engagements throughout the North, provincially, nationally and internationally. He reported on the recent Board of Governors meeting that was held in Terrace and the Regional Advisory Council meeting in Fort St. John.

The President reported on the next phases of the plan to renew UNBC's Strategic Plan. The approach will be to utilize the expertise of an external consultant team that will be supported by an internal steering committee comprised in individuals across our university community.

The President reported that he continues to look for opportunities to engage with students on campus and will be hosting 'Pancakes with Payne' in the upcoming weeks.

The search for the Vice President, Research and Innovation has begun and application are welcome. The committee will be meeting in the Fall to review the candidates.

President encouraged all to participate Truth and Reconciliation events on campus and around the community.

The President reported that the provincial government funding review for post-secondary institutions was a two-phase approach and guided by eight main principles. Phase 1 includes individual institutional submissions and consultations to support findings context and then in phase 2 those finding will inform recommendations led of the Ministry of Advanced Education Skills and Training. Phase 1 is now completed.

Senator Robinson asked if we might consider beginning our Senate meetings along with our acknowledgement, with an awareness of our university motto, 'En Cha Huná. To understand what it means, have the Indigenous knowledge foundation and understand how it embodies the principles of EDI. The President indicated that this consideration would be brought to Steering Committee for further consideration.

### **7.0 Report of the Provost**

**Rodgers**

The Vice President Academic and Provost (VPAP) reported the she continues to meet people and departments on campus and familiarize herself with our policies and procedures. She welcomes hearing from and having discussions with various groups on campus and anyone is welcome to get in touch with her. The VPAP continues to work with the President on critical and strategic initiatives, including our digital infrastructure issues.

### **8.0 Report of the Registrar**

**Read**

The Registrar reported on the Fall 2022 enrolment numbers, updates for how the add/drop period went, deregistration, admissions and registration numbers. Comparing to Fall 2021, our domestic undergraduate enrolment remains consistent and our international enrolment is slightly up. For graduate students, numbers have decreased in part to the large number of international deferrals as a result of delayed student visas. For Winter 2023, registration numbers are strong. We currently have more than double the registrations for the Winter term than we had last year at this time.

The Registrar reported on the activities of her office, including, the Office of Graduate Programs and Office of International Education and thanked her staff for their continued hard work.

Senator Deo asked if there was anything UNBC could do to help international students. Registrar Read reported that an Immigration lawyer has been hired to help students but there still remains a large backlog with the Government in processing student visas. The government has extended the ability for these students to take courses outside of the country.

## **9.0 Question Period**

### **9.1 Written questions submitted in advance**

9.1.1 What is ITS response to VMware problems and what are the impacts on Teaching and Student Experiences? (Senator Kranz)

Director Fuson reported on a disruption to the VMware in August due to a single point of failure and discussed how we can have better reporting and improve.

### **9.2 Questions from the floor**

9.2.1 Senator Bankole asked about the connectivity in building 10.

Director Fuson indicated that a survey has been done and a proposal to patch the dead spots.

9.2.2 Senator Klassen Ross asked about how Moodle is working and if a plagiarism tool will be incorporated.

Director Fuson indicated that there have been some synchronization issues with Moodle that will hopefully be resolved in October. The direction with the plagiarism is to focus on teaching and pedagogy approaches. We are looking to allow Microsoft Editor on our virtual desktops to allow students to check for plagiarism.

## **10.0 Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda**

**Payne**

### **S-202209.03**

#### **Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda**

Zogas

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

CARRIED

## **11.0 Committee Reports**

### **11.1 Senate Committee on Appeals**

**Klassen-Ross**

The committee will be meeting in the coming weeks.

### **11.2 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs**

**Rodgers**

### **For Approval:**

### **S-202209.04**

#### **Change(s) to Program Description – MATH 100**

Zogas

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the changes to the description for MATH 100-3, on page 247 of the 2021/22 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

**Effective date:** September 2022

CARRIED

This course is an introduction to the calculus of one variable, primarily for majors and

students in the sciences. Topics include functions of one variable; inverses; limits; continuity; the difference quotient and derivatives; rules for differentiation; differentiability; the mean value theorem; the differential; derivatives of trigonometric, logarithmic and exponential functions; l'Hôpital's rule; higher derivatives; extrema; curve sketching; Newton's method; antiderivatives; definite integrals; the fundamental theorem of calculus; integrals of elementary functions; area between curves; and applications of integration. ~~Students use Maple software in this course.~~

Prerequisites: Pre-calculus 12 minimum grade (67%) or MATH 115-3 Precluded: MATH 105-3, MATH 152-3

**S-202209.05**

**Change(s) to Program Description – MATH 101**

Zogas

That the changes to the description for MATH 101-3, on page 247 of the 2021/22 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

**Effective date:** September 2022

CARRIED

This course provides a continuation of MATH 100-3. Areas of study include the definition of the natural logarithm as an integral and of the exponential function as its inverse, integration by parts, miscellaneous techniques of integration, improper integrals, volumes by slicing and by shell techniques, the trapezoidal rule and Simpson's rule, infinite sequences and series, Taylor series, masses, volumes, moments, centre of mass, first order linear differential equations, definition of partial derivatives. ~~All sections of this course are taught using Maple software.~~

Prerequisites: MATH 100-3 or MATH 105-3

**For Information:**

**Interim Research Plan**

UNBC's Strategic Research Plan expired in 2021 and we extended it for a year. Given all the work related to adjusting to the pandemic, significant leadership change, an incoming VP Research and Innovation who would probably like to lead the consultation and work necessary to draft the next 5-year SRP, and relatively recent restructuring, the VPR felt now is not the time to engage in this significant undertaking. However, we do need to have an SRP in place so existing SRP was modified into the interim SRP. There were no changes to the research themes/strategic areas or priorities at all. Much of the text is as is, the document was restructured, some facts and figures added, updated information where appropriate, added some specific objectives and strategies under each priority, and added some EDI-related content.

**11.3 Steering Committee of Senate**

**Payne**

**S-202209.06**

**Change(s) to the Senate Handbook**

Kranz

That changes to sections 3e(vi) in the Senate Handbook be approved.

**Effective Date:** Upon approval of Senate

CARRIED

**11.4 Senate Committee on Nominations**

**Zogas**

**S-202209.07**

## **Recommendation of Senate Committee Members to Senate**

Lewis

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Nominations, the following candidates, who have met all eligibility requirements to serve on Senate committees as indicated, be appointed as proposed.

Effective date: August 24, 2022

CARRIED

### **For Approval Items:**

#### **SENATE COMMITTEE POSITION TO BE FILLED**

(except as otherwise noted, all terms begin immediately)

#### **CANDIDATE**

Student Senator, Senate Committee on Nominations <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Sohail Akram
Faculty Member, Senate Committee on Curriculum and Calendar <i>Term Expiry: 03/31/2023</i>	George Jones
Additional Member, who may be faculty or academic administrative staff, Senate Committee on Curriculum and Calendar <i>Term Expiry: 03/31/2023</i>	Meghan Costello
Graduate Student, Senate Committee on Admissions and Degrees <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Jhoan Chavez Suazo
Graduate Student, Senate Committee on Academic Affairs <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Jhoan Chavez Suazo
UNBC Faculty Member from the UNBC Arts Council, SCAAf Art Acquisition Subcommittee <i>Term Expiry: 03/31/2025</i>	Hart Bannack
Faculty Member knowledgeable in archaeology, visual arts, archives or heritage conservation, SCAAf Art Acquisition Subcommittee <i>Term Expiry: 03/31/2023</i>	Kevin Hutchings
Indigenous Graduate Student, Senate Committee on Indigenous Initiatives <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Penína Sara-Lynn Harding
Student Senator, Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and other Forms of Special Recognition <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Barbara Durau
Undergraduate Student, Senate Committee University Budget <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Kacie Long
Student Senator, Senate Committee University Budget <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Siffith Chaudhary
Undergraduate Student Senator, Senate Committee on Student Appeals <i>Term Expiry:08/31/2023</i>	Caden Walsh

### **For Information Items:**

#### **Senate Committee Vacancies**

COMMITTEE	POSITION	TERM EXPIRY DATE
SCS	Student Senator	08/31/2023
	Lay Senator	03/31/2024
SCN	Faculty Senator	03/31/2023
	Lay Senator	03/31/2024
SCCC	Student Senator	08/31/2023
SCAAf	Faculty Senator	03/31/2024
	Faculty Member	03/31/2023
	Faculty Member	03/31/2024
	Graduate Student	08/31/2023
SCII	Indigenous Undergraduate Student	08/31/2023
SCSB	Undergraduate Student	08/31/2023
SCUB	Graduate Student	08/31/2023
	Undergraduate Student	08/31/2023
SCA	Graduate Student Senator	08/31/2023
	Student at Large	08/31/2023

**11.5 Senate Committee on Curriculum and Calendar Read**

No report.

**11.6 Senate Committee on Admissions and Degrees Read**

No report.

**11.7 Senate Committee on Indigenous Initiatives**

The President reported that this committee continues to be important. With significant vacancies in our Internal Indigenous Leadership, the President's Office is looking at how to restructure this committee. A plan will be brought back to Senate for consideration.

**11.8 Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Forms of Recognition Payne**

The President reported that the Installation of the our new Chancellor will be occurring on October 21.

**11.9 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries Lewis**

Lewis invited anyone who is interested to join SCSB. They are currently looking at how to incorporate indigenous representation to the committee.

**For Information**

**SCSB20220824.03** (approved)

**Andrea Johnson Memorial Award**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Andrea Johnson Memorial Award be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220824.04** (approved)

**Dr. Eldon Lee Memorial Award**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Dr. Eldon Lee Memorial Award be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220824.05** (approved)

**Lake Biodiversity Scholarship**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Lake Biodiversity Scholarship be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220824.06** (approved)

**Aldyen Hamber Women's Studies Endowment Bursary**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Aldyen Hamber Women's Studies Endowment Bursary be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220824.07** (approved)

**Tajuddaula Sadruddin Somani Award of Excellence**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Tajuddaula Sadruddin Somani Award of Excellence be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**11.10 Senate Committee on University Budget**

**Gehloff**

No report.

**12.0 Information**

None.

**13.0 Other Business**

None.

**14.0 S-202209.08**

**Move to the Closed Session**

Nyce

That the meeting move to Close Session.

CARRIED

**15.0 S-202209.14**

**Adjournment**

General Consent

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.