

**SENATE MEETING
OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

August 25, 2021
3:30 – 5:30 PM
Zoom Only

Present: J. Allen, B. Annear (Secretary of Senate), R. Budde, L. Chen, C. Claassens, M. Dale, B. Deo, Abby Dooks, T. Fuson (non-voting), M. Gehloff, N. Hanlon, L. Haslett, H. Harder (non-voting), I. Hartley C. Ho Younghusband, C. Hofsink, H. Kazemian, J. King, T. Klassen-Ross, A. Kranz, K. Lewis, D. Nyce, A. Mitchell, A. Palmer, A. Parent (Recording Secretary), L. Parent (Vice-Chair), G. Payne (Chair), K. Rennie, D. Roberts, P. Siakaluk (non-voting), K. Stranack, A. Sommerfeld (non-voting), K. Stathers, L. Troc, , J. Zhou, S. Zogas

Regrets: A. Aravind (on leave), J. Bankole, R. Camp II, A. Constantin, D. Desai, K. Fredj, D. Gilchrist, B. Greenall, D. Huber, C. Onabola, A. Schinkel, M. Wels-Lopez, E. Wilson, P. Winwood (non-voting)

The meeting commenced at 3:30p.m.

The Chair reported that the Call for Nominations for Faculty Senators (terms starting April 1, 2021) remains open for the following positions:

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| Faculty Member – Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities | Vacant | 3/31/2023 |
| Faculty Member at Large | Vacant | 3/31/2024 |
| Faculty Member at Large | Vacant | 3/31/2024 |

The Call for Nominations for Student Senators (terms starting September 1, 2021) remains open:

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| Student Senator – Faculty of Environment | Vacant | 8/31/2022 |
| Student Senator – Faculty of Science and Engineering | Vacant | 8/31/2022 |
| Graduate Student Senator at Large | Vacant | 8/31/2022 |
| Undergraduate Student Senator at Large | Vacant | 8/31/2022 |

Senate meetings will continue via zoom for September.

1.0 Acknowledgement of Territory

The Chair acknowledged that the Senate meeting was on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh. Other Senate members acknowledged the ancestral and traditional territories of their location.

**2.0 S-202109.01
Approval of the Agenda**

Chen

That the agenda for the August 25, 2021 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

Motion

Payne

That item S-202108.05 be moved to 3.1 to allow the Board Chair to speak.

CARRIED AS AMMENDED

3.0 Presentation - Welcome from the Chair, UNBC Board of Governors

Catherine Wishart, Chair of the UNBC Board of Governors welcomed Senators and discussed key topics that the Board is currently reviewing, including, COVID implications, supporting institutional and organizational stability, ensuring financial accountability and sustainability, assessing institutional risk, regional community and business engagement, strategic visioning and planning.

3.1 **For Approval Items:**

S-202108.05

Wishart

Search Committee President and Vice-Chancellor Dale

That the current Search Committee composition for the President and Vice-Chancellor be amended in the interim as follows:

Search Committee Composition (18 voting members)

- Board Chair (Chair)
- Board Vice-Chair (Vice-Chair)
- ~~Chancellor~~
- Three other Board members, including a regional member chosen by the ~~Human Resources~~ Executive Committee of the Board
- One Senior Academic Officer (Provost, Vice-Provost, or Dean) and one Senior Administrative Officer (Director or Vice-President), chosen by the ~~Human Resources~~ Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with President's Executive Council
- Director, Human Resources (non-voting)
- A regional representative (chosen by the Executive ~~Human Resources~~-Committee of the Board)
- ~~3~~ Five Faculty members (chosen by Senate - at least one from each Faculty to a maximum of five members ~~College~~)
- Two students, one undergraduate and one graduate (chosen by the ~~Human Resources~~ Executive Committee of the Board, in consultation with the appropriate student governing body)
- ~~A staff member (chosen by the Human Resources Committee of the Board, in consultation with CUPE and the Exempt groups)~~
- One staff employee (chosen by the Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with CUPE)
- One exempt employee (chosen by the Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with Human Resources)
- A First Nations member (chosen by the ~~Human Resources~~ Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with the Senate Committee on First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples)
- Secretary of the Board of Governors (non-voting Committee Officer).

Effective Date: Upon the approval of the Board of Governors

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of the Minutes

S-202109.02

Approval of the Minutes

Robert

That the Minutes for the June 23, 2021 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Update on the Notice of Motions from the June 2021 Meeting of Senate – Structure and Governance – to be coming to the September or October meetings of Senate.

5.2 Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee – Recommendations

The recommendations and Governance report were included in the meeting package. Motions will be moving forward to Senate in September. Any feedback would be appreciated.

6.0 President's Report

Payne

The President provided an update on UNBC's response to Coronavirus and B.C.'s Restart Plan, including the mask mandate and the status of mandatory vaccinations. If there are any changes or updates this information will be shared.

The President reported that the hiring committee for the Director of Equity Affairs is continuing to move forward. We will also be moving forward with the Black, Indigenous and People of Colour Counseling position for students on campus.

Senator Hanlon asked if there would be any pop up vaccination clinics and the implementation of rapid testing.

The President indicated that they are working with Northern Health to deliver pop up clinics. Rapid testing is not a resource that we currently have the ability to offer but discussions are ongoing.

How will mandatory masks be enforced and will there be any additional resources?

The President reminded the UNBC community of the need to lead by example and be respectful. This message will be continued to be shared.

There will be a Town Hall hosted on September 2 for further discussions.

The President thanked Senator Parent for her term as vice chair and the 2020-21 student senators.

7.0 Report of the Provost

Dale

The Provost provided an update on the 2021 fall semester. A Town Hall will be held to focus and discuss the return-to-campus. The Deans, the Readiness Group and the CTLT and prepared for changed if required.

The Provost announced, Dr. Peter W. Reiners as the new Dean, Faculty of Environment, for the University of Northern British Columbia starting January 1, 2022. Dr. Ian Hartley will step in as Interim Dean starting July 1, 2021.

8.0 Report of the Registrar

Annear

The Registrar provide an update on the physical space of the Office of the Registrar. He welcomed Marlina Hawes as the Associate Registrar, Enrolment. He provided an update on Advising. There will be an advisor for each of the Faculties and training is underway.

The Registrar provided an update on enrolment numbers.

9.0 Question Period

9.1 **Written questions submitted in advance**

No questions.

9.2 Questions from the floor

Senator Hanlon asked if there was an update on printing. Trevor Fuson indicated that Copy Services is still available and there are alternative options to print via the virtual desktops or paper cut. More information can be found at support.unbc.ca. Students will be able to print via web print. Senator Parent indicated that all communication should be clear for students.

10.0 Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda Payne

No consent agenda items.

11.0 Committee Reports

11.1 Senate Committee on Appeals Klassen-Ross

Senator Klassen-Ross reported that there is one pending appeal but it has been put on hold by the student.

11.2 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Dale

For Approval Items:

S-202108.03

Memorandum of Understanding – UNBC and University of Central Asia

Zogas

That the memorandum of understanding between University of Northern British Columbia and University of Central Asia be approved as proposed.

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- i. UCA Annual Report 2020 was included in the meeting package.
- ii. UCA Brochure was included in the meeting package.

CARRIED

S-202108.04

Budde

Reactivation ANTH 425/625

That the change(s) to reactivate the courses ANTH 425-3, Introduction to Zooarchaeology, and ANTH 625-3, Introduction to, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2021

CARRIED

11.3 Steering Committee of Senate Payne

For Approval Items:

S-202108.06

Approval of Academic Dates 2021-2022

Classen-Ross

That the UNBC Academic Dates for the 2021-2022 academic year be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Upon approval of Senate

CARRIED

11.4 Senate Committee on Nominations

A list of committee vacancies was included in the meeting package.

“For Information” Items:

The student senators elected by acclamation to Senate for positions beginning September 1, 2021 were included in the meeting package.

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

No report.

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

No report.

11.7 Senate Committee on First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples **Harder**

No report.

Senator Harder Thanked Senators and the UNBC community for the continued support.

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

No report.

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

They met today and had the pleasure of approving the list of award recipients for the academic year.

11.10 Senate Committee on University Budget **Deo**

No report.

12.0 Information

12.1 Letter from the President initiating the Chancellor Search was included in the meeting package.

12.2 Chancellor Selection Procedures

13.0 Other Business

None.

**14.0 S-202108.08
Move to the Closed Session**

Zogas

That the meeting move to Close Session.

CARRIED

15.0 **S-202108.12**
 Adjournment

Palmer

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.