

**SENATE MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

September 22, 2021

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Zoom Only

**Present:** B. Annear (Secretary of Senate), P. Bahree, J. Bankole, R. Budde, R. Camp II, L. Chen, C. Claassens, M. Dale, R. Foo, K. Fredj, T. Fuson (non-voting), M. Gehloff, N. Hanlon, L. Haslett, H. Harder (non-voting), C. Ho Younghusband, D. Huber, H. Kazemian, J. King, T. Klassen-Ross, A. Kranz, K. Lewis, M. Lukoni, D. Nyce, A. Palmer, L. Panko, 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, E. Wilson, J. Zhou, S. Zogas

**Regrets:** J. Allen, A. Aravind (on leave), A. Constantin, B. Deo, D. Desai, I. Hartley, C. Hofsink, P. Winwood (non-voting)

The meeting commenced at 3:30p.m.

The Chair welcomed new Student Senators to Senate:

- Lisa Panko, Student Senator, Faculty of Business and Economics
- Mitchell Lukoni, Student Senator, Faculty of Science and Engineering
- Richard Foo, Graduate Student Senator at large
- Palak (Pa-luck) Bahree, Undergraduate Student Senator at large

The Chair reported that the Call for Nominations for Faculty Senators remains open for the following positions:

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 Chair reported that the Call for Nominations for Student Senators remains open for the following positions:

Graduate Student Senator at Large	Vacant	8/31/2022
Undergraduate Student Senator at Large	Vacant	8/31/2022
Student Senator, Faculty of Environment	Vacant	8/31/2022

The Chair welcomed Brian Menounos to Senate, as the acting officer for the President, Faculty Association.

### 1.0 Acknowledgement of Territory

The Chair acknowledged he was attending Senate from 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**

Hanlon

That the agenda for the September 22, 2021 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3.0**      **Presentation - Welcome to 2021-2022 Academic Year and Return to Campus**

The President welcomed everyone to the 2021-2022 academic term and expressed an appreciation to all for all the work and effort on our return to campus.

The President and Provost discussed how we continue to navigate the COVID-19 as we return to face to face classes, the work being done to keep the campus community safe and the plans for the January 2022 semester.

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

**S-202109.02**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Foo

That the Minutes for the August 25, 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

These motions are being reviewed by their respective Faculty Councils and then will move through the approval process to Senate.

**5.2** Vice Chair

Senator Sloane Zogas was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of Senate.

**6.0**      **President's Report**

**Payne**

The President reported that the Board of Governors would like to have a joint Board and Senate meeting. The Board would like to have this face to face so we are hoping to find a date later in the fall, pending COVID restrictions.

The President reported that the he is moving forward with the Chancellor Search acknowledging that it has been over a year since the passing of Dr. Joseph Gosnell Senior.

The President reported that in the coming weeks there will also be the launch to begin a search for our next Provost and Vice President Academic, acknowledging the outstanding work of Dr. Mark Dale as our current Interim Provost and Vice President Academic.

The President reported that the search for the inaugural Director for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion has moved to the next steps and been posted. Other efforts to support Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at UNBC continue, including the hiring the BIPOIC Counselor, UNBC signing the Scarborough Charter for Anti-Black Racism, support provided for the BIPOC Caucus by UNBC Collective for Anti-Racism (CAR-UNBC) and support provided for the "Inspiring Women Among Us".

Senator Bankole asked if there was any plans for a vaccine passport on campus. The President reported that there are some areas on campus that do require a vaccine passport, including the Residences and Northern Sports Centre but currently it is not required campus wide. We will continue to monitor this.

- 7.0 Report of the Provost (5 minutes) Dale**
- The Provost provided an update on the 2021 fall semester.
- The Provost reported that the Search for the Dean, Human and Health Sciences has begun. The Provost reported that the Regional Advisory Council has re-started and planning for regional meetings in the Fall that will focus on the Deans of the new Faculty structure and on the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives.
- 8.0 Report of the Registrar Annear**
- The Registrar provided an update on registration numbers.
- The Office of the Registrar continues to implement changes related to the five-faculty structure including changes to online registration, scheduling, student records and our registration processes.
- The Registrar provide an update on the physical space of the Office of the Registrar, including a waiting and meeting area for students with desks and power.
- The Registrar reported that the Office of the Registrar, Recruitment and Student Advising have completed 3 of 4 workshop sessions on for equity, diversity, inclusion and racism.
- 9.0 Question Period**
- 9.1 Written questions submitted in advance**
- No written question submitted in advance.
- 9.2 Questions from the floor**
- Senator Kranz asked about the administration of the carry forward fund. Is there a written plan for the changes to this fund? The Vice President, Finance and Administration indicated that how the carry forward fund is administered has not changed, with the exception, that due to lack of surplus for 2 years it was not added to. The existing carry forward remains the same. There will be consultation with stakeholders if changes are needed after 2 years.
- The President highlighted the September 30<sup>th</sup> Truth and Reconciliation event.
- 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**
- No report.
- 11.2 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Dale**
- No report.
- 11.3 Steering Committee of Senate Payne**
- 11.3.1 Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee – Recommendations were included in the meeting package.**

**For Approval Items:**

**S-202109.03**

**Senate Committee Structure**

Hanlon

That Senate's committee structure be reviewed with priority given to the purpose and function of committees' mandates.

- Senate's committee structure is reviewed with consideration given to reducing the number of committees by combining their mandates.
- Consideration of where the Senate Committee on University Budget (SCUB) or alternative standing committee belongs on the Senate process.

Effective: Upon approval of Senate

CARRIED

**S-202109.04**

**Senate Principles and Guidelines**

Hanlon

That Senate creates a set of principles and guidelines to convey the responsibilities of Senate and Senators.

Effective: Upon approval of Senate

CARRIED

**S-202109.05**

**Senate Committee Guidelines**

Hanlon

That Senate committees establish guidelines addressing the qualifications and commitment needed of its members based on the nature of the committee work and the expected time commitment in a governance year.

Effective: Upon approval of Senate

CARRIED

**S-202109.06**

**University Governance**

Zogas

That the President ensures that the University community understands how the University is governed and the difference between governance and administration.

- Continued effort to maintain and improve collegial relationships.
- Ensure that Senators are provided with continual orientation, training and networking opportunities with the Board and University Community

Effective: Upon approval of Senate

CARRIED

**For Discussion Items:**

**Recommendation**

That the Senate orientation materials be expanded to provide more guidance to Senators with additional sessions and workshops.

**Recommendation**

That Senate review how meeting packages are presented

**11.3.2** UNBC Governance Review (Senate Only) by Harriet Lewis was included in the meeting package.

**11.4 Senate Committee on Nominations**

**For Approval Items:**

**S-202109.07**

**Recommendation of Senate Committee Members to Senate**

Klassen-Ross

That, barring further nominations from the floor of Senate, the following candidates, who have met all eligibility requirements to serve on Senate committees as indicated, be appointed as proposed.

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Graduate Student (08/31/2022)

Richard Foo

Undergraduate Student (08/31/2022)

Lisa Panko

Undergraduate Student (08/31/2022)

Palak Bahree

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES AND OTHER FORMS OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Student Senator (08/31/2022)

Palak Bahree

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES**

Student Senator (08/31/2022)

Lisa Panko

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET**

Undergraduate Student (08/31/2022)

Lisa Panko

Student Senator (08/31/2022)

Mitchell Lukoni

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT APPEALS**

Undergraduate Student Senator (08/31/2022)

Palak Bahree

Student at Large (08/31/2022)

Mitchell Lukoni

CARRIED

**S-202109.08**

**Recommendation of Faculty to the Search Committee for the President and Vice-Chancellor**

Dale

This motion will be held via secret ballot and reported on at the next Senate meeting.

Faculty of Business and Economics

Balbinder Deo

Faculty of Environment

Neil Hanlon

Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and humanities

Karin Beeler

Jacqueline Holler

Tristan Pearce

Andrew Kitchenham

Faculty of Human and Health Sciences

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Allan Kranz

**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.

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

No report.

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

**For Information Items:**

**SCSB20210825.03 (approved)**

**Governor General's Gold Medal Revision**

That the revised Selection Criteria and Procedures for the Governor General's Gold Medal be approved.  
Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year

**SCSB20210825.04 (approved)**

**Governor General's Silver Medal Revision**

That the revised Selection Criteria and Procedures for the Governor General's Silver Medal be approved.  
Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year

**SCSB20210825.05 (approved)**

**UNBC Scholars Award – Procedures Revision**

That the revised Awards Procedures for the UNBC Scholars Award be approved.  
Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year

**SCSB20210825.06 (approved)**

**District of Houston Bursary**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the District of Houston Bursary be approved.  
Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year

**SCSB20210825.07 (approved)**

**Vi Lambie Memorial Award**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Vi Lambie Memorial Award be approved.  
Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year

**SCSB20210825.08 (approved)**

**Morrison Undergraduate Scholarship in History (Revised - Morrison History Scholarship)**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Morrison Undergraduate Scholarship in History, with a name change to Morrison History Scholarship be approved.  
Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year

**SCSB20210825.09 (approved)**

**Tajuddaula Sadruddin Somani Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Award for Varsity Athletes**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Tajuddaula Sadruddin Somani Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Award for Varsity Athletes be approved.  
Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year

**11.10 Senate Committee on University Budget** **Deo**

No report.

**12.0 Information**

12.1 Chancellor Search

**13.0 Other Business**

**14.0 S-202109.09  
Move to the Closed Session  
Troc**

That the meeting move to Close Session.  
CARRIED

**15.0**

**S-202109.15**

**Adjournment**

General Consent

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.