

**SENATE MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

February 24, 2021  
3:30 – 5:30 PM  
Zoom Only

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**Present:** J. Allen, B. Annear (Secretary of Senate), J. Bankole, R. Budde, J. Chen (non-voting), A. Constantin, M. Dale, B. Deo, D. Desai, T. Fuson (non-voting), L. Haslett, H. Harder (non-voting), I. Hartley, C. Hofsink, C. Ho Youngusband, D. Huber, H. Kazemian, G. Keeler, T. E. Korkmaz, K. Lewis, D. Nyce, C. Onabola, A. Parent (Recording Secretary), L. Parent (Vice-Chair), G. Payne (Chair), B. Owen, K. Rennie, L. Roldan- Flores (non-voting), A. Schinkel, P. Siakaluk (non-voting), A. Sommerfeld (non-voting), K. Stathers, T. Tannert, L. Troc, C. Whalen, R. Wheate, J. Wimmers-Klick, S. Zogas

**Regrets:** A. Aravind, D. Gilchrist, B. Greenall, M. Greenwood, Klassen-Ross, A. Mitchell, A. Palmer, M. Peterson, L. Roodenburg, A. Smith (non-voting), T. Tribe (non-voting), M. Wels-Lopez, P. Winwood (non-voting)

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The meeting commenced at 3:34 p.m.

The Chair noted that a Call for Nominations Call for Nominations for Faculty Senators (terms starting April 1, 2021) has gone out. There continues to be an open call for Faculty vacancies on the Search Committees for the Dean, Faculty of Environment and the University Librarian and a Faculty. In addition to these calls there will also be a call coming soon for Student Senators (term starting September 1, 2021) and the Student Senate Leadership Awards.

**1.0 Acknowledgement of Territory**

The Chair acknowledged that the Senate meeting was on the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh

**2.0 S-202102.01  
Approval of the Agenda**

Troc

That the agenda for the February 24, 2021 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3.0 Presentation – UTrek**

Roldan-Flores

The Director of International Education gave a presentation on the UTrek Program. A program, overview was provided in the meeting package and the presentation was posted to the Senate SharePoint Site.

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes**

**S-202102.02  
Approval of the Minutes**

Zogas

That the Minutes for the January 27, 2021 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**5.0 Business Arising - None**

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- 6.0 President's Report** **Payne**
- The President announced a Town Hall to continue the dialogue and action towards equity and diversity on campus at UNBC. The Town Hall will be held on March 15, 2021.
- The President gave an update on the elimination of the Office of University Advancement and the creation of the Office of Research and Innovation.
- The President announced a Special Meeting of Senate for mid-March to discuss 2021/22 budget. Following the approval of the budget by the Board of Governors, a budget presentation will also be given for the entire University community.
- 7.0 Report of the Provost** **Dale**
- 7.1 Academic Re-Structuring**
- The Provost gave an update on the activities of the deans and deans-elect as we prepare for the April 1, 2021 Academic –Re-Structuring.
- The Provost that more information will be provided in the next six weeks on the plans for September 2021
- 8.0 Report of the Registrar** **Annear**
- The Registrar reported that the Convocation and the Office of Graduate Administration will be under the Office of the Registrar. The posting for the Associate Registrar, Graduate has gone out.
- The Registrar reminded Senate that all grades must be submitted according to the normal timelines as passed by Senate to ensure that there is enough time for processing the grades and avoid delays for graduating students.
- The Registrar reported that the summer schedule will be available on March 1 and registration will open on March 2.
- 9.0 Question Period**
- 9.1 Written questions submitted in advance - None**
- 9.2 Questions from the floor - None**
- 10.0 Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda - None** **Payne**
- 11.0 Committee Reports**
- 11.1 Senate Committee on Appeals - No Report** **Klassen-Ross**
- 11.2 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs** **Dale**
- 11.3 Steering Committee of Senate** **Payne**

**For Approval Items:**

**S-202102.04**

**Academic Re-structuring – Interdisciplinary Studies**

Troc

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the Interdisciplinary Studies (MA and MSc) be housed in the Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences, and Humanities be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: April 1, 2021

CARRIED

**11.3 Steering Committee of Senate**

**Payne**

**For Approval Items:**

**S-202102.05**

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

Kazemian

That, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee of Senate, the Terms of Reference for the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Upon the approval of Senate

CARRIED

**S-202102.06**

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

Troc

That, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee of Senate, the Membership for the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Special Recognition be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Upon the approval of Senate

CARRIED

**For Approval Items: April 1, 2021**

**S-202102.07**

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

Onabola

That, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee of Senate, the Membership of Senate be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: April 1, 2021

CARRIED

**S-202102.08**

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

Kazemian

That, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee of Senate, the membership of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs and subsequently the Senate Handbook be approved.

Effective Date: April 1, 2021

CARRIED

**S-202102.09**

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

Rennie

That, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee of Senate, the membership of the SCAAF Subcommittee on Academic Scheduling and subsequently the Senate Handbook be approved.

Effective Date: April 1, 2021

CARRIED

**11.4 Senate Committee on Nominations**

**For Approval Items:**

**S-202102.10**

**Recommendation of Senate Committee Members to Senate**

Parent

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Nominations, and 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.

Effective date: February 24, 2021

**Steering Committee of Senate**

Student Senator

**Sloane Zogas**

Effective Date: January 27, 2021 – August 31, 2021

CARRIED

**For Information Items:**

A list of vacancies was included in the meeting package.

A link to the Chancellor Nomination, Selection and Appointment Procedures was included in the meeting package.

**S-202102.11**

**Recommendation of Faculty Senator to Serve on the Chancellor Nomination Committee**

Kazemian

That the following candidate(s), who have met all eligibility requirements, to serve on the Chancellor Nomination Committee, be appointed as proposed.

**Senator Roger Wheate**

Effective date: Upon the approval of Senate

CARRIED

**S-202102.12**

**Recommendation of Student Senator to Serve on the Chancellor Nomination Committee**

Parent

That the following candidate(s), who have met all eligibility requirements, to serve on the Chancellor Nomination Committee, be appointed as proposed.

Effective date: Upon the approval of Senate

**Senator Lydia Troc**

Effective date: Upon the approval of Senate

CARRIED

**11.5 Senate Committee on Curriculum and Calendar – no report** **Annear**

**11.6 Senate Committee on Admissions and Degrees – no report** **Annear**

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

**11.7.1 Terms of Reference for SCFNAP**

The Vice Provost Indigenous Initiatives highlighted the terms of reference of SCFNAP to remind Senate of what items should be being referred to this committee.

**11.8 Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Forms of Recognition** **Payne**  
No report.

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

**For Information Items:**

**SCSB20210127.03 (approved)**

**Allan & Susan MacDonald Athlete Award**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Allan & Susan MacDonald Athlete Award be approved.

**Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year**

**SCSB20210127.04 (approved)**

**Bonnie Walberg Memorial Award**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Bonnie Walberg Memorial Award be approved.

**Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year**

**SCSB20210127.06 (approved)**

**Tajuddaula Sadruddin Somani Award of Excellence**

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

**Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year**

**SCSB20210127.07 (approved)**

**Willows Bursary**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Allan & Susan MacDonald OT/PT Award be approved.

**Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year**

**SCSB20210127.08 (approved)**

**Revised Kvist Family Award**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Kvist Family Award be approved

**Effective Date: 2021-2022 Academic Year**

**11.10 Senate Committee on University Budget**

**Deo**

**12.0 Information - None**

**13.0 Other Business - None**

**14.0 S-202102.13**

**Move to the Closed Session**

Budde

That the meeting move to Close Session.

CARRIED

**15.0 S-202102.19**

**Adjournment**

Zogas

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.