

**SENATE MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

October 26, 2022  
3:30 – 5:30 PM  
Senate Chambers/Zoom

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**Present:** J. Bankole, R. Camp II, J. Chavez Suazo, L. Chen, C. Claassens, A. Constantin, B. Deo, D. Desai, B. Durau, K. Fredj, T. Fuson (non-voting), T. Fyfe, M. Gehloff, N. Hanlon, L. Haslett, C. Hofsink, C. Ho Younghusband, D. Huber, R. Jafari, H. Kazemian, J. King, A. Kranz, K. Lewis, K. Long, B. Menounos (non-voting), Owen (non-voting), A. Parent (Recording Secretary), K. Read (Interim Secretary of Senate), P. Reiners, K. Rennie, D. Roberts, R. Robinson, W. Rodgers, R. Schiff, R. Somani (non-voting), K. Stathers, C. Walsh, T. Whitcombe, J. Zhou, S. Zogas (Vice-Chair),

**Regrets:** S. Akram, J. Allen, T. Klassen-Ross, D. Nyce, A. Palmer, G. Payne (Chair), N. Shah, F. Tong, E. Wilson, P. Winwood (non-voting),

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The meeting commenced at 3:32 p.m. Vice-Chair, Senator S. Zogas chaired the meeting.

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

The Chair reminded Senators of the informal gathering at the Thirsty Moose following Senate for light refreshments with the Board immediately following today's Senate meeting.

**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-202210.01**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Whitcombe

That the agenda for the October 26, 2022 Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3.0 Presentation: Update from the North-West Campus**

Trevor Smith, Senior Academic Budget and Planning Officer

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes**

**S-202210.02**

**Approval of the Minutes**

Whitcombe

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

CARRIED

**5.0 Business Arising - none**

**6.0 President's Report - none**

## **7.0 Report of the Provost (5 minutes)**

**Rodgers**

The VPAP reported on her visits to the regional campuses.

The VPAP reported on the budget and planning process which consists of the consolidation of the unit goals and tactics which are being themed into strategic areas of focus.

The VPAP reported that of the most important goals being reinforced is the digital infrastructure transformation. Planning is underway in a systematic and expedited manner to improve the effectiveness and currency of our processes, systems, and reporting.

Senator Whitcombe asked about prioritizing an improved hybrid delivery model. The VPAP agreed that as part of the strategic plan we will need to consider how best we can position UNBC and looking at the criteria we use to prioritize initiatives.

## **8.0 Report of the Registrar (5 minutes)**

**Read**

The Registrar reported on the onboarding graduate admissions CRM functionality which will enable better tracking of graduate applicants, automated and coordinated communications, better supporting of recruitment, conversion, and more efficient admissions.

The Registrar reported on implementation of a fully digital document management system.

The Registrar reported that the Fall exam schedule will require the use of the Northern Sports Centre for the first time since Winter 2019, due to the highest number of students on campus in face-to-face classes since the pandemic.

The Registrar reported that scheduling for 2023-24 scheduling cycle is beginning.

The Registrar reported that four of six new positions within the International unit have now been filled.

## **9.0 Question Period (10 minutes)**

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

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

**9.2.1** *Now that UNBC is past its first 25 years, and firmly established as a small research-intensive university with a growing population of graduate students, it is important that we be able to plan responsibly and sustainably for its future.*

*To do so, all of those interested in keeping UNBC competitive, welcoming, and desirable as place for grad studies must have a better understanding of where graduate tuition and other grad-associated funds go once they are received at UNBC.*

*For example, how much of those funds go back to support grad studies vs going to general coffers?*

*And, what if any portion of these funds go back to the programs drawing in grad students, to support learning, community, and grad success?*

*Finally, as grad student interest in professional development while at UNBC arises, which funds can be drawn upon to support related programming?*

*Only with a better map of graduate funding can we work to better understand and augment it as we seek to support and grow grad studies at UNBC. (Senator Huber)*

The VPAF responded that the tuition and fees from graduate students goes into general revenue and then is dispersed for various needs.

*9.2.2 With the departure of the Director of Safety & Security could we be provided with an update on Safety at UNBC? (Senator Huber)*

The VPAF reported that Safety at UNBC is being reviewed but an interim arrangement has been made and a new Manager, Occupational Health & Safety has been hired to work with HR and the Office of Research and Innovation. Security and parking will be overseen by Facilities.

*9.2.3 What is the progress with the revised Honorarium policy? (Senator Hanlon)*

*The Sr. Governance Officer reported that the revised policy has been received and is under review by the Governance Office.*

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

**Zogas**

### **S-202210.03**

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

Camp

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 Student Appeals**

**Klassen-Ross**

Registrar Read that Senate Committee on Student Appeals is looking to have a meeting with the Deans to discuss and get feedback on the Academic and Non-Academic Policy, Academic and Non-Academic Procedures and Student Appeals Procedures in early December.

SCA has one vacancy for one graduate student Senator, and one vacancy for a Student at Large (who may be a student Senator), and who ideally is an Indigenous Student.

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

**Rodgers**

#### **For Approval:**

### **S-202210.04**

#### **New Program Approval ANTH and POLS**

Deo

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the new Joint Major in Anthropology and Political Science be approved as proposed.

**Proposed Start Date:** January 2023

CARRIED, 1 OPPOSED

#### **Program Requirements**

The minimum requirement for completion of a Bachelor of Arts with a Joint Major in Anthropology and Political Science is 120 credit hours.

#### **Lower-Division Requirement**

ANTH 102-3 Anthropology – A World of Discovery

POLS 100-3 Contemporary Political Issues

POLS 200-3 Canadian Government and Politics

POLS 202-3 Canada in Comparative Perspective

POLS 230-3 International Relations

POLS 270-3 Political Philosophy: Antiquity to Early Modernity

Two of the following:  
ANTH 200-3 Biological Anthropology  
ANTH 205-3 Introduction to Archaeology  
ANTH 213-3 Peoples and Cultures  
ANTH 217-3 Language and Culture

Two additional courses (6 credit hours) of Anthropology at the 200 level.

### Upper-Division Requirement

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

One of the following:  
ANTH 315-3 Anthropological Theory  
ANTH 325-3 Archaeological Theory

POLS 303-3 Democracy and Democratization  
POLS 370-3 Political Philosophy: Early Modernity to Post-Modernity  
ANTH 460-3 Anthropology Capstone

Three additional courses (9 credit hours) in Anthropology at the 300 or 400 level.  
Three additional courses (9 credit hours) in POLS at the 400 level.

### Elective and Academic Breadth Requirement

Electives at any level in any subject sufficient to ensure completion of a minimum of 120 credit hours, including any additional credit hours necessary to meet the Academic Breadth requirement of the University (see [Academic Regulation 15](#)).

#### **S-202210.05**

#### **Change(s) to Preclusions – INTS 308**

Deo

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the changes to the preclusions for INTS 308-3, on page 245 of the 2021/2022 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

**Effective date:** September 2023

CARRIED

**INTS 308-3 Gender and International Studies** Understanding gender is essential for understanding how our world thinks and functions. This course offers a critical analysis of the role of gender in global affairs.

*Prerequisites:* INTS 100-3 and INTS 210-3, or permission of the instructor

*Preclusions:* WMST 313-3

11.2.1 Annual SCAAF-SAAS Report to Senate was included in the meeting package for information.

11.2.2 UNBC CTLT Fall Newsletter was included in the meeting package for information.

### 11.3 Steering Committee of Senate

**Zogas**

The committee met on October 19. We have a vacancy for a Student Senator and a Lay Senator.

#### **S-202210.06**

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

Deo

That, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee of Senate, changes to terms of reference in the Senate Handbook be approved.

**Effective Date:** Upon approval of Senate  
CARRIED

#### 11.3.1 En Cha Huná (discussion)

Senate discussed the UNBC motto 'En Cha Huná' which encapsulates the spirit of academic freedom, respect for others, and willingness to recognize different perspectives. Senators shared their experiences and discussed the importance of incorporating the motto in their daily lives and teachings. Senate discussed the importance of our mindfulness in land acknowledgments as well as the importance of learning about the land and the first peoples. It was use of the motto should not be prescribed but lived and intent of our actions should be in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

#### 11.4 Senate Committee on Nominations

Zogas

##### **S-202210.07**

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

Whitcombe

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: October 26, 2022

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

(except as otherwise noted, all terms begin immediately)

Steering Committee of Senate (until 08/31/2023)

CARRIED

##### **CANDIDATE**

Barbara Durau

A list of Senate Committee vacancies was included in the meeting package.

#### 11.5 Senate Committee on Curriculum and Calendar - No report

Read

#### 11.6 Senate Committee on Admissions and Degrees - No report

Read

#### 11.7 Senate Committee on Indigenous Initiatives

The membership of this committee is under review. The President will report more on this in November.

#### 11.8 Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Forms of Recognition

The call for nominations for the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree is open and while nominations can be accepted at any time, the deadline for consideration for the 2023 Convocation is November 10, 2022.

#### 11.9 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries

Lewis

##### **SCSB20220928.03** *(approved)*

##### **Coastal GasLink Nursing Bursary**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Coastal GasLink Nursing Bursary be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

##### **SCSB20220824.04** *(approved)*

##### **Jenabai Hussainali Shariff and Family Scholarship**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Jenabai Hussainali Shariff and Family Scholarship be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

##### **SCSB20220928.05** *(approved)*

##### **Ken and Rhonda McIntosh Scholarship**

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Ken and Rhonda McIntosh Scholarship be approved.

Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

##### **SCSB20220928.06** *(approved)*

**Trails Charitable Foundation Award**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Trails Charitable Foundation Award be approved.  
Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220928.07** *(approved)*

**Helen Thurwell Scholarship**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Helen Thurwell Scholarship be approved.  
Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220928.08** *(approved)*

**Northern Family Support Program Award**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Northern Family Support Program Award with a name change to Laurie Hill NFSP Award be approved.  
Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220928.09** *(approved)*

**School of Engineering Bursary**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the School of Engineering Bursary be approved.  
Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220928.10** *(approved)*

**School of Engineering Scholarship**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the School of Engineering Scholarship be approved.  
Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**SCSB20220928.11** *(approved)*

**Spike Kendy Bursary**

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Spike Kendy Bursary be approved on the condition that SCII reviews and approves the revisions.  
Effective: 2022-2023 Academic Year

**11.10 Senate Committee on University Budget**

**Gehloff**

Senator Gehloff reported that SCUB is being informed in the current budget and planning process. The committee is looking to revise their Terms of Reference.

**12.0 Information – None**

**13.0 Other Business - Vice President Academic and Provost, W. Rodgers assumed the Chair for item 13.1**

**13.1 Election of Vice Chair**

**Rodgers**

In accordance with 3(c)(i) of the Senate Handbook. Senate shall elect a Vice Chair at least annually, who shall chair meetings in the absence of the president; but in no case shall a vice chair serve more than two consecutive terms.

**Senator Sloane Zogas**

With no further nominations from the floor, Senator Zogas was acclaimed for her 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Vice-Chair.

**14.0 S-202210.12 (10 minutes)**

**Move to the Closed Session**

Gehloff  
That the meeting move to Close Session.  
CARRIED

**15.0 S-202210.16**

**Adjournment**

Whitcombe  
That the Senate meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.