



# SENATE MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020, 10:00 AM

Online via Zoom

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Gillian Siddall, Chair	Mimi Gellman
Trish Kelly, Vice Chair	Mark Igloliorte
Keith Kerrigan	Suzanne Rackover
Kevin Bird	Martin Rose
Ruth Beer	Danielle Zandvliet
Keith Doyle	Cissie Fu
Heather Fitzgerald	Celeste Martin
Steven Lam	Jorma Kujala
Erin Lucey	Erick Jantzen
Kajill Aujla	Jacob Brennan
Kyla Mallett	Hélène Day Fraser
Louise St. Pierre	Cybèle Creery

Regrets: Geoff Plant

Guests: Michael Clifford, Alia Hijaab Ebayed (ECSU Staff), Lori MacDonald (ECSU Staff), Madeleine Salomons

Support: Carina Clark, Philippa Mennell, Christen Downie

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Gillian Siddall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.
2. **Motion:** That Senate approve the Agenda as circulated.  
**Moved / Seconded to approve the updated Agenda. Carried.**
3. **Motion:** That Senate approve the November 2, 2020 Senate Minutes.  
**Moved / Seconded to approve the circulated Minutes. Carried.**

### II. BUSINESS

1. Proposal to postpone the start date for Spring Term classes by one week.  
Trish Kelly, VP, Academic + Provost, reported on discussions among Deans, Registrar, Student Services, Technical Services, Student Union and the APP committee regarding the

proposal to postpone the start date for 2021 Spring Term classes by one week. A revised list of dates was presented to Senate. It was noted that

- The University will still open on January 4, as scheduled, but no committee meetings should take place during that week, in order to allow for everyone to prepare for the start of classes on January 11.
- Reading week in February will stay as originally scheduled.
- The Spring term will be extended with one week.
- Make up classes have been shifted, add/drop, tuition and grade submission deadlines have been moved.
- Convocation is scheduled for May 15, and will not take place at the Chan Centre.

Senate unanimously approved the proposed motion.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approve amendment to the Academic Calendar to shift the start date for classes in the 2021 Spring Term by one week from January 4<sup>th</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Carried.**

2. Proposal to postpone the date of the January Senate meeting by one week. Chair  
Gillian Siddall and Trish Kelly presented the proposal to change the January Senate meeting date. CPR and APP Committee meetings will be held the following week, and the Governance and International Development Committee meetings will be rescheduled. Senate approved the proposed motion, with one abstention.

**Moved / Seconded that Senate approve changing the January Senate meeting date from January 11, 2021 to January 18, 2021.**

**Carried.**

*(1 abstention)*

3. Curriculum Planning + Review (CPR) Report. CPR Chair  
Trish Kelly presented CPR recommendations for approval, on behalf of Ingrid Koenig, CPR Chair.

Audain Faculty of Art

**Motion:** That Senate approve the new course proposal as presented:

- a) FRMS 3XX - Art Forums – New Course Proposal

Trish Kelly reported that there was a fulsome discussion at the CPR meeting on November 9, and full support for the presented proposal. There was a brief discussion. Senate unanimously approved the proposal as presented.

**Moved / Seconded to approve the FRMS 3XX - Art Forums – New Course Proposal. Carried**

Ian Gillespie Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media.

**Motion:** That Senate approve the new course proposals as presented.

- a) INTD-3XX (Requesting 350) - New course proposal.  
b) ANIM-2XX - New course proposal.

Trish Kelly reported that there was a fulsome discussion at the CPR meeting, and full support for both presented proposals. Celeste Martin, Dean, DDM reported on course proposal details, and gave a short summary of discussion at the CPR meeting. There was a discussion

about credit loads, and it was noted that DDM will work with CAC to create a rotating cycle of electives which will support manageable pathways for students. Senate approved the two proposals as presented, with one abstention.

**Moved / Seconded to approve New Course Proposals for INTD-3XX (Requesting 350) and ANIM-2XX.**

**Carried.**

*(1 abstention)*

4. Academic Planning + Priorities (APP) Report. APP Chair

The APP Committee met on November 9. Heather Fitzgerald, Incoming APP Chair, referred to the report included in the Senate agenda package, and highlighted sections of the report;

- APP's response to the Anti-Racist Initiative petition, and especially the request for a policy about violence and harassment against students. APP requests guidance from the Chair of Senate whether this work falls under the purview of APP.
- Discussion about University Act section "35.2 (5)(d) qualifications for admission," in regards how to review our admission criteria to identify potential barriers to admission for BIPOC applicants.
- Group agreements – whether they should they a mandatory requirement for every course, and how are the agreements experienced and received by both instructors and students (BIPOC and not). APP agreed that mandating group agreements would probably not be effective, so the discussion will shift to considering the limits and recommendations for group agreements at the next meeting.
- Reviewed draft Terms of Reference for Course Evaluation Task Force and for the Research and Advisory Committee.
- Upcoming discussions at meetings next year:
  - the transparency of course outline practices,
  - the use of the Duolingo English Test as proof of language proficiency for admission,
  - PP's role in "Educational policies regarding qualifications for faculty members" as per the University Act.

5. Governance Committee Report GC Chair

The Governance Committee met on November 16. Suzanne Rackover, GC Chair, presented a recommendation from the Governance Committee:

**Motion:** That Senate approve the terms of reference for an ad hoc Senate Research Advisory Committee as presented.

Suzanne Rackover and Steven Lam, Associate VP, Research and Dean, Jake Kerr Faculty of Graduate Studies, reported that members of the Senate Research Advisory Committee will be elected Faculty members and a member from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The Senate Research Advisory Committee will draft a new Research Strategic Plan for 2021-2026, which will be presented to Senate. Steven Lam volunteered to attend upcoming Faculty meetings to report on specifics.

**Moved / Seconded to approve the the terms of reference for an ad hoc Senate Research Advisory Committee as presented.**

**Carried.**

6. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Report AAC Chair  
Mimi Gellman, Chair, reported that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee is meeting regularly, and listed ongoing discussions and initiatives including: a food bank drive for students; the number of applications for student assistance; a \$36K AGP award; the number of wellness kits distributed to students; several successful research grants; co-op integrated learning colonial audit; well-attended sharing circles in November; and a newly formed subcommittee of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, which will discuss Indigenous pedagogy and develop Indigenous courses, the collaboration between Continuing Studies and AGP regarding language courses.
7. Chair's report – Gillian Siddall reported on the completion of many EDI Listening Sessions with Faculty, Staff, Students, Alum. A summary report of topics discussed will be presented to Senate in the new year. Gillian Siddall reported further that
- All Senate Committee Chairs met on November 23, to discuss ongoing work in all committees in response to the anti-racist petition. Senate Committee Chairs will submit a report to Gillian by January 15, and meet again in late January.
  - Sandeep Sidhu has been hired as Interim CIO for 6 months.
8. Vice Chair's report – Trish Kelly reported on
- The ongoing Academic Program Review. Faculty self-studies will be forwarded to Senate in the new year. Surveys for students and Alum survey will be distributed, and a virtual meeting with external reviewers will be scheduled soon.
  - Ongoing talks with Human Resources regarding plans for future hiring of Indigenous and BIPOC Faculty.
  - Upcoming consultation with the community regarding recent change in leadership and the envisioned future of the Libby Leshgold Gallery.

### **III. PRESENTATION**

Unit plans

- 1) Celeste Martin, Dean, Ian Gillespie Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media presented the Unit plan for DDM. The presentation will be included for reference in the January Senate agenda package.
- Unit plans to be presented at the Senate meeting in January:
- 2) Kyla Mallet, Dean, Audain Faculty of Art
  - 3) Cissie Fu, Dean, Faculty of Culture + Community
  - 4) Steven Lam, Dean, Jake Ker Faculty of Graduate Studies

### **IV. DISCUSSION**

Curriculum Reform in context of indigenization, decolonization, anti-racism – how can Senate contribute? – tabled until the January Senate meeting.

**V. OPEN FORUM** – there were no further discussions.

**VI. NEXT MEETING:** January 18, 2021.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** – the meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.