



SENATE MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016
10:00 AM, BOARDROOM (210)

Ron Burnett, Chair	Gloria Han
Bonne Zabolotney, Vice Chair	Jorma Kujala
Haig Armen	Celeste Martin
Ruth Beer	James Rout
Shauna Bryan	Deborah Shackleton
Graham Case	Susan Stewart
Judy Davis	Julie York
Jennifer DeDominicis	Chelsea Yuill (via phone)
Mimi Gellman	Danielle Zandvliet
Katherine Gillieson	Joakim Zatko
Chris Hethrington	

Regrets: Geoff Plant, Joey Cheung, Patricia Kelly

Guests: Michael Clifford, Chris Jones, Lori MacDonald

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Ron Burnett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. Motion: Approval of Senate December 7, 2015 Minutes. Joakim Zatko, Student Member, pointed out that “18 Credits” should be added to the sentence “Foundation students’ concern regarding the heavy **18 credit** workload” under Open Forum. The updated Minutes were approved.
Moved / Seconded to approve the updated Senate December 7, 2015 Minutes. Carried

3. Motion: Approval of Agenda. The Agenda was approved.
Moved / Seconded to approve the Agenda. Carried

II. BUSINESS / DECISIONS

1. Motion: Approval of MDM Graduates December 2015. Jenifer DeDominicis presented the list of names of 30 Master of Digital Media (MDM) Graduates of December 2015. Senate unanimously approved the list of graduates.
Moved / Seconded to approve 30 Master of Digital Media (MDM) Graduates of December 2015. Carried



2. APP Motion: 2016/2017 Academic Schedule. Jennifer DeDominicis presented the proposed 2016/2017 Academic Schedule. The schedule was discussed in-depth at the APP Committee meeting on January 18, and brought forward for consultation prior to the APP Committee meeting.

Jennifer DeDominicis highlighted that the Graduation Ceremony in 2017 is scheduled for Friday, May 5, due to the Chan Centre availability. Historically, the Graduation ceremony has been held on the first Saturday in May. This change, and the late end of the semester, will cause a compressed timeline for the installation of the Degree Exhibition. A request was made to rename the “Panel Review, Critique, Exams and Assessment period” to simply “Assessment period” in order to avoid any confusion.

Jennifer DeDominicis reported that the APP Committee discussed moving Reading week to the week of February 27, as opposed to in conjunction with Family Day the week of February 13, as has been the model for the past several years. Some APP Committee members were concerned about two missed Mondays in a row, and that it was too early in the semester to schedule Reading week in the week of February 13.

Jennifer DeDominicis noted that the admissions timeline would still need to be maintained with portfolio reviews expected to take place earlier in February, if the Reading week was moved to later in the month, in order to ensure successful intake.

There was a thorough discussion regarding workload issues, and the timing of Reading week. Senate finished the discussion by voting on the scheduling of Reading week in 2017; the week of February 27 or the week of February 13. The majority of Senators voted in favour of scheduling Reading week starting on February 13, with a friendly amendment to the naming of the final two weeks of each semester to the “Assessment period”.

Moved / Seconded to approve the 2016/2017 Academic schedule with Reading week starting on February 13, with a friendly amendment to the naming of the final two weeks of each semester to the “Assessment period”. Carried

III. REPORTS

1. Chair’s Report – Dr. Ron Burnett reported on the progress of the New Campus project; the expected completion date and the upcoming plans for the actual move from Granville Island to the New Campus in summer 2017. Applied Arts will be responsible for the move, but the Community will be involved. Community consultations regarding the move will take place Nov 2016 – Feb 2017. Classes in fall 2017 will take place at the New Campus. An All University meeting in spring 2016 will inform the Community further about the progress of the new campus project. Ron Burnett encouraged Senators to view the on-going work at the new campus site.



Ron Burnett reported that ECU hosted British Columbia Association of Institutes and Universities' (BCAIU) meeting of the Presidents on January 21st. Denise Amyot, President & CEO, Colleges, Institutes Canada, attended the meeting, and met with Ron Burnett. Following the visit, ECU re-joined Colleges, Institutes Canada, a powerful advocacy group based in Ottawa.

Ron Burnett reported that ECU has been accepted to participate in the Milan Tri-annual event in Italy in April. Ron Burnett finished his report by inviting Senators to view the [President's Report](#) on the ECU website.

2. Vice Chair's Report – Bonne Zabolotney reported that a Facilitator will assist with consultations with various groups regarding the development of a framework for a five year Strategic plan. The search for a new Dean of Culture + Community is scheduled for February-March. A detailed strategy including registration, access, curriculum etc. for the ECU Wood Innovation and Design Centre (WIDC) in Prince George is in development.
3. Senate Governance Report – Deborah Shackleton reported that the Senate Governance Committee presented the updated 8.1 Academic Freedom Policy and 8.1.1 Academic Freedom Procedures to the APP Committee on January 18. Committee members were asked to forward comments and feedback to the Governance Committee by February 5. The policy and procedures will be presented to Senate this spring.
4. Open Forum – there was no further discussion.

IV. NEXT MEETING: February 29, 2016.

V. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.