



SENATE MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019
10:00 AM, BOARDROOM (D2315)

Bonne Zabolotney, Vice Chair	Mark Igloliorte
Kevin Bird, Secretary-of-Senate	Trish Kelly
Julie Andreyev	Jorma Kujala
Ruth Beer	Steven Lam
Shauna Bryan	Amy Lee
Cybele Creery	Kyla Mallett
Heather Fitzgerald	Celeste Martin
Cissie Fu	Suzanne Rackover
Helene Day Fraser	Danielle Zandvliet

Regrets: Gillian Siddall, Geoff Plant, Keith Doyle, Roan (Lemon) Reimer, Louise St. Pierre, Sanya Arora, Selina Huang

Guests: Michael Clifford, Lori MacDonald, Philippa Mennell

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Bonne Zabolotney, VP Academic + Provost and Vice Chair of Senate called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.
2. Motion: Adoption of Agenda. The agenda was approved.
Moved / Seconded to approve the agenda. Carried
3. Motion: Approval of December 3, 2018 Senate Minutes. The Minutes were approved as presented.
Moved / Seconded to approve the December 3, 2018 Minutes. Carried

II. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

1. Animal Ethics Policy update. Bonne Zabolotney presented a memorandum from Dr. Gillian Siddall, President + Vice Chancellor and Chair of Senate. The memorandum provided clarity on the status of the draft animal ethics policy, as requested at the Senate meeting on December 3, 2018.

In November 2018, the President, as Chair of Senate, referred a draft policy for animal ethics to Senate Academic Planning + Priorities (APP) committee and asked Steven Lam, Associate VP, Research, to present APP with information about existing laws and Tri-Agency policies on the use of animals in research to provide context for the Committee's review. APP was informed that if Emily Carr University were to engage in research

involving animals, it would need to be compliant with standards set by the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) in order to be compliant with Canada's research agencies ("Tri-agency").

It was clear, from the discussions held at the APP, that any further development of policy on animal ethics in research must address the regulatory requirements of the Tri-Agency and existing laws without negatively impacting Indigenous cultural practices or academic freedom.

The President thanks all those who have worked in various capacities to explore the development of an animal ethics policy.

In the absence of approved University policy on animal ethics, and until such time as Emily Carr acquires CCAC certification and establishes a certified Animal Care Committee, the University requires that 1) any faculty, staff or students using or interacting with animals in research, teaching or creative practice do so within existing federal and provincial laws; and 2) request approval through the President's office before bringing a live animal on campus.

There was a discussion. A Senator inquired if the memorandum from Dr. Siddall supersedes the existing 6.9 Pets on Campus policy. The policy officer of 6.9 Pets on Campus policy noted that this policy is about the ban of pets on campus. As per the 6.9 policy, service dogs are allowed and fish in aquariums less than 5 gallons. The policy officer emphasized that the 6.9 policy is not about research involving animals.

A Senator requested further clarification from the President regarding the review and approval process for requests to engage in research involving animals.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion: To approve the conferral of the jointly credentialed Master of Digital Media Degree Graduating Class of December 2018. Kevin Bird presented the motion, and Bonne Zabolotney gave some background information about the [Master of Digital Media Degree](#) program, which is offered jointly by ECU, UBC, SFU and BCIT at the [Centre of Digital Media \(CDM\)](#). Senate unanimously approved the motion to approve the Graduating class of December 2018.

Moved / Seconded to approve the conferral of the jointly credentialed Master of Digital Media Degree Graduating Class of December 2018.

Carried

2. APP Committee report – Kevin Bird reported that the APP Committee reviewed and approved the 2019/2020 Academic schedule at the last meeting, with a few recommendations to be considered when planning for the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 Academic schedule;
Recommendations from the APP Committee;
 - Could orientation be scheduled for end of August?
 - Could we introduce a Study week in the fall (around Thanksgiving)?

- Assessment period and grading deadline to be reviewed.
- Review the returning date for Faculty after break.

Senators discussed whether the Academic calendar could be planned a few years ahead, and not just a year at a time. The Vice Chair noted that this suggestion has been looked at in the past, and it could be considered again next year. Senate unanimously approved the Academic Calendar as presented.

Moved / Seconded to approve the 2019/2020 Academic Calendar as presented. Carried

3. Governance Committee report – Suzanne Rackover, Chair, Governance Committee reported on work that the Governance Committee is undertaking. A template for Committee Chair reporting to Senate is under development, and will be reviewed and discussed during the upcoming orientation session for new Chairs of committees and support.
4. Vice Chair's report – Bonne Zabolotney reported on the upcoming faculty search. Ten faculty members will be hired, and five will be Indigenous. There will be an Indigenous search committee, chaired by Bonne and populated by Indigenous faculty. There will be search committees for each faculty, chaired by Deans. An information session regarding the process for the faculty hires will be held in the Aboriginal gathering place. Further information is forthcoming. Bonne also reported that the Provost Data Report for 2017/2018 is completed, and will be presented to the President's Executive Committee, the Deans and the ECU community.

IV. OPEN FORUM – There was a discussion about student member attendance at various Senate subcommittee meetings. Lori MacDonald, Executive Director, Student Union advised that students have heavy workloads and limited time available to attend meetings, but said that she will follow up with students. Lori advised that Chairs and support of committees should also follow up with students to ensure that information about meetings has been received.

A Senate student member reported on recent student feedback forums. A common theme from the meetings has been a desire for more interdisciplinary studio culture and lowered barriers in accessing resources and disciplines that respond to particular programs/majors. Students from Design would like a closer relationship with Illustration due to the natural partnership in communicating their ideas through visuals and storytelling methods. Design students would also like access to photo studios so they can document their work.

Animation students would like a closer proximity to the film area, for they share similar language and storytelling through motion. Art students noted the importance of providing easier pathways to understand required prerequisites in order to achieve an interdisciplinary practice. Students in sculpture would like access to the design labs and 3D printers.

Kyla Mallett, Dean, Audain Faculty of Art reported that prerequisites pathways are being reviewed by a working group. Celeste Martin, Dean, Faculty of Design + Dynamic Media reported on ongoing discussions with Assistant Deans regarding students' suggestions and concerns, and confirmed that planning for next year is underway.

Trish Kelly, Chair, Curriculum Planning + Review (CPR) Committee reported on discussions at CPR meetings regarding the creation of an institutional rubric which would address students' concerns regarding access across

the disciplines and address how to create improved pathways for students. Senate briefly discussed Interdisciplinarity and the need for a self-study.

V. NEXT MEETING – February 11, 2019.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.